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Meeting Minutes - November 22, 2016

Present

Mike Bonham	Mona Peterson	Ralph Sickler
Henry Dubois	Ron Thomas	Maury Sheets
Nick Saumberger		

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 September 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 September 16, 2016 through November 15, 2016 was \$16,610.68. Chapter 251 revenue was \$28,645.00. The financial report from the September meeting was previously tabled due to a question on interest income. After review the interest income for the September financial report was due to a CD reaching maturity. Motion to approve the September and November financial reports made by Ralph and seconded by Maury. Passed

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. Contractors are completing final stabilization prior to winter. Motion to approve the report made by Ralph and seconded by Henry. Passed.

NRCS - Cumberland & Salem Field Offices

Nick and Mona presented the NRCS reports for the Cumberland and Salem Field offices. Freddie Patino started employment with the Salem NRCS as a soil conservationist. The Conservation Stewardship program signup ends on February 3, 2017. This

program has been completely revamped from previous program. EQIP and RCPP signup deadline is March 17, 2017. ACEP signup deadline is November 30, 2017. NRCS is currently working on existing EQIP contracts and FY2016 Round applications. Several farmland preservation conservation plans and CREP waterways payment requests were presented for approval. Mona and Nick presented information on the USDA's Civil Rights Policy Statement and reviewed the document. Motion to approve the NRCS action items made by Henry and seconded by Maury. Passed.

Right to Farm

There was no new information to report of the Right to Farm issue regarding a nursery grower's runoff and downstream impacts.

Animal Waste Management

Mike discussed an animal waste issue in Hopewell Township regarding the application of manure without incorporation. The farm owner has ordered a manure injector to comply with the AMP regarding application of manure. This issue is also being discussed at the CADB and at the NJDA.

FY2016 Audit

Mike presented the FY2016 Audit prepared by Nightlinger Colavaita and Volpa. After review and discussion a Motion to approve the FY2016 audit was made by Maury and seconded by Henry. Passed.

District Attorney

Mike informed the board that Ross Levitsky retired and the District will need find a replacement for legal representation. Mike will talk with neighboring District Managers to determine who they are using for legal representation.

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 Henry. Passed.