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Meeting Minutes - January 25, 2022

Present

Mike Bonham

Ralph Sickler

Tom Tedesco

Maury Sheets

Henry Dubois

Ron Thomas

Michelle Pedano

Vice Chairman Ralph Sickler 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 September meeting were approved as written. Motion made by Maury and seconded by Tom. Passed.

Financial Report

Mike reviewed the financial report and noted that the District's net income from September 16, 2021 through January 15, 2022 was \$23,776.15 Chapter 251 revenue was \$69,950.00 Motion to approve the financial reports made by Maury and seconded by Tom. Passed

251 Report

Mike reviewed the 251 report, and noted routine activity. Mike discussed the issues with the SJAP project submittal & site work. Project submittals for commercial and residential development remain at a higher level in comparison to previous fiscal years. Site contractors need to be reminded frequently of the erosion control measures compliance on construction sites. Motion to approve the report made by Maury and seconded by Henry. Passed.

NRCS - Cumberland & Salem Field Offices

Michelle presented the annual review of NRCS Civil Rights policies to the NRCS partners. Copies of the NRCS Civil Right policies were mailed to District Supervisors.

Michelle presented the NRCS report for the Cumberland & Salem Field Offices. The Vineland and Woodstown NRCS offices are at 25% staffing level. The application period for NRCS EQIP Conservation Incentive Contracts closes March 31st. NRCS FY2022 Conservation Stewardship signup also closes March 31st. Regional Conservation Partnership Program Proposals are being accepted through April 13, 2022. 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.

Annual Conference

The annual conference is scheduled for March 28th, 2022 at the Freehold SCD office. Currently, NJACD is evaluating if the conference will take place in person, virtual, or be rescheduled to a later date.

SSCC Staff

Frank Minch was promoted to the Direction of Ag & Natural Resources following the retirement of Monique Purcell.

Meeting Virtual/In-Person

Mike requested Board comments regarding the continuation of virtual meetings & in-person meetings. The District will evaluate COVID guidelines to determine future meeting type.

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