

Cape-Atlantic Conservation District Minutes

July 26, 2017

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chairman, Daniel Galletta called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM at the District office in Mays Landing, NJ.

ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

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

Staff: Michael Kent, Glenn Ward, Marie Rogowski and Celia Rodrigues

NRCS: Michelle Pedano

MINUTES

After Board review, a motion was made by Allen Carter, Jr. and seconded by Joseph Lomax to approve minutes from the June 28, 2017 meeting.

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FINANCES

A. Treasurer's Report – June 2017

After review of the June 2017 Treasurer's Report a motion was made by Joseph Lomax and seconded by Robert Fenton to approve treasurer's report and expenses in the amount of \$59,248.06

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

NEW BUSINESS

A. Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plans 1. June 2017 Certifications

Chair passes to Joseph Lomax

A motion was made by Allen Carter, Jr. and seconded by Robert Fenton to approve application 208-17 listed on the June 2017 Application Report. Daniel Galletta recused having a conflict of interest.

Chair passes back to Daniel Galletta

A motion was made by Joseph Lomax and seconded by Robert Fenton approving all remaining Plan Certifications listed on the June 2017 Application Report except for applications 236-17 and 237-17.

A motion was made by Allen Carter, Jr. and seconded by Robert Fenton to approve applications 236-17 and 237-17. Joseph Lomax recused since plans were submitted by past or current clients.

2. June 2017 Re-Certification

A motion was made by Joseph Lomax and seconded by Robert Fenton approving all Plan Re-certifications listed on the June 2017 Application Report except for application 396-12 and 584-13.

A motion was made by Allen Carter, Jr. and seconded by Robert Fenton to approve applications 396-12 and 584-13. Joseph Lomax recused since plans were submitted by past client.

B. Farmland Program

1. Conservation Plans

After board review and discussion a motion was made by Joseph Lomax and seconded by Allen Carter, Jr. to approve the following Conservation Plans:

- a. Corbin City, 15.4 acres – Horse Pasture Development
- b. Hammonton, 41.3 acres – Drip Irrigation in Blueberries
- c. Galloway Township, 59 acres – Drip Irrigation in Vegetables, High Tunnel System
- d. Buena, 40 acres – Drip Irrigation in Grapes

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Frank Minch, Executive Secretary, SSCC

Daniel Galletta

-Received notice of expiring terms of District Supervisor Members of the State Soil Conservation Committee. Sylvia Kovacs (North) and Anthony DiLodovics (South) will expire December 31, 2017.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Education

Glenn Ward

-Summer-Fall newsletter is complete. Copy can be found on District website.

-Envirothon planning committee is working on securing a location for 2018 event.

B. RCPP-NFWF

Michael Kent reported that Celia Rodrigues has made all travel arrangements and will be attending Boot Camp starting August 7, 2017 in Lincoln NE.

C. CPMPC Seasonal Employees

Michael Kent reported that David Reilly has submitted all the necessary paperwork to Dawn McGuire to extend contract until December 31, 2018.

D. NRCS Local Work Group Meeting

- Nicholas Saumweber will hold local work group meeting Monday August 7th, 2017, 7-9PM at Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Cumberland County. A pre-meeting is scheduled for 9:00AM, August 3rd, at the Vineland office.
- Board discussed Districts role at meeting.
- Michelle Pedano will forward finalized agenda to District.

E. Supervisor Mileage Reimbursement

- After discussion a motion was made by Joseph Lomax and seconded by Allen Carter, Jr. to change reimbursement rate for supervisors from the federal rate as discussed at the June 28, 2017 meeting to the State rate of \$0.31 per mile.
- Joseph Lomax requested a policy be drafted for next meeting.

COMMENTS

A. Staff

Michael Kent

- New soil restoration standards will be in effect December 7, 2017. Staff training is scheduled for August 4, 2017. Training for architects and engineers will be held later in the year.
- Updated board on 251 activity.
- Distributed a copy of FY-17 4th quarter 251 report.
- Staff continues to clean up files due to the termination of the Permit Extension Act.

Celia Rodrigues

- Looking forward to attending Boot Camp August 7th.

B. Supervisors

Robert Fenton

- Commented on the amount of rain in the region. The high volume of rain is not good for most crops.

Joseph Lomax

- Requested year-to-date totals be added to quarterly 251 reports.
- Attended NACD Summer Meeting that took place July 15-18, 2017 in Des Moines, IA. Commented on meetings and tours attended.
- Won a 2 hour Helicopter tour of eastern Iowa. Discussed Ag related issues the state is dealing with.
- Ocean County SCD was awarded a \$50K Urban Agricultural Conservation Initiative grant through NACD and NRCS.
- NACD Annual meeting will take place January 27-31, 2018 in Nashville TN.

Allen Carter, Jr.

- IR4 research team visited farm.
- Commented on International Seed Producers & Sod Growers who visited Tuckahoe Turf Farm. NJ Farm Bureau will visit farm on August 20, 2017, as part of their Northeast Farm Bureau Presidents meeting.
- Commented of Cape May County 4-H fair that was held July 20-22, 2017.
- Wished Celia Rodrigues well at Boot Camp.

Daniel Galletta

- Commented on the State's water supply and management plan. A public comment session was held at Stockton a few weeks ago. Consensus opinion from environmental community is that the report did not address long term issues.

D. NRCS

Michelle Pedano

-Distributed NRCS Monthly Report for review and comments.

E. Public

Opened meeting to public comment.

No comments from public.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Joseph Lomax and seconded by Robert Fenton to adjourn meeting at 9:05 a.m. The next meeting will be August 23, 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