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Meeting Minutes - January 24, 2023

Mike Bonham Ralph Sickler Tom Tedesco
Henry Dubois Ron Thomas
Mona Peterson

Chairman Ron Thomas opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Due notice by order of the "Sunshine Law" was given and noted.

Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the October 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 October 16, 2022 through January 15, 2023 was \$26,372.86 Chapter 251 revenue was \$23,900.00. Motion to approve the financial reports made by Henry and seconded by Ralph. Passed

251 Report

Mike reviewed the 251 report, and noted routine activity. Final stabilization continues on projects that were issued temporary compliance due to the dry summer weather. Carney's Point Township remains active with warehouse project submittals. Single family home construction has been active along with some residential subdivision homes being constructed. Motion to approve the report made by Henry and seconded by Tom. Passed.

SSCC

John emailed a report to discuss with the Board. Engineering staff have been active in providing technical support to the NJ soil conservation districts for questions related to hydrologic and hydraulic designs associated with new construction development. Staff have also been actively involved in the review and comment on recently proposed rule changes by NJDEP which affect both stormwater management and flood hazard mitigation. In addition, staff have met with consulting engineers who have expressed concerns not only about an adequate

scientific basis for the rule proposals but the potential for significant conflict with the Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Standards. Staff are preparing a final draft of rule comments which will be submitted to NJDEP by February 3, 2023.

NRCS - Cumberland & Salem Field Offices

Mona presented Cumberland & Salem NRCS field office reports. FY2023 AMA application and FY2023 EQIP application are currently being assessed and ranked. The deadline for ranking has been extended to February 17, 2023. Several conservation agreements, conservation plans and state cost share applications were presented for approval. Motion to approve the NRCS action items made by Ralph and seconded by Henry. Passed.

District Audit

Nighlinger Colavita and Volpa are finalizing the FY2022 audit which will be mailed to the Board for discussion at the next meeting.

SCD/NRCS Local Work Group Meeting

The District partnered with the Cape Atlantic SCD to host the LWG meeting for Cumberland/Salem Counties. Several topics were discussed including irrigation design review, soil health, urban agriculture & aquaculture. Reports are due to NRCS in March and will be discussed at the next meeting.

Staffing/Workload

Mike discussed the current workload of soil erosion and sediment control submittals and inspections. Residential and commercial projects submittals have recently been at much higher levels than in previous years and if the current trend continues it will likely be necessary for the District to hire additional staff.

Being no further open session business, the open portion of the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m. Motion made by Henry and seconded by Ralph. Passed.