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# Meeting Minutes - June 22, 2021

<u>Present</u> Mike Bonham Maury Sheets Michelle Pedano

Ralph Sickler Henry Dubois John Showler Tom Tedesco

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 April 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 April 15, 2021 through June 15, 2021 was \$56,194.83 Chapter 251 revenue was \$52,105.00. 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. Project submittals for commercial and residential development have increased compared to 2020. Single family home construction has also increased in comparison to 2020. Motion to approve the report made by Henry and seconded by Maury. Passed.

## NRCS - Cumberland & Salem Field Offices

Michelle presented the NRCS report for the Cumberland & Salem Field Offices. The Vineland and Woodstown NRCS offices have increased in person staffing to 50%. The Local Working Group Questionnaire survey is available online through July 6<sup>th</sup>. National Conservation Innovation Grant proposals are due July 19<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 SSCC current operating status. Most State employees are still working from home and are required to schedule timeframes to enter the NJDA office. John has been working on plan reviews and engineering requests from home but is available to provide assistance to District for site walks and plans reviews at their respective offices.

### Meeting Virtual/In-Person

Mike requested Board comments regarding the continuation of virtual meetings & in-person meetings. The District does not have regular meetings during the Summer months so the next so the next scheduled meeting would be September.

#### SADC Draft Soil Protection Standards

Mike discussed the proposed SADC soil protection standards. SADC has requesting informal comments from working partners by June 18th and will then provide more formalized rules for pulic comment. 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 be a point they cannot be returned to normal agriculture. There are several types of disturbances (normal farming, temporary, semipermanent, and permanent).

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.