



Cumberland-Salem Conservation District
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Meeting Minutes - June 27, 2017

Present

Mike Bonham
Ron Thomas

Ralph Sickler
Nick Saumweber

Maury Sheets
Henry Dubois

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 April meeting were approved as written. Motion made by Ralph and seconded by Maury. Passed.

Financial Report

Mike reviewed the financial report and noted that the District's net income from April 16, 2017 through June 15, 2017 was \$-12,089.23. Chapter 251 revenue was \$7,315.00. Motion to approve the financial reports made by Maury and seconded by Ron. Passed

251 Report

Mike reviewed the 251 report, and noted routine activity. Motion to approve the report made by Ralph and seconded by Maury. Passed.

NRCS - Cumberland & Salem Field Offices

Nick and Mike presented the NRCS reports for the Cumberland and Salem Field offices. NRCS will host a Local Work Group meeting on August 7th at the Rutgers 4-H Building on Morton Avenue. Board members/farmers/non-profit groups will be invited to participate. NRCS has received an additional 1 million dollars in EQIP 2017 funding which will be made available to additional applicants. NRCS is currently working on existing EQIP contracts and FY2017 applications. Several conservation agreements were presented for approval. Motion to approve the NRCS action items made by Maury and seconded by Ralph. Passed.

Agriculture

Currently there are three right-to-farm issues at the Cumberland County CADB. Two involve agriculture water runoff from nurseries and the other involves agriculture water runoff from City drainage and farm regarding.

Supervisor Nominating Committee

Chairman Ron Thomas reported that the supervisor nominating committee will consist of Dave Ackley, John Coombs, Donald Garrison, Doug Mehaffey and Matt Pisarski. Dave Ackley will serve as the Chairman. The nominating committee meeting will be held at the District Office, and notice will be given to the South Jersey Times of Cumberland and Salem County, the Cumberland and Salem County Clerk's office, posted in the District Office and on the District website. Motion to approve the report made by Ralph and seconded by Maury. Passed.

District Attorney

Mike discussed retaining George Botcheos for legal services to the District. George Botcheos currently represents the Camden, Gloucester and Cape Atlantic Conservation Districts. Motion to approve George Botcheos as District Attorney made by Maury and seconded by Ralph.

Supervisor Appointments

Mike informed the Board that Henry Dubois and Ron Thomas were re-nominated to 3 year terms and Tom Tedesco was appointed to a 3 year term as a new supervisor. The nominating committee met on May 17th, and forwarded the information to the State Committee for approval.

FY2017 Audit

Nightlinger Colavita and Volpa will be conducting the FY2017 audit for the District and plan to conduct the audit during next few weeks.

Tree Removal

One of the trees on District property had fallen onto a neighbor's property. Mike cleaned up the tree to the neighbor's satisfaction and threw the brush back into the woods.

Soil and Water Cost Share Tables

Mike updated the Board regarding the use of the NRCS cost share schedules for the farmland preservation soil and water cost share program. NRCS currently does not have rates for agricultural production irrigation wells and Mike contacted

Frank Minch to express the need to continue cost sharing on these wells. Frank indicated that it would be possible to add to the NRCS cost table to include such practices.

Being no further open session business, the open portion of the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Motion made by Ralph and seconded by Maury. Passed.