



Cumberland-Salem Conservation District
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Meeting Minutes - October 25, 2022

Mike Bonham	Ralph Sickler	Tom Tedesco
Maury Sheets	Henry Dubois	
Michelle Pedano	Mona Peterson	

Vice Chairman Ralph Sickler 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 May meeting were approved as written. Motion made by Henry and seconded by Maury. Passed.

Financial Report

Mike reviewed the financial report and noted that the District's net income from May 16, 2022 through October 15, 2022 was \$126,750.12 Chapter 251 revenue was \$176,270.00 Two large solar project were submitted during this reporting period. Motion to approve the financial reports made by Maury and seconded by Henry. Passed

251 Report

Mike reviewed the 251 report, and noted routine activity. Due to the extremely dry weather permanent stabilization on site has been difficult. The District has been issuing conditional compliances on sites without irrigation. Carney's Point Township remains active with warehouse project submittals. In addition 2 large scale solar projects were submitted in Millville. Motion to approve the report made by Maury and seconded by Henry. Passed.

NRCS - Cumberland & Salem Field Offices

Michelle and Mona presented their respective field office reports. FY2023 ACEP signup cutoff is October 31, 2022. Arelys Ortiz was hired as the NRCS Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations. NRCS is currently ranking EQIP FY2023 applications. The ranking deadline is January 28th, 2023. Several conservation agreements, conservation plans and state cost share applications were presented for approval. Motion to approve the NRCS action items made by Maury and seconded by Henry. Passed.

Annual Conference

The NJ Association of Conservation Districts will be hosting the annual conference on November 17th at the Freehold Soil Conservation District office. The conference will be held in person this year.

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 much higher levels than in previous years and if the current trend continues it will likely be necessary for the District to hire additional staff.

FY2022 Audit

Nightlinger Colavita & Volpa will be conducting the FY2022 audit in early November. Nightliner Colavita & Volpa currently perform the State audit for the majority of the southern Districts.

Being no further open session business, the open portion of the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. Motion made by Henry and seconded by Maury. Passed.