



Cumberland-Salem Conservation District
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Meeting Minutes - September 22, 2015

Present

Maury Sheets	Henry Dubois
Mike Bonham	Ralph Sickler
Nick Saumweber	John Showler

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 April 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 April 16, 2014 through September 15, 2015 was \$-10,510.53. Chapter 251 revenue was \$29,095.00. Motion to approve the report made by Henry and seconded by Ralph.

Supervisor Mileage

District supervisor mileage vouchers were prepared/signed and checks will be issued at the next meeting.

Maury Sheets - District Supervisor

Mike introduced and welcomed Maury Sheets as a new District Supervisor. Maury serves on the Rutgers Board of Managers and the Cumberland County Ag Development Board.

251 Report

Mike reviewed the 251 report, and noted routine activity. Final compliances are being issued for projects that were issued temporary compliances during the summer season. Motion to approve the report made by Henry seconded by Maury. Passed.

NRCS - Cumberland & Salem Field Offices

Mike and Nick presented the NRCS reports for the Cumberland and Salem Field offices. NRCS is currently working on existing EQIP contracts. Several farmland preservation conservation plans, and CREP payment requests were presented for approval. The deadline for EQIP and AMA round 1 is October 16, 2015. An agreement between NJ Audubon and NRCS has been renewed and Brittany Dobrzynski will be starting as a partner planner in October. She will be working in Vineland two days per week. Soil health training for NRCS staff is scheduled for November 20th. Henry motioned to approve and Maury seconded the approval of the NRCS action items. Passed.

District Vehicles

Mike discussed the status of the two surplus vehicles (2003 Explorer and 2002 F-150). District will make repairs to the vehicles, post a legal notice in the local newspaper and sell the vehicles in front of the office.

Poster Contest

Upper Pittsgrove Township Schools submitted posters to the District for 5th/6th and 7th/8th grade levels. The District provided \$50 gift certificates for 1st place, and \$25 gift certificates for 2nd and 3rd place for each division.

Century Bank Account

An interest bearing savings account was setup with Century Savings Bank in Upper Deerfield.

HXH Database

Mike discussed the possibility of using interns from Cumberland County College to assist with the completion of the HxH database project.

FY2016 Budget

Mike presented the FY2016 budget for District operations. The District budgeted for a new natural gas fired heater for the office. Motion to approve made by Henry and seconded by Maury.

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