



Cumberland-Salem Conservation District
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Meeting Minutes - March 28, 2018

Present

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

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 January meeting were approved as written. Motion made by Ralph and seconded by Tom. Passed.

Financial Report

Mike reviewed the financial report and noted that the District's net income from January 16, 2018 through March 15, 2018 was \$-3,525.99. Chapter 251 revenue was \$11,850.00. Motion to approve the financial reports made by Ralph and seconded by Tom. Passed

251 Report

Mike reviewed the 251 report, and noted routine activity. New commercial project application submittals have increased. Winter weather has prevented project sites from being permanently stabilized. Motion to approve the report made by Ralph and seconded by Henry. Passed.

SSCC

John reported on the new soil restoration standards. The standards revise the amount of topsoil required and modify the land grading standard. Compaction testing and verification of that testing is required by the District. Urban redevelopment in certain areas is exempted from conducting the soil restoration/compaction testing. John is working on Technical Bulletins to clarify the testing procedures and applicability of the compaction testing.

NRCS - Cumberland & Salem Field Offices

Mona and Mike presented the NRCS reports for the Cumberland and Salem Field offices. NRCS is currently contracting EQIP 2018 applicants and RCPP applicants. The South Jersey Local Working Group meeting for 2018 was held on March 12th at the Gloucester Rutgers Extension office. NRCS is evaluating the data from the Local Working Group meeting to prioritize where program funding will be allocated. Several conservation agreements were presented for approval. Motion to approve the NRCS action items made by Ralph and seconded by Henry. Passed.

Storm Damage/Cleanup

The March ice storm caused several trees and branches to fall. Mike will reach out to TBI Landscape to determine if they are able to remove the downed trees and branches.

Envirothon

Mike has been working with Rich Belcher from the NJDA and Karol Blew from the Gloucester SCD to plan for the 2018 Envirothon. The event will be held at Camp Grice and will be the first time Cumberland/Salem has participated. Teams will arrive on May 4th and the competition begins on May 5th. Several schools from Salem County will participate in the events. Approximately 30 teams are scheduled to compete from across the State.

Being no further open session business, the open portion of the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. Motion made by Tom and seconded by Ralph. Passed.