

Cape-Atlantic Conservation District Minutes

August 23, 2017

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Secretary, Allen Carter, Jr. called the meeting to order at 8:02 AM at the District office in Mays Landing, NJ.

ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Supervisors: Allen Carter, Jr., Richard Dovey and Robert Fenton

Staff: David Reilly, Michael Kent, Glenn Ward and Marie Rogowski

NRCS: Michelle Pedano

MINUTES

After Board review, a motion was made by Robert Fenton and seconded by Richard Dovey to approve minutes from the July 26, 2017 meeting.

FINANCES

A. Treasurer's Report – July 2017

After review of the July 2017 Treasurer's Report a motion was made by Richard Dovey and seconded by Robert Fenton to approve treasurer's report and expenses in the amount of \$44,366.53.

After review of the Plant Materials Center monthly report for July 2017, a motion was made by Richard Dovey and seconded by Robert Fenton to approve report.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plans

1. July 2017 Certifications

A motion was made by Richard Dovey and seconded by Robert Fenton approving all Plan Certifications listed on the July 2017 Application Report.

2. July 2017 Re-Certification

A motion was made by Richard Dovey and seconded by Robert Fenton approving all Plan Re-certifications listed on the July 2017 Application Report.

B. Farmland Program

1. Conservation Agreement

After board review a motion was made by Richard Dovey and seconded by Robert Fenton to approve the following Conservation Agreement:

- a. Gregory Meranshian, Middle Township, 93.36 acres

2. Conservation Plans

After board review a motion was made by Richard Dovey and seconded by Robert Fenton to approve the following Conservation Plans:

- a. Middle Township, 25 acres, Forestry activities
- b. Middle Township, 9 acres, Cover Crop and Pollinator Habitat

C. New Jersey Agricultural Society

A motion was made by Robert Fenton and seconded by Richard Dovey to renew annual membership in the amount of \$50.00 a previously budgeted.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Jack Sworski, Chairman, SJ RC&D

South Jersey RC&D Tour de Farms is scheduled to take place September 9, 2017. Mr. Sworski is requesting financial support. After discussion, a motion was made by Robert Fenton and seconded by Richard Dovey to contribute \$200.00 toward the event.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Education

Glenn Ward

-Cedar Creek High School placed 23rd at the North America Envirothon that took place July 23-29, 2017 in Emmitsburg, MD.

-2018 Envirothon will be held on either May 5th or 12th. Planning committee continues to work on securing a location for the 2018 event.

B. RCPP-NFWF

David Reilly reported that Celia Rodrigues is finishing up Boot Camp and will be returning home at the end of the week.

C. CPMC Seasonal Employees

David Reilly

-Submitted all documentation to extend current agreement. Waiting for paperwork to be approved.

-Funds allocated for current seasonal employees will end September.

-Discussed a candidate that Chris Miller has available to start work in September once agreement extension has been approved.

A motion was made by Richard Dovey and seconded by Robert Fenton to offer position to Glenn Thompson once agreement is signed and in place.

D. Mileage Reimbursement Policy

Tabled until September Meeting

COMMENTS

A. Staff

David Reilly

- August 14th & 15th district auditors were at the office conducting their field portion of the audit.
- Staff doing a great job covering the office while recovering from surgery.

Michael Kent

- Distributed draft copy of Soil Compaction Mitigation Self-Certification Form for review. Discussed form and questions staff has for John Showler.
- Updated board on 251 activity.
- Staff continues to clean up files due to the termination of the Permit Extension Act.

B. Supervisors

Robert Fenton

- Attended Northeast Regional meeting in Vermont. Reported on meetings and Farm to Plate tour attended.

Richard Dovey

- Also attended the Northeast Regional meeting in Vermont. Reported on conference and the challenges conservation districts are facing.

Allen Carter, Jr.

- Commented on NRCS workgroup meeting he attended.
- Reported that Joseph Lomax and Chris Miller met with Assemblyman Andrzejczak and Senator VanDrew to discuss the Plant Materials Center lease.
- Commented on Cape May County 4-H fair that was held July 20-22, 2017.
- Farm Bureau now accepting resolutions. All requests must be submitted by October 6, 2017.

C. NRCS

Michelle Pedano

- Distributed NRCS Monthly Report for review and comments.

D. Public

- Opened meeting to public comment.
- No comments from public.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Richard Dovey and seconded by Robert Fenton to adjourn meeting at 8:59 a.m. The next meeting will be September 27, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. at the District office in Mays Landing, NJ.

Unless otherwise indicated, all actions were taken by unanimous vote of all members present.

Marie Rogowski,
Administrative Assistant