

Cape-Atlantic Conservation District Minutes

November 5, 2014

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chairman, 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, Daniel Galletta, Joseph Lomax and Allen Carter, Jr.

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

SSCC: John Showler

NRCS: Michelle Pedano

Rutgers Coop. Ext.: Jenny Carleo

MINUTES

A motion was made by Daniel Galletta and seconded by Joseph Lomax to approve minutes from the October 8, 2014 meeting.

Robert Fenton arrived at 8:05 a.m. after board action on minutes.

FINANCES

A. Treasurer's Report-October 2014

After review of the October 2014 Treasurer's Report a motion was made by Joseph Lomax and seconded by Daniel Galletta to approve Treasurer's Report and Expenses in the amount of \$38,851.49

After review of the Plant Material Centers monthly report for October 2014, a motion was made by Daniel Galletta and seconded by Joseph Lomax to approve reports.

After review of the Drill account monthly report for October 2014, a motion was made by Daniel Galletta and seconded by Joseph Lomax to approve reports.

B. FY-2014 Audit

Copy of FY-14 Audit was distributed to board. Motion to accept audit tabled until December meeting giving board time to review audit.

It was recommended by auditor that money be put into reserve category 3012 for future vehicle purchase. A motion was made by Daniel Galletta and seconded by Joseph Lomax that \$48,000.00 be placed in category 3012 as a reserve for future vehicle purchase.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plans

1. October 2014 Certifications

A motion was made by Joseph Lomax and seconded by Daniel Galletta approving all Plan Certifications listed on the October 2014 Application Report except for applications 437-14, 468-14, 477-14, 482-14 and 489-14.

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

A motion was made by Daniel Galletta and seconded by Robert Fenton approving applications 437-14, 468-14, 477-14, 482-14 and 489-14. Joseph Lomax recused since plans were submitted by past or current clients.

Allen Carter, Jr. recused from application 467-14 having a conflict of interest.

B. Farmland Program (Board Action Required)

1. Conservation Plans

A motion was made by Joseph Lomax and seconded by Robert Fenton to approve the following Conservation Plan;

- a. Mullica Township, 43.1 acres

CORRESPONDENCE

NONE

OLD BUSINESS

A. Education

Glenn Ward reported on the following:

Will be attending a 2015 Envirothon Planning Committee meeting later this morning. Meeting to be held at Rutgers Extension of Cape May County office.

Along with David Reilly, have been working on the display for the League of Municipalities conference to be held later in November.

B. Update – New Jersey Conservation District Workgroups.

David Reilly reported that the Training Subcommittee along with other work groups will meet on December 9, 2014 to review all work that has taken place.

Joseph Lomax commented on the importance of the meeting scheduled for December 9, 2014 at which time reorganization of subcommittees will take place.

C. Update – CIG Project

David Reilly reported that over the past two weeks staff has finished its final site documentation visit for the year. Over the winter staff will work on organizing photos and entering data into documents created by Intern Stephen Simonetti.

COMMENTS

A. Staff

Michael Kent

-Updated Board on 251 activity.

-Interview scheduled for later today with a student from Stockton College. If all goes well District should have three interns for spring semester.

David Reilly

-Received letter from Barbara Ernst, Director Cape May County Open Space inquiring if a property on Route 50 in Upper Township will need a Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan Certification. After review it was determined that additional information was needed before a determination could be made.

-Received a complaint about runoff at Richland Village in Buena. Inspected site with Michael Kent and saw no indication of soil erosion and sediment control issues related to new construction activity. NJDOT is doing curb and sidewalk improvements.

-Received complaint about Oakcrest Farms in Mullica Township and Hammonton and allegations the farms are being used as a resource extraction site. Met with property owner to inspect sites with Michael Kent. After inspection of sites it was determined that there were no construction or mining activity related to soil erosion and sediment control issues and that land disturbance work was consistent with agricultural practices in preparing fields for blueberry cultivation.

B. Supervisors

Robert Fenton

-Commented on rye seed and its high cost and limited availability. Michelle Pedano noted that NRCS has programs that could provide assistance.

Joseph Lomax

-Commented on annual meeting scheduled for November 24, 2014.

-NACD submitted comments voicing their concerns on the EPA's proposed rule defining "Waters of the U.S." under the Clean Water Act. Final date for all comments is November 14, 2014. Daniel Galletta motioned to adopt a resolution supporting NACD's comments to the EPA. Robert Fenton seconded motion.

-Was asked by NACD to create a document to outline the roll of Districts in natural resource management for resilience because of natural disasters.

Allen Carter, Jr.

-Reported that the Farmland Open Space Act passed on election ballot.

Richard Dovey

-Thanked all supervisors for attending Supervisor Training/State Committee meeting on October 20, 2014.

C. NRCS

Michelle Pedano

-Distributed Cape Atlantic Conservation District NRCS Report for review and comments.

-Commented on 2015 EQIP and AMA application received for Cape May and Atlantic Counties.

-EQIP 2015 round 2 cutoff scheduled for March 20, 2015.

-Updated board with assistance from District on Leipe Farm site in Hamilton Township.

-NRCS program outreach training for partners scheduled for December 3, 2014.

-Cover crop workshops scheduled for November 14, 2014 at Big Flats PMC in Corning, NY.

D. SSCC

John Showler

-Basin database software longer being supported by Microsoft. Looking for new software.

-Soils data now able to be viewed on Google Earth.

E. Rutgers

Jenny Carleo

-Distributed County Agricultural Agent's Report for November 2014 for review.

-Annie's Project New Jersey won Rutgers Cooperative Extension's "Best of the Best-Team Award".

-CMCBPA received grant to work with local farmers, NRCS-PMC and students in the AgriScience program at Cape May Tech.

-Planning for the Atlantic City Vegetable Growers Conference that is scheduled for February 3-5, 2015.

-Applications now being accepted for the 2015 Rutgers Master Gardener Volunteer Training Course.

F. Public

Opened meeting to public comment.

No comments from public.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Joseph Lomax and seconded by Daniel Galletta to adjourn meeting at 9:21 A.M. The next meeting will be held December 3, 2014, 4:00 PM 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