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**Meeting Minutes - April 25, 2017**

Present

Mike Bonham  
Ron Thomas

Ralph Sickler  
Mona Peterson

Maury Sheets

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

Meeting Minutes

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

Financial Report

Mike reviewed the financial report and noted that the District's net income from February 16, 2017 through April 15, 2017 was \$10,015.86. Chapter 251 revenue was \$23,300.00. Motion to approve the financial reports made by Maury and seconded by Ralph. Passed

251 Report

Mike reviewed the 251 report, and noted routine activity. Final compliances for stabilization are being issued for projects which were granted winter compliances. Motion to approve the report made by Ralph and seconded by Maury. Passed.

NRCS - Cumberland & Salem Field Offices

Mona and Mike presented the NRCS reports for the Cumberland and Salem Field offices. NRCS has received several inquiries and applications for the Bobwhite Quail initiative. NRCS will be hosting a Grazing Training on 06/20/2017 & 06/21/2017. NRCS is currently working on existing EQIP contracts and FY2017 applications. Several conservation agreements were presented for approval. Motion to approve the NRCS action items made by Maury and seconded by Ralph. Passed.

### Agriculture

Currently there are three right-to-farm issues at the Cumberland County CADB. Two involve agriculture water runoff from nurseries and the other involves agriculture water runoff from City drainage and farm regarding.

### Supervisor Nominating Committee

Chairman Ron Thomas reported that the supervisor nominating committee will consist of Dave Ackley, John Coombs, Donald Garrison, Doug Mehaffey and Matt Pisarski. Dave Ackley will serve as the Chairman. The nominating committee meeting will be held at the District Office, and notice will be given to the South Jersey Times of Cumberland and Salem County, the Cumberland and Salem County Clerk's office, posted in the District Office and on the District website. Motion to approve the report made by Ralph and seconded by Maury. Passed.

### District Attorney

Mike informed the Board that the Camden, Gloucester and Cape Atlantic Conservation Districts use George Botcheos as District legal counsel. Mike will contact George Botcheos to see if he would be interested in representing the District.

### Soil and Water Cost Share Tables

Mike updated the Board regarding the use of the NRCS cost share schedules for the farmland preservation soil and water cost share program. NRCS currently does not have rates for agricultural production irrigation wells and Mike contacted Frank Minch to express the need to continue cost sharing on these wells. Frank indicated that it would be possible to add to the NRCS cost table to include such practices.

### Supervisor Requirements for Reappointment

Mike presented the proposed requirements for Supervisor Reappointment. The new proposal would require increased attendance at annual conferences and the annual NJACD meeting. Mike will provide comments to Frank regarding the Board's concerns regarding the proposed requirements.

Being no further open session business, the open portion of the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Motion made by Ralph and seconded by Maury. Passed.