



Cumberland-Salem Conservation District
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Meeting Minutes - April 22, 2014

Present

Ron Thomas

Mona Peterson

Henry Dubois

Mike Bonham

Torrey Reade

Ralph Sickler

Chairman Ron Thomas opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Due notice by order of the "Sunshine Law" was given and noted.

DISTRICT BUSINESS

Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the February meeting were approved as written. Motion made by Torrey and seconded by Ralph. Passed.

Financial Report

Mike reviewed the financial report and noted that the District's net income from February 16, 2013 through April 15, 2014 was \$-4,329.53. Chapter 251 revenue was \$24,190.00. The PERS pension annual payment of \$8,953.00 was made during this reporting period. Motion to approve the report made by Torrey and seconded by Henry.

251 Report

Mike reviewed the 251 report, and noted routine activity. Temporary winter compliances are being issued for projects until final stabilization can be completed in the spring. Motion to approve the report made by Ralph and seconded by Torrey.

SSCC

John reported on the H&H Database project. Currently the project is on hold due to the issues resulting from the database at Rutgers not being backed up, and the loss of data when the servers went down. Districts will be reimbursed for the time required to re-enter the data that was lost. John has been in discussions with NJDEP regarding additional opportunities for Districts associated with the H&H Database.

NRCS - Cumberland & Salem Field Offices

Mona presented the NRCS report for the Cumberland & Salem field offices. NRCS is currently working on existing EQIP contracts. Nick Saumweber, the new DC for the Vineland Service Center starts in June. The NJ CIG pre-proposal period is open until 4/30/2014. The EQIP CAP signup period ends on 05/16/2014. Several farmland preservation conservation plans, and CREP application were presented for approval. Torrey motioned to approve and Ralph seconded the approval of the NRCS action items. Passed.

Nominating Committee

Chairman Ron Thomas reported that the supervisor nominating committee will consist of Dave Ackley, Lew Stoms, John Coombs, Donald Garrison and Tom Tedesco. Dave Ackley will serve as the Chairman. The nominating committee meeting will be held on May 5th at 9:00 a.m., and notice will be given to the South Jersey Times of Cumberland and Salem County, the Cumberland and Salem County Clerk's office, and posted in the District Office on the District website. Motion to approve the report made by Ralph and seconded by Torrey. Passed.

District Vehicle

Mike updated the board on the District vehicle purchase. A PO was submitted on March 3, 2014 to Beyer Ford for a 2014 Ford Explorer 4X4 through the State contract. The purchase price of the vehicle was \$24,708.00.

Supervisor Training Manual

Mike updated the board the Supervisor Training Manual, and will have printed copies available at the next meeting.

Meeting with William Penn Foundation/Open Space Institute/National Fish & Wildlife Tour

Mike attended the watershed tour with representatives of William Penn Foundation, Open Space Institute, & National Fish & Wildlife, Rutgers, NRCS, & the Littoral Society. Mike is hopeful that additional watershed funding for conservation practices within the watershed will be available through these organizations.

Being no further open session business, the open portion of the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. Motion made by Ralph and seconded by Torrey. Passed.