Morris County Soil Conservation District Supervisors Meeting March 23, 2022

The March 23,2022, meeting was called to order by Chair Louise Davis via phone, 30 Schuyler Place, top deck parking lots, Morris Township, New Jersey Mr. Dunn 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:

Vice-Chair

Treasurer:

Marc Slaff

District Manager: Joseph Dunn Director NJACD: Lily Mehl

The following individuals were absent: Robert Danowski, Secretary: Bob McEwan, Assistant Treasurer

The Meeting was called to order by Chair Louise Davis @ 2PM

Correspondence:

No actionable items

Accept Minutes:

Accepted as Submitted with minor revisions submitted by the Chair

Chair:

Chair Davis reminded the Board of the upcoming partnership to be held at the Freehold District. The meeting is to be a hybrid gathering with some staff & board members attending remotely. The date is March 28th beginning at 7:30 AM. She also indicated that the regional meeting will not be held this May while the State Annual meeting is anticipated this fall.

Chair Davis questioned the status of the vacant secretary position. The Manager indicated that he is drafting a new job description ranging 20-30 dollars per hour and 25 hours per week. The manager also indicated that there is some difficulty securing parking for the position given the demand brought on by the new high apartments built in the area.

Finance:

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

The Chair discussed adhoc committee to address the budget for fiscal year 2023. Both the treasurer and the Chair will make up the committee and advise the Board at the upcoming Fiscal Year.

Manager:

Mr. Dunn is still organizing all the projects under SWO for the Subcommittee, Member Danowski and Member McGowan will be report next meeting.

Drafting a response to the Agricultural Advisory Committee of Chester Township. There is some concern by farmers that the Township is considering applying its regulatory authority to Farm Conservation Plans. The particular concern is regarding roof runoff from newly built barns and access drives. The Township Planning Bd is meeting in early April and Mr. Dunn is waiting on an invitation.

Mr. Dunn indicated that the file room was being recarpeted and that all cabinets would have to be emptied by staff. Between clearing and returning Mr. Dunn expected a full. staff day to be lost to this effort.

NJACD:

Lily Mehl announced that the Annual Partnership Meeting is March 28 in Freehold, please let Jackie know if and how you will be attending, In-person, or virtual.

Covid-19 Update:

- District staff is back to the office full time no more working from home
- Planning Staff is still work from home with an increased presence
- Office no longer has a mask mandate
- District staff still sign a daily no symptom pledge
- All leave time taken by staff is based on the established Personnel Policy
- Office is still closed to the public per Morris County

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

With no more business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 pm

Respectfully Submitted Joseph Dunn