



Cumberland-Salem Conservation District
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Meeting Minutes - May 24, 2016

Present

Mike Bonham	Mona Peterson	Ralph Sickler
Henry Dubois	Ron Thomas	Maury Sheets
John Showler		

Chairman Ron Thomas opened the meeting at 7:04 p.m. Due notice by order of the "Sunshine Law" was given and noted.

Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the February meeting were approved as written. Motion made by Maury and seconded by Ralph. Passed.

Financial Report

Mike reviewed the financial report and noted that the District's net income from February 16, 2016 through May 15, 2016 was \$31,672.39. Chapter 251 revenue was \$33,880.00. The District received County funding of \$30,000 for FY2015 and FY2016 during this reporting period Motion to approve the report made by Maury and seconded by Ralph.

251 Report

Mike reviewed the 251 report, and noted routine activity. Commercial construction submittals to the District have increased in comparison to the previous fiscal year. The. Motion to approve the report made by Ralph and seconded by Henry. Passed.

NRCS - Cumberland & Salem Field Offices

Mike and Mona presented the NRCS reports for the Cumberland and Salem Field offices. NRCS is currently working on existing EQIP contracts and ranking FY2016 Round 1 applications. Several farmland preservation conservation plans, and payment requests were presented for approval. The Equine initiative will be discussed at a "Wine and Equine" farm meeting in Salem County on June 2nd. Motion to approve the NRCS action items made by Ron and seconded by Maury. Passed.

Natural Gas Furnace

Mike has received two estimates to replace the oil fired furnace with a natural gas furnace. Mike will request one additional estimate for review prior to selecting a contractor.

SSCC

John discussed the HxH database. Rutgers is currently making revisions to the application to make it more user friendly and to prepare the database for release to the public. The upcoming Northeast Regional Conference will be hosted by the Cape Atlantic SCD and will be held in August.

Right to Farm

Mike updated the Board regarding water runoff from a Nursery and a Right to Farm complaint filed by several downstream farmers.

Animal Waste Management

Mike discussed an animal waste issue in Hopewell Township regarding the application of manure without incorporation. This issue is also being discussed at the CADB and at the NJDA.

Farmland Preservation Inspection

Mike discussed an issue in Cumberland County regarding land grading on a "soon to be preserved" farm. The County and SADC conducted an inspection and determined the earthwork to be detrimental to the farm and have reached out to the District for assistance. Mike informed the CADB that the District works in cooperation with farmers when they want to install conservation on their farm but the District is non-regulatory for agricultural issues.

Being no further open session business, the open portion of the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. Motion made by Ralph and seconded by Henry. Passed.