



Cumberland-Salem Conservation District
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Meeting Minutes - March 28, 2023

Mike Bonham Ralph Sickler Maury Sheets
Henry Dubois Ron Thomas John Showler
Michelle Pedano

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 January 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 January 16, 2022 through March 15, 2023 was \$29,718.21 Chapter 251 revenue was \$48,810.00. Motion to approve the financial reports made by Ralph and seconded by Maury. Passed

251 Report

Mike reviewed the 251 report, and noted routine activity. Final stabilization is being completed on projects that were issued winter compliance. Carney's Point Township and the City of Vineland remain active with commercial project submittals. Single family home construction has been active along with some residential subdivision homes being constructed. Motion to approve the report made by Maury and seconded by Henry. Passed.

SSCC

John phoned into the meeting to update the Board on several issues. Engineering staff are currently updating some of the SESC Standards (offsite stability & solar arrays). The NJDA deer fencing program should be finalized in the near future and applicants will be able to apply for up to \$20,000 for deer fencing. Staff have been reviewing and commenting on the recently proposed rule changes by NJDEP which affect both stormwater management and flood hazard mitigation. Doug Fisher will be retiring as the Secretary of Agriculture July 1, 2023.

NRCS - Cumberland & Salem Field Offices

Michelle presented Cumberland & Salem NRCS field office reports. Julie Hawkins will be service as Acting Deputy Chief for Programs beginning in March and Katura Wright will serve as State Conservationist. NRCS is accepting additional application for EQIP and CSP until May 1st. Mona and Michelle are sharing the role of acting District Conservationist at the Frenchtown office. 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

Mike reviewed the FY2022 audit with the Board. After discussion, a motion to approve the audit was made by Ralph and seconded by Henry. Passed

SCD/NRCS Local Work Group Meeting

Mike presented the LWG report which was prepared by the Cape Atlantic SCD. The report focused on several issues including irrigation design reviews, urban agriculture & aquaculture. NRCS will use this report to help focus its conservation programs to address those resource concerns.

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 higher levels than in previous years. The area of disturbance associated with the project submittals has also increased recently.

Being no further open session business, the open portion of the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m. Motion made by Henry and seconded by Ralph. Passed.

Chairman Ron Thomas opened the closed session at 7:00 p.m. The closed session meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm. Motioned by Ralph and seconded by Maury. Passed

A motion was made at 7:35 p.m. by Henry to open the regular meeting, seconded by Ralph. Passed

A motion was made at 7:40 p.m. by Ralph to close the regular meeting, seconded by Henry. Passed