

Cape-Atlantic Conservation District Minutes

May 7, 2014

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Richard Dovey called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. at the District Office in Mays Landing, NJ.

ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Supervisors: Richard Dovey, Joseph Lomax, Daniel Galletta and Allen Carter, Jr.

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

NRCS: Michelle Pedano

Supervisor not in attendance: Arthur Brown

MINUTES

A motion was made by Daniel Galletta and seconded by Allen Carter, Jr. to approve minutes from the April 2, 2014 meeting with a correction to the regular meeting minutes and the executive session minutes to include that the reason for executive session was to review contract issues.

FINANCES

A. Treasurer's Report

After review of the April 2014 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 \$52,906.49. Monthly reports for the PMC and Seed Drill accounts were also included in this motion.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plans

1. April 2014 Certifications/Denial

A motion was made by Joseph Lomax and seconded by Allen Carter, Jr. approving all Plan Certifications listed on the April 2014 Application Report

except for applications 135-14, 142-14, 144-14, 151-14, 152-14, 154-14 and 156-14.

Joseph Lomax stepped out of meeting so a motion could be made on recused applications.

A motion was made by Allen Carter, Jr. and seconded by Daniel Galletta approving applications 135-14, 142-14, 144-14, 151-14, 152-14, 154-14 and 156-14. Joseph Lomax recused since plans were submitted by past or current clients.

B. *Farmland Program (Board Action Required) - NONE*

C. *Atlantic County 4-H Ad*

A motion was made by Allen Carter, Jr. and seconded by Joseph Lomax to purchase half page ad in Atlantic County 4-H Yearbook for \$100.00.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. *Douglas H. Fisher, Secretary of Agricultural*

Secretary Fisher forwarded to the District an original of Governor Chris Christie's proclamation of Soil and Water Stewardship Week April 27-May 4, 2014.

OLD BUSINESS

A. *2014 Nominating Committee*

David Reilly reported that the nominating committee met on April 29, 2014 and re-nominated Joseph Lomax. Documents have been forwarded to SSCC to be approved at next meeting. Committee will meet again when the District has nominees to fill Arthur Brown's seat.

B. *Education*

Glenn Ward reported on the following:

- FAA Earth Day was held on April 24th. The District's display emphasized soil as a nonpoint source pollutant and how to prevent it from happening. Made good contacts from other agencies.
- Cape May County Earth Day was held on April 26th. The District emphasized sustainability and repurposing items. Kids were given the chance to plant sunflowers in paper pots that they made. Our display/table was very well received by visitors.
- Atlantic County Earth Day was held on April 27th. The District's theme/display emphasized backyard sustainability. Visitors were given an in-house made backyard sustainability booklet and either green bean or black-eyed susan seeds. The display was very well attended and generated much interest.

- The Envirothon was held on May 3rd. 33 teams participated with two, Cedar Creek High School team #1 and #2, from Atlantic county. Team #1 placed 6th in the competition.

C. Update – New Jersey Conservation District Workgroups.

David Reilly reported

- Training Committee has not met since last meeting.

Joseph Lomax reported

- Policy and Procedures Sub-committee met at the District on April 28, 2014 to finalize manual before being distributed to Districts for comments.
- Single Family Exemption policy remains at Attorney General’s Office for review and 251 Manual nears completion.
- All work should be completed by late summer.

C. Update – CIG Project

David Reilly reported on the following:

- David Reilly and Michael Kent met with Turf Services Express to visit all job sites. Joseph Lomax met up with group to visit a couple sites in Cape May County.
- Notice to Proceed was issued to Turf Services Express.
- Rate of seed was changed from 2lbs. to 6lbs. per 1,000 linear foot via change order.
- Issues with mulch compost material. Found new supplier, material tested and approved.
- Processed and submitted 2nd quarter report.

COMMENTS

Richard Dovey excused himself from the remainder of the meeting.

Chairs Passes to Daniel Galletta

**A. Staff
David Reilly**

- District has been very busy this spring with all the educational events and the Conservation Innovation Grant. Thanked staff for all their hard work.
- Commented on the interns and how the program was a great success.
- Month of May has been very busy preparing for the installation of the filter socks for Conservation Innovation Grant.

Michael Kent

- Updated Board on 251 projects and applications received.
- Also commented on the interns and how they participated in all recent events held by the District.

Glenn Ward

- Commented on additional educational activities he may be participating in;
 - Project WET Water Festival on May 28th at Alder Ave. Middle School in Egg Harbor Township
 - Nature Fest, Galloway Township Middle School on June 10th
 - October 14, 2014, Boy Scout Camporee, Egg Harbor City

B. Supervisors

Allen Carter, Jr.

- Commented on Young Farmer and Rancher program. Contact Allen Carter, Jr. for information or to submit nominee.

Joseph Lomax

- Updated Board and Staff on the following NACD activities:
 - Assisting with updating employee handbook
 - Part of Natural Resource Policy Group. Working on Endangered Species Act.
 - Summer Board Meeting will be held July 18-20, 2014, Indianapolis, IN.
 - Northeast Regional Meeting will be held August 24-26, 2014, Newport RI.
- State Soil Conservation Committee will hold annual meeting November 16-17, 2014 in the HEP District.
- Thanked staff for all their efforts and hard work.

Daniel Galletta

- Thanked staff for all of their hard work.

C. NRCS

Michelle Pedano

- Distributed and commented on NRCS monthly activity report.
- Ranked all EQIP applications for 2014
- Agricultural Conservation Easements Program (ACEP) application due May 30, 2014.
- NJ CIG Full Proposals due June 30, 2014
- Vineland's new District Conservationist, Nicholas Saumweber will start June 2, 2014.

E. Public

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Allen Carter, Jr. and seconded by Joseph Lomax to adjourn meeting at 10:00 A.M. The next meeting will be held June 4, 2014, 10:00 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