

**Morris County Soil Conservation District  
Supervisors Meeting  
January 24, 2024**

January 24, 2024, 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:

<b>Chair:</b>	Louise Davis
<b>Vice-Chair:</b>	Phill Roehrich
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Marc Slaff
<b>Assistant Treasurer:</b>	Bob McEwan
<b>Secretary:</b>	Robert Danowski
<b>Engineer</b>	Joseph McEvoy
<b>Bookkeeper:</b>	Jacqueline Connelly
<b>Resource Conservationist:</b>	Kara Hasko
<b>Lake Rogerene :</b>	Paula Danchuk
	Andrew Danchuk
	Kevin O'Brien
	Andy Rousch

**The Meeting was called to order by Chair Louise Davis at 2:00PM**

***Correspondence:***

Mr. Dunn emailed the bookkeeper on January 23, 2024, for reimbursement on training. The Chair stated as per the procedure he must submit requests to the personnel attorney.

***Accept Minutes:***

December 6, Special Meeting December 13, Executive Minutes December 13. Accepted as Submitted.

Motion made by Member Roehrich and seconded by Member Slaff to approve all minutes as submitted. The Chair indicated the motion carried.

**Lake Rogerene:**

Four concerned residents attended the meeting commenting again on the amount of silt entering the lake after another large rainfall in December 2023. They requested corrective action. Ms. Hall, the inspector for the project, advised the site super will immediately make a field change and raise the level of the 4-inch de-watering holes in the sediment risers. In March or April of 2024, the basins will be de-silted and the temporary risers will be evaluated. Ms. Hall will contact the State Engineer John Showler for additional advice. Furthermore, Ms. Hall will copy a member of the Rogerene community on her inspection reports on an ongoing basis as requested by the Board Chairwoman.

**Chair:**

At the SSCC meeting on January 8, NJCDEA is providing a conference for Administrative & Technical training for all employees. The Chair highly recommends all employees to attend on February 26 in Freehold.

**Covid-19 Protocol Update:**

Confirming motion from December 6 meeting as per the New Jersey State Site- If an employee test positive they must isolate at home for at least 5 days from first day of symptoms or tested positive then return to work wearing a well-fitting mask for another 5 days. \*\*Going forward a max of 10 days administrative time available for employees covid isolation with a Dr note or positive covid test.

Motion made by Member Roehrich and seconded by Member Slaff to approve updated Covid-19 protocol, 10 days administrative time available for employees covid isolation time. The Chair indicated the motion carried.

**Finance:**

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

**Secretary:**

Member Danowski provided the District Manager job description for comments and correction from the board and staff. The board has one week to respond then posted internally.

**Resource Conservationist:**

The board has approved Kara's attendance at the County Agricultural meeting and she continues 251 related work, meetings with the Municipal building and engineering personnel. On January 10, 2024, Kara organized a successful Morris County Local Working Group with five agricultural producers and 4 NRCS representatives.

**Green Infrastructure Training:**

Kara would like to attend six classes – 2 hours per on Green Infrastructure online training.

Motion made by Member Roehrich and seconded by Member McEwan to attend Green Infrastructure Training. The Chair indicated the motion carried.

**Daniel Law Redactor:**

Kara will be the Daniel Law Redactor for the office.

Motion made by Member Danowski and seconded by Member Slaff to approve Kara as the Daniel Law Redactor for the office. The Chair indicated the motion carried.

**NRCS:**

NRCS is taking FY2024 application until January 26, 2024, and Obligated Contracts and Contracted Acres have increased from 2022 to 2023 as well as the Obligated amount.

**Penalty Fee Application # 2023-12712:**

Mr. McEvoy is asking how much penalty fees should be applied to the above application as per a line item noted in the district manager review letter in conjunction with the outstanding amount \$1525.00.

Motion made by Member Slaff to approve the applicant pay the outstanding amount \$ 1525.00 now and to be updated in the future if necessary and seconded by Member Roehrich... The Chair indicated the motion carried.

**Refund Unused Application Fee Paid:**

Motion made by Member McEwan and seconded by Member Slaff to refund only unused application fees for Application # 2024-13258. The Chair indicated the motion carried.

**Forestry Client Letter:**

To be discussed next meeting

**IRS 2024 Mileage Update:**

2024 IRS Mileage rate .67 / mile

**Exempt Municipalities:**

Motion made by Member McEwan to approve Kara to review Chester Township and Harding Exempt municipalities and seconded by Member Slaff . The Chair indicated the motion carried.

**New Jersey Professional Engineers Course:**

Motion made by Member Roehrich to approve Joseph McEvoy to complete New Jersey Profession Engineer Course for 24 hours credit and seconded by Member Slaff. The Chair indicated the motion carried.

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

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 3:55 PM**

Respectfully Submitted

Jacqueline Connelly