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Meeting Minutes - April 23, 2019

<u>Present</u> Mike Bonham Henry Dubois Mona Peterson

Ralph Sickler Ron Thomas Tom Tedesco 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 May meeting were approved as written. Motion made by Henry and seconded by Ralph. Passed.

Financial Report

Mike reviewed the financial report and noted that the District's net income from January 16, 2019 through April 15, 2019 was \$13,106.74. Chapter 251 revenue was \$49,955.00. Motion to approve the financial reports made by Ralph and seconded by Tom. Passed

251 Report

Mike reviewed the 251 report, and noted routine activity. Winter compliances are being issued for projects needing temporary compliance until final stabilization can occur. Motion to approve the report made by Tom and seconded by Maury. Passed.

NRCS - Cumberland & Salem Field Offices

Mona presented the NRCS reports for the Cumberland and Salem Field offices. NRCS is currently contracting EQIP 2018 applicants and RCPP applicants. The Conservation Stewardship Program signup is until May 10, 2019. Several State Cost Share applications and conservation plans were presented for approval. Motion to approve the NRCS action items made by Ralph and seconded by Tom. Passed.

State Cost Share - Wells

Mike discussed the ongoing issues regarding the discrepancy between the NRCS (Farmland Preservation Cost Share Program) cost table and farmer quotes for irrigation wells. Irrigation wells greater than 8 inches are significantly higher priced than the current cost table allows.

NRCS IWM Cloud Based System Letter of Support

Mike discussed the request from Lindsay Irrigation to write a letter of support to the NRCS regarding the use of "Cloud based Modeling" for irrigation water management. Mike will prepare a letter supporting this application and send to NRCS. Motion to approve made by Maury and seconded by Ron. Passed.

2019 Annual Conference Survey

The NJACD provided a survey at the Regional Supervisors Meeting to allow for suggestions regarding the 2019 Annual Conference.

Being no further open session business, the open portion of the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. Motion made by Tom and seconded by Ralph. Passed.