



Cumberland-Salem Conservation District
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Meeting Minutes - September 26, 2017

Present

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

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 June 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 June 16, 2017 through September 15, 2017 was \$-15,086.05. Chapter 251 revenue was \$26,040.00. The Workman's Comp and District insurance policies were paid in full during this reporting period. Motion to approve the financial reports made by Maury and seconded by Ron. Passed

251 Report

Mike reviewed the 251 report, and noted routine activity. Motion to approve the report made by Ralph and seconded by Maury. Passed.

NRCS - Cumberland & Salem Field Offices

Mona and Mike presented the NRCS reports for the Cumberland and Salem Field offices. 2018 NRCS EQIP signup deadline is October 20. The Soil and Water Cost Share program for preserved farms and 8-year enrolled farms has been funded with the passage of the Farmland Preservation Program appropriations bill. Approximately \$500,000-\$1,000,000 will be allocated for soil and water cost share projects statewide. NRCS is currently working on existing EQIP contracts and planning/implementation of FY2017 applications. Several conservation agreements were presented

for approval. Motion to approve the NRCS action items made by Maury and seconded by Ralph. Passed.

Agriculture

Currently there are three right-to-farm issues at the Cumberland County CADB. Two involve agriculture water runoff from nurseries and the other involves agriculture water runoff from City drainage and farm regarding. Mediation sessions through the SADC have occurred to attempt to resolve these issues.

District Attorney

Mike discussed retaining George Botcheos for legal services to the District. George Botcheos currently represents the Camden, Gloucester and Cape Atlantic Conservation Districts. The retainer fee for George Botcheos is \$1,800. Motion to approve George Botcheos as District Attorney made by Maury and seconded by Ralph.

Supervisor Appointments

Mike informed the Board that Henry Dubois and Ron Thomas were re-nominated to 3 year terms and Tom Tedesco was appointed to a 3 year term as a new supervisor. The nominating committee recommendations were forwarded to the State Committee and were approved.

FY2017 Audit

Nightlinger Colavita and Volpa completed the FY2017 and the final audit document will be forthcoming.

Soil and Water Cost Share Tables

Mike updated the Board regarding the use of the NRCS cost share schedules for the farmland preservation soil and water cost share program. NRCS currently does not have rates for agricultural production irrigation wells greater than 8 inches. Mike contacted Frank Minch to express the need to continue cost sharing on these wells. Frank indicated that it would be possible to add to the NRCS cost table to include such practices.

Envirothon

Mike informed the Board that the District will partner with the Gloucester SCD to co-host the 2018 Envirothon in May.

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