

Cape-Atlantic Conservation District Minutes

July 22, 2015

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Vice Chairman, Daniel Galletta called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. at the District Office in Mays Landing, NJ.

ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Supervisors: Daniel Galletta, Allen Carter, Jr., Joseph Lomax and Robert Fenton

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

NRCS: Nicholas Saumweber

SSCC: John Showler

Supervisor Absent: Richard Dovey

MINUTES

A motion was made by Joseph Lomax and seconded by Robert Fenton to approve minutes from the June 24, 2015 meeting. Allen Carter, Jr. abstained from motion.

FINANCES

A. Treasurer's Report-May 2015

After review of the June 2015 Treasurer's Report a motion was made by Joseph Lomax and seconded by Allen Carter, Jr. to approve Treasurer's Report and Expenses in the amount of \$39,598.77.

After review of the Plant Material Center monthly report for June 2015, a motion was made by Joseph Lomax and seconded by Robert Fenton to approve report.

Chair Passes to Allen Carter, Jr.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plans

1. June 2015 Certifications

A motion was made by Joseph Lomax and seconded by Robert Fenton approving all Plan Certifications listed on the June 2015 Application Report except for applications 215-15, 220-15, 225-15, 231-15, 234-15, 241-15, 245-15 and 250-15.

Daniel Galletta stepped out of meeting so a motion could be made on recused application.

A motion was made by Joseph Lomax and seconded by Robert Fenton to approve application 241-15. Daniel Galletta recused since plans were submitted by current client.

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A motion was made by Daniel Galletta and seconded by Robert Fenton to approve application 215-15, 220-15, 225-15, 231-15, 234-15 and 245-15. Joseph Lomax recused since plans were submitted by past or current clients.

Joseph Lomax and Daniel Galletta stepped out of meeting so a motion could be made on recused application.

A motion was made by Robert Fenton and seconded by Allen Carter, Jr. approving application 250-15. Joseph Lomax and Daniel Galletta recused having a conflict of interest.

Chair passes to Daniel Galletta

B. Intern Computer Workstations

David Reilly distributed estimates for two new intern computer workstations. After discussion a motion was made by Allen Carter, Jr. and seconded by Joseph Lomax to purchase two new computers from The Computer Garage at a total cost of \$835.00. The cost for set-up will fall under the computer consultant category in the budget.

C. Farmland Program (Board Action Required)

A motion was made by Joseph Lomax and seconded by Allen Carter, Jr. to approve the following Conservation Plans;

Conservation Plans

- a. Buena Vista Twp., 30.4 acres - Drip irrigation in blueberries
- b. Hammonton, 25.4 acres - Drip irrigation in blueberries

A motion was made by Allen Carter, Jr. and seconded by Robert Fenton to approve the following Cooperator Agreement;

Cooperator Agreement

- a. Zachary Visconti, Buena Vista Twp. - 10.6 acres
- b. Charles Muzzarelli, Jr., Buena Vista Twp. - 17.6 acres

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Ray Cywinski, NJACD, Carrie Mosley, NRCS-Farm & Ranchland Monitoring

Received letter from Mr. Cywinski and Mrs. Mosley on behalf of NJACD and NRCS looking for districts to partner with NRCS to assist with on-site farm and ranchland monitoring. David Reilly contacted Carrie Mosley to offer assistance and unfortunately the projects located in southern New Jersey area are not in the Cape-Atlantic district and inspections will be performed by the Gloucester and Camden Soil Conservation Districts.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Education

Glenn Ward reported on the following;

- Attended 2015 Envirothon wrap up meeting on July 9, 2015. Envirothon came in under budget. Rich Belcher is looking into holding 2016 Envirothon at Duke Farms.
- Working on District's Fall/Winter Newsletter. Should be ready by late August.

B. Update – New Jersey Conservation District Workgroups.

Daniel Galletta

- Training Committee has not met recently. Will meet with David Reilly to review past training committee work and will schedule a meeting with co-chair Christina LaBianca.

Joseph Lomax

- Policy and Procedures Committee is wrapping up. Working with company to produce document.

David Reilly

- Received request from Frank Minch for copy of district personnel policies.

C. Update – CIG Project

David Reilly reported on the following;

- Staff working hard past few days completing monthly site documentation visits.
- Started monitoring pollinator count and species.

D. Cape May County Agricultural Development Board

David Reilly followed up with letter as discussed during June 24, 2015 meeting and spoke with Barbara Ernst. She has started the process to have David Reilly appointed to Cape May County Agricultural Development Board.

E. NACD Northeast Regional Meeting

As previously discussed, New Jersey will host 2016 NACD Northeast Regional Meeting. David Reilly contacted Seaview Resort in Galloway Township for room rates. Copy of rates were forwarded to board for review. David Reilly also contacted Burlington and Ocean SCD's to co-host event. Ocean SCD responded that they are happy to co-host/sponsor event. David Reilly will work with Daniel Galletta and Joseph Lomax to submit proposal to the NJACD.

F. Regional Conservation Planning Partnership (RCPP)

David Reilly was contacted by National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to participate in farm conservation planning grant. David Reilly reported that he spoke with Rachel Dawson, Michael Laguna and Larry Elsworth regarding the RCPP program. The program would be for five years to fully fund District staff to perform farm conservation planning in the USDA NRCS Vineland field office. This program would not require matching fund from the District and there would be some funds available for project management.

After discussion a motion was made by Allen Carter, Jr. and seconded by Joseph Lomax to proceed with submittal of proposal and budget.

COMMENTS

A. Staff

David Reilly

Discussed NACD 2016 Annual Meeting Attendance & Presentation.

A motion was made by Joseph Lomax and seconded by Allen Carter, Jr. to authorize two supervisors and two staff to attend annual meeting in Reno, NV January 30-February 3, 2016.

A motion was made by Allen Carter, Jr. and seconded by Joseph Lomax to submit a proposal for a breakout session presentation about the Districts national CIG project.

Michael Kent

-Intern Brianna Nagengast completed internship June 30, 2015. She was a great help meeting deadline with H&H data entry.

-Michael Kent and David Reilly will meet with potential interns for the fall semester.

-H&H data entry is complete. Staff met June 30, 2015 deadline.

-Updated board on 251 activities in the District.

-Distributed and commented on 251 Quarterly Report for quarter ending June 30, 2015.

Marie Rogowski

-Thanked Board for salary increase.

B. Supervisors

Robert Fenton

-Updated board and staff on farming activities.

Joseph Lomax

-Sandy Bierbauer working with Native American artifacts in Cape May County.

-Attended NACD Summer Board Meeting in Spokane Washington last week. 42 states and territories were represented. Some key issues were;

- Task force formed to work on new Farm Bill
- Lotus Rule was reviewed
- MOA reviewed for Core Partnerships
- Discussed finances
- Discussed the roll of Districts in conservation planning.
- Two new panels formed; National Panel and District Focus Panel
- Established new task force to deal with public lands and conservation.

-Member of NACD HR Committee

Allen Carter, Jr.

-“Farmland” a movie released discussing farmland practices.

-Discussed new state budget and open space funding.

-Traffic issues at the intersection of Routes 49 & 50 in Upper Township.

-Commented on Cape May County 4H Fair held July 16-18, 2015.

-Cape May County Zoo ranked 13th best zoo in the world and 5th in the U.S.

-Tuckahoe Turf Farm:

- Heavy rain causing issues at farm.
- Turf damage from vehicle trespassing on property. With help from social media, person who caused damage was identified. Also made 6-ABC news.

- Soccer tournaments may proceed on farm. Signed a 3 year agreement.

C. NRCS

Nicholas Saumweber

- Distributed NRCS Monthly Report for review and comments
- Fielding many calls about flooding issues due to heavy rains.
- Employee meeting August 5th & 6th. Office will be closed.

D. SSCC

John Showler

- Met with Rutgers yesterday to design new H&H database. Old site will remain up and running until new site is ready.
- Working with DEP to have District staff do basin maintenance inspections.
- DEP published Stream Encroachment Rules.

E. Public

Opened meeting to public comment.
No comments from public.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Allen Carter, Jr. and seconded by Joseph Lomax to go into Executive Session at 9:45 AM.

The Board reconvened regular meeting at 10:35AM.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Joseph Lomax and seconded by Robert Fenton to adjourn meeting at 10:37A.M. The next meeting will be held August 26, 2015 at 8:00 AM 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