

**Morris County Soil Conservation District
Supervisors Meeting
August 24, 2022**

The August 24, 2022, 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
Director NJACD:	Lily Mehl
NRCS:	Jill Ott
NACD:	Emily Allen

The following individual was absent:

USDA:	Jenna McNally
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Correspondence:

No Actionable items

Accept Minutes:

No minutes Submitted to follow at next meeting

Chair:

Association has a grant and is requesting for assistance managing all disbursements, the Chair is asking the Board if MCSCD would be interested in accepting this additional work for Jackie. The board agreed to make the decision once it is determined exactly the amount of time and work involved before committing.

Finance:

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

Personnel:

Motion made by Member Roerich to hire Kara Hasko for the job position Resource Conservationist, Forest Stewardship and Agricultural Programs, seconded by Member Danowski. The Chair indicated the motion carried.

Manager:

Mr. Dunn stated he had family issues last month but with everything he has taken care of majority of his forestry clients but still has some clients to work on. Mr. Dunn is requesting a refund for a forestry client who paid in advance for a renewal stewardship plan, because of the current circumstances he does not want to go forward with a new plan and the client would like a refund of his fees paid in advance.

Motion made by Member McEwan to approve to refund \$ 1530.00 renewal plan fee to Didden Farms and seconded by Member Danowski. The Chair indicated the motion carried.

NJACD: Lily is sad to announce Dennis Dougherty has passes and with this unexpected news her and Louise are overwhelmed with the financial situation.

NRCS: Jill has 78 EQIP obligated, 27 EQIP preapproved/ approved, 2 AMA preapproved /approved as well as 4 RCPP & 5 CSP site visits and working through ranking. She noted an employee is retiring and another is moving on as a result there will be few open positions in our office.

NACD: Emily commented she is still training.

Mileage Update: As of July 1, 2022, the IRS has changed the mileage rate to .625 per mile

FY2022 Audit: Scheduled in office for September 14, 2022

NACD TA2022: MCSCD has been awarded another year.

251 Certifications:

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

RFA Authorizations:

Motion made by Member Slaff to approve RFA and seconded by Member Danowski. 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 litigations on 251 enforcement actions and negotiations on new hire. Motion carried and all approved.

The Board approved recommendations made in executive session.

Close Executive Session: 3:12 PM

Motion made by Member McEwan seconded by Member Roehrich to Close Executive Session. Motion carried and all approved.

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