Morris County Soil Conservation District Supervisors Meeting December 7, 2022

The December 7, 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

Resource Conservationist: Kara Hasko
Director NJACD: Lily Mehl
NACD: Emily Allen
USDA: Jenna McNally

The following individual was absent: **NRCS**: Jill Ott

The Meeting was called to order by Chair Louise Davis

Correspondence:

No Actionable items

Accept Minutes:

Accepted as Submitted

Chair:

No Actionable items

Finance:

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

Manager:

Mr. Dunn updated Soil Conservation District is working with both denial applicants and are in discussion for resubmission.

The farm conservation plan for preservation written by an attorney with no conservation measures needs to be approved or denied.

Motion made by Member McEwan to deny the farm conservation plan for preservation and seconded by Member Roehrich. The Chair indicated the motion carried.

Resource Conservationist:

Kara commented on funding from SADC Partnering as well as trying to find other potential funding opportunities.

NJACD:

Lily confirmed 2023 Envirothon will be in person but only one day event on May 13 or 20 in Freehold, NJ. The practice testing and training will still be virtual.

USDA:

Jenna, NRCS has started their FY23 applications and ranking and she has 21 applications, She also is keeping up with her online training, meetings and site visits and mentioned Don Donnelly will be working with NRCS as their new Forester.

NACD:

Emily was assigned 23 applications for FY2023 including stream restoration, forest stewardship plans, pollinator plantings and 1 high tunnel application.

251 Certifications:

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

RFA Authorizations:

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

A motion made by Member Roehrich seconded by Member McEwan to close public meeting and open Executive Session to discuss Cola 2 % increment deferred from June. Motion carried and all approved.

The Board denied recommendations made in executive session.

Close Executive Session: 2:35 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.