



Cumberland-Salem Conservation District
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Meeting Minutes - February 23, 2016

Present

Mike Bonham
Henry Dubois

Mona Peterson
Ron Thomas

Ralph Sickler
Chad Cherefko

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 December meeting were approved as written. Motion made by Ralph and seconded by Henry. Passed.

Financial Report

Mike reviewed the financial report and noted that the District's net income from December 16, 2015 through February 15, 2016 was \$12,637.88. Chapter 251 revenue was \$30,050.00. Motion to approve the report made by Henry and seconded by Ralph.

251 Report

Mike reviewed the 251 report, and noted routine activity. Temporary winter compliances are being issued for stabilization on construction sites. They projects will be re-inspected in the Spring. Motion to approve the report made by Ralph and seconded by Henry. Passed.

NRCS - Cumberland & Salem Field Offices

Mike and Mona presented the NRCS reports for the Cumberland and Salem Field offices. NRCS is currently working on existing EQIP contracts and ranking FY2016 Round 1 applications. Several farmland preservation conservation plans, and CREP payment requests were presented for approval. The deadline for 2016 Conservation Stewardship Program is 03/31/2016. The Conservation Stewardship Program will undergo significant revisions for 2017. The National Water Quality Initiative and Regional Conservation Partnership Program signup ended 02/19/2016. Motion to approve the NRCS action items made by Ralph and seconded by Ron. Passed.

HXH Database

Mike is sorting through the historic files and locating the HxH datasheets for entry into the HxH database. A temporary employee will enter the data into the HxH database under Mike's supervision.

Natural Gas Furnace

Mike has received one estimate to replace the oil fired furnace with a natural gas furnace. Mike will request two additional estimates for review prior to selecting a contractor.

Chad Cherefko - NRCS

Mike introduced Chad to the Board. Chad was recently promoted to Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations. Chad updated the Board on upcoming NRCS programs.

Regional Supervisors Meeting

The Southern Regional Supervisor Meeting will be held at the Italian Affair on April 5th. All District Board members plan to attend.

Exempt Municipality

Mike presented the exempt municipality annual review form for Upper Deerfield. The District handles all of the SESC work for Upper Deerfield. Motion to approve made by Ralph and seconded by Henry. Passed.

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 Henry. Passed.