Morris County Soil Conservation District Supervisors Meeting June 28, 2023

June 28, 2023, meeting was called to order by Chair Louise Davis, 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 via phone

Treasurer:

Marc Slaff

Assistant Treasurer:

Bob McEwan

Secretary:

Robert Danowski

District Manager: Bookkeeper:

Joe Dunn

Jacqueline Connelly

Resource Conservationist: Kara Hasko NRCS:

Jill Ott

USDA:

Jenna McNally

NACD:

Emily Allen

The Meeting was called to order by Chair Louise Davis

Correspondence:

No Actionable

Accept Minutes:

Accepted as Submitted

Chair:

Chair and Frank Minch are continuing to explore opportunities on the Forestry

New Job Description- Office Manager, personnel review, COLA, FY2024 meeting dates, employee phone-tablets, training registration Kara- to be discussed July 26th meeting.

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 stated, after speaking with Frank Minch, that supervisors' attendance means in-person participation. No more than 20% of meetings attended during the term may be by telephone.

Due to all the excessive rain the staff has been busy inspecting several complaints in reference to sediment in pools and basins as well as sediment-laden road runoff.

Budget FY2024:

Mr. Dunn request board approval to continue working until FY2024 Budget is approved at the July 26th meeting. Motion made by Member McEwan and seconded by Member Danowski to approve working until FY2024 Budget is approved. The Chair indicated the motion carried.

Resource Conservationist:

Kara is continuing her Resource Conservationist duties as well as working on an evaluation method for single family homes in violation of Chapter 251 and is requesting to meet with the subcommittee Member McEwan and Member Danowski.

NRCS:

Jill commented that NRCS has 113 new contracts, 6000+ acres and they are terribly busy.

NACD:

Emily attended a three-day training in Frenchtown on organic producers and has signed off on all her obligated plans and is working on her August 1 deadline.

USDA:

Jenna resigned June 30; she was hired by the NRCS office in Hackettstown.

FY2023 Audit:

Audit engagement letter fee \$ 6500.00 to be approved for chair signature. Motion made by Member McEwan and seconded by Member Danowski to approve chair signature on the FY2023 audit engagement letter. The Chair indicated the motion carried.

NJ-CPLAN GRANT:

Status update on July 26th meeting.

Litigation Letter Update:

Status update on July 26th meeting

251 Certifications:

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

RFA Authorizations:

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

Special Board Monday Meeting July 10 @ 2PM:

Announcement to be sent to the newspapers and the County Clerk office.

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 3:30 PM