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Meeting Minutes - September 25, 2018

<u>Present</u> Mike Bonham Mona Peterson John Showler

Ralph Sickler Henry Dubois Tom Tedesco

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

Financial Report

Mike reviewed the financial report and noted that the District's net income from May 16, 2018 through September 15, 2018 was \$4,654.56. Chapter 251 revenue was \$39,680.00. Motion to approve the financial reports made by Henry and seconded by Tom. Passed

251 Report

Mike reviewed the 251 report, and noted routine activity. Commercial and single family home project application submittals have increased. Some stabilization was delayed during July due to the dry weather. Motion to approve the report made by Tom and seconded by Henry. Passed.

NRCS - Cumberland & Salem Field Offices

Mona presented the NRCS reports for the Cumberland and Salem Field offices. NRCS is currently contracting EQIP 2018 applicants and RCPP applicants. 2019 EQIP application signup ends October 19th. The New Jersey no-till & cover crop winter Conference is December 13th in Washington NJ. The FSA Market Facilitation Program signup is open through January 15, 2019. Several conservation agreements, conservation plans, State cost share project applications and State cost share payment requests were presented for approval. Motion to approve the NRCS action items made by Henry and seconded by Tom. Passed.

SSCC

John presented the SSCC report. The 2018 Joint Annual Conference will be held at the NJ Eco Complex in Bordentown on November 19th. Mandatory Ethics Training will be provided and a NJ Labor Law attorney will give a presentation. John will provide Hydrology training in the afternoon session while the Supervisors are attending the NJACD Business Meeting.

Supervisor Appointments

Ralph Sickler and Maury Sheets were approved for 3 year terms.

Agriculture Issues

Several Ag issues are working through CADB/SADC mediation. These issues involve agricultural runoff from Greenhouse/Nursery operations and the subsequent flooding of downstream landowners.

Audit Reserves

Mike Reviewed the Legal Reserve with the Board. Currently the District has \$12,000 reserved for future legal. After speaking with other Districts and our Attorney it was recommended to increase the legal reserve. Motion to increase in Legal Reserve to \$42,000 made by Henry and seconded by Tom. Passed.

Being no further open session business, the open portion of the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. Motion made by Tom and seconded by Henry. Passed.