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**Meeting Minutes - April 27, 2021**

Present

Mike Bonham	Ralph Sickler	Tom Tedesco
Maury Sheets	Ron Thomas	Henry Dubois
Michelle Pedano	John Showler	

Chairman Ron Thomas opened the virtual Zoom 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 Tom and seconded by Ralph. Passed.

Financial Report

Mike reviewed the financial report and noted that the District's net income from February 15, 2021 through April 15, 2021 was \$1,508.94. Chapter 251 revenue was \$28,130.00. The District annual pension payment was made during the reporting period. Motion to approve the financial reports made by Tom and seconded by Ralph. Passed

251 Report

Mike reviewed the 251 report, and noted routine activity. Project submittals for commercial and residential development have increased compared to 2020. In addition single family home construction is almost double compared to 2020. Motion to approve the report made by Ralph and seconded by Tom. Passed.

NRCS - Cumberland & Salem Field Offices

Michelle presented the NRCS report for the Cumberland Field Office. The Vineland and Woodstown NRCS offices are operating at COVID Phase I status. The Firman E. Bear SWCD is offering a \$1,000 scholarship for a NJ student majoring in natural resource conservation or related studies. FY2021 Classic Conservation Stewardship signup closes May 7<sup>th</sup>, and ACEP closes May 20<sup>th</sup>. Several conservation agreements and conservation plans were

presented for approval. Motion to approve the NRCS action items made by Tom and seconded by Henry. Passed.

#### SSCC

John updated the Board with respect to the Green Infrastructure stormwater rules which were recently adopted by NJDEP. In addition the SSCC will provide comments to SADC regarding the proposed soil protection standards.

#### SADC Draft Soil Protection Standards

Mike discussed the proposed SADC soil protection standards and provided copies of the draft standards to the Board. The SADC is working to provide guidance and regulation regarding the types of disturbances which can be performed on preserved farming without damaging the soils to a point they cannot be returned to normal agriculture. There are several types of disturbances (normal farming, temporary, semi-permanent, and permanent). SADC is requesting informal comments by June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Being no further open session business, the open portion of the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. Motion made by Tom and seconded by Maury. Passed.