



**Cumberland-Salem Conservation District**  
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**Meeting Minutes - May 28, 2024**

Mike Bonham	Ralph Sickler	Maury Sheets
Henry Dubois	Ron Thomas	Tom Tedesco
Michelle Pedano	Bryan Stimpson	

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 March meeting were approved as written. Motion made by Tom and seconded by Maury. Passed.

Financial Report

Mike reviewed the financial report and noted that the District's net income from March 16, 2024 through May 15, 2024 was \$-5,154.83. Chapter 251 revenue was \$25,400.00. The annual PERS payment was made during the reporting period. Financial reports made by Maury and seconded by Ralph. Passed

251 Report

Mike reviewed the 251 report. The District remains active with commercial projects in Carney's Point and the City of Vineland. Stabilization is progressing at the Trout National Golf Course as grading work on the Hance Bridge Road side has been completed. Motion to approve the report made by Henry and seconded by Maury. Passed.

NRCS - Cumberland & Salem Field Offices

Michelle/Bryan presented Cumberland & Salem NRCS field office reports. Kareem Adeleke has been selected as the District Conservationist for the Woodstown Service Center. Kareem has previously served as Resource Conservationist for NRCS NY and will start at the Woodstown office on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The NRCS NJ Urban grant opportunity will be open through June 7<sup>th</sup>. The State Technical Committee farm tour and meeting will be held of June 12<sup>th</sup>. Several farm conservation plans and NRCS program contracts were submitted for approval. Motion to approve the NRCS action items made by Henry and seconded by Maury. Passed.

### SSCC report

Mike presented John's report to the Board. The SSCC has been working to update the NJ SESC Standards and rules at NJAC 2:90. A solar array standard is being proposed along with an update to the offsite stability standard. The SSCC is also looking to update the Chapter 251 rules to more closely align with SCD operations. The NJDEP have released a courtesy copy of the NJREAL rules which will have significant impact to agriculture and the construction industry. Flood level elevations are proposed to be raised 5 feet. Secretary Wengryn's report to the NJ State Board of Agriculture was also presented.

### Staffing/Workload

Mike updated the Board on the current workload of soil erosion and sediment control applications and inspections. Residential and commercial projects submittals have been at higher levels than in previous years. Mike will work with the neighboring Districts to review the job descriptions for new staff and prepare a job description for the next meeting.

### CD Rates

Mike presented CD rates for Ocean First Bank. The current rate for 6 month CDs is 5.25% and 11 month CDs is 5.00%. After discussion it was motioned to setup CDs at Ocean First for 6 months. Mike will work with the Branch Manager to secure the CDs. Motion to approve made by Henry and seconded by Ralph. Passed.

### Supervisor Reappointments

Ralph Sickler and Maury Sheets are up for renomination for 3 year terms. Mike will work with Ralph and Maury to prepare the renomination paperwork to be submitted to the SSCC.

Being no further open session business, the open portion of the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. Motion made by Tom and seconded by Ralph. Passed.