Morris County Soil Conservation District Supervisors Meeting February 22, 2023

The February 22, 2023, 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 DavisVice-Chair:Phill RoehrichTreasurer:Marc SlaffAssistant Treasurer:Bob McEwanSecretary:Robert Danowski

District Manager: Joe Dunn

Bookkeeper: Jacqueline Connelly

Resource Conservationist: Kara Hasko USDA:

Jenna McNally NACD:

Emily Allen

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 Danowski to approve paying the bills. The Chair indicated the motion carried.

Manager:

Mr. Dunn attended the Local Work Group meeting in Cape Atlantic with attendees from food banks, conservancies and districts and stated it was useful. Due to warmer than usual weather the workload has increased for this time of year and our office is experiencing more SWO whom are either not following the approved plan or not applying at all.

Resource Conservationist:

Kara attended the Somerset-Union SCD Local Working Group Meeting with Chair Davis on 2/16. She also complete five forestry site visits with Mr. Dunn on 2/16 & 2/17 in addition to continuing with her inspections.

NACD:

Emily met the ranking deadline on February 17th and was allocated new contracts.

USDA:

Jenna attended a Team Build Retreat 3 hour meeting with Frenchtown office. They were advised they had a higher record of applications for this deadline and are working with a reduced staff.

Envirothon Donation:

Motion made by Member Slaff to approve \$ 500.00 donation for 2023 Envirothon and seconded by Member Roehrich. The Chair indicated the motion carried.

Forest Stewardship Plan Professional Policy:

Mr. Dunn is to write a position paper to address the Provisions Statue/Act for Districts members to prepare and sign forestry plans. This will address the need for more forestry plans.

MOA with NRCS:

Motion made by Member McEwan to allow Mr. Dunn to approve or disapprove the decision on this matter and seconded by Member Roehrich. The Chair indicated the motion carried.

251 Certifications:

Motion made by Member Roehrich 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 Mcewan. The Chair indicated the motion carried.

A motion made by Member Slaff seconded by Member McEwan to close public meeting and open Executive Session to discuss litigations on 251 enforcement actions and negotiations. Motion carried and all approved.

The Board approved recommendations made in executive session.

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 3:05 PM