

**Morris County Soil Conservation District
Supervisors Meeting
April 26, 2023**

April 26, 2023, meeting was called to order by Chair Louise Davis via phone, 30 Schuyler Place, 2nd Floor - Schuyler Conference Room # 211, Morris Township, New Jersey Mrs. Connelly stated the Open Public Meetings Act requirements have been met. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq. adequate notice of this meeting was provided by giving the time, date, and location and to the extent known the agenda of this meeting. At least 48 hours in advance this notice has been posted on the bulletin board, 30 Schuyler Place, Morris County Annex Building in Morristown; emailed to The Star Ledger, the Daily Record and filed with the Office of County Clerk.

The following individuals were present:

Chair:	Louise Davis
Vice-Chair:	Phill Roehrich
Treasurer:	Marc Slaff
Assistant Treasurer:	Bob McEwan
Secretary:	Robert Danowski
District Manager:	Joe Dunn
Bookkeeper:	Jacqueline Connelly
Resource Conservationist:	Kara Hasko
USDA:	Jenna McNally
NACD:	Emily Allen

The following individual was absent:

NRCS:	Jill Ott
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Correspondence:

The Board of County Commissioners will be hosting a reception for volunteers who serve on the Morris County Boards, Commissioners and Authorities on Tuesday, May 9, 2023.

Accept Minutes:

March 22, 2023 -Accepted as Submitted

Executive Minutes -April 2022 - Motion made by Member Danowski and seconded by Member McEwan to approve Executive Minutes April 2022 as submitted. The Chair indicated the motion carried.

June 2022 -Accepted as Corrected. Motion made by Member Danowski and seconded by Member Slaff to accept the minutes as corrected. The Chair indicated the motion carried.

Chair:

The office has reinstated staff meetings on Wednesday @ 10am, not on the week of a board meeting, supervisors are encouraged to attend and have been well received.

Finance:

Motion made by Member Slaff and seconded by Member McEwan to approve paying the bills. The Chair indicated the motion carried.

Manager:

Mr. Dunn talked about the several enforcement sites, issues with 48 hours' start notice, inadequate quality of work being performed, not following plans and applicants not applying.

Resource Conservationist:

Kara is becoming more comfortable with her assigned towns, inspections, ROC, and plan reviews. She had a discussion with NJDA regarding assisting with manure management plans in addition to working with Mr. Dunn on the submission of NJ-CPLAN Grant application.

NACD:

Emily completed the March 31st quarterly accomplishment report for the TA Grant and all 21 Forest Stewardship plans are done and being sent out for signing. She completed her online training on farm food safety and biosecurity and all the coursework for level 1 planner.

USDA:

Jenna contracting season includes five forestry, 9 CPA, three gold wing warblers and one wetland. She also has been training with forester Don Donnelly and working on her contour farm training.

Cost Share Rates:

Motion made by Member McEwan and seconded by Member Roehrich to approve the Soil and Water Conservation Project Cost Share Rates. The Chair indicated the motion carried.

Sick Leave between Personnel Resolution:

Motion made by Member Slaff and seconded by Member McEwan to approve for signature by the Chair the Sick Leave between Personnel Resolution. The Chair indicated the motion carried.

Exempt Municipalities for Signature:

Motion made by Member Roehrich and seconded by Member Slaff to approve for signature by the Chair on all four Exempt Municipality Reviews. The Chair indicated the motion carried.

Hackettstown Staff: Office policy for the staff in Hackettstown which includes Emily and Jenna are allowed to work two days a week from home.

Outside Employment Questionnaire:

Motion made by Member McEwan and seconded by Member Roehrich to approve for signature by the Chair on the staff outside employment questionnaire. The Chair indicated the motion carried.

NJ-CPLAN Grant:

Mr. Dunn is working on the grant application; the deadline is June 11 and Mr. Dunn would like the board to give Chair Davis the authority to approve the application since the deadline is between meetings.

Motion made by Member Slaff and seconded by Member McEwan to give the authority to the Chair to approve submitting the NJ-CPLAN GRANT application. The Chair indicated the motion carried.

MOA with NRCS:

On hold

Litigation Letter:

Continue discussion with more detail on May 24th meeting.

251 Certifications:

Motion made by Member Roehrich to approve 251 Certifications and seconded by Member Slaff. The Chair indicated the motion carried.

RFA Authorizations:

Motion made by Member Slaff to approve RFA and seconded by Member McEwan. The Chair indicated the motion carried.

A motion made by Member McEwan seconded by Member Danowski to close public meeting and open Executive Session to discuss 251 litigation and negotiations. Motion carried and all approved.

The Board will continue this discussion at the May 24 meeting.

Let the minutes reflect Member Slaff abstained from acting on any projects or conflicts affiliated with US Home Corporation DBA Lennar .

Let the minutes reflect Member McEwan abstained from acting on any projects or conflicts affiliated with Bob McEwan Construction regarding 251 Certification or litigation.

NO MORE BUSINESS TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD 3:00 PM