

Cape-Atlantic Conservation District Minutes

October 26, 2022

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AND PUBLIC NOTICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Chairman, Allen Carter, Jr. called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. at the Plant Materials Center in Cape May Court House, NJ.

Chairman, Allen Carter, Jr. stated that in review of the Sunshine Law, Chapter 231 PL 1975 adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by mail to The Press of Atlantic City and Gazettes of Atlantic and Cape May County specifying time and place this meeting is to be held.

FLAG SALUTE

Chairman, Allen Carter, Jr. led the salute to the flag of the United States of America.

ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Supervisors: Allen Carter, Jr., Robert Fenton and Cormac Morrissey

Staff: Michael Kent, Glenn Ward and Chelsea Steffes

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS): Michelle Pedano, Chris Miller

Public: Donna Rothman, Avalon Environmental Commission

MINUTES

A. Minutes of September 28, 2022, Meeting

After Board review, a motion was made by Robert Fenton and seconded by Cormac Morrissey to approve minutes from the September 28, 2022, meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Executive Session Minutes of September 28, 2022, Meeting

After Board review, a motion was made by Robert Fenton and seconded by Cormac Morrissey to approve executive session minutes from the September 28, 2022, meeting. The motion passes unanimously.

FINANCES

A. Treasurers Reports

1. District Financials – September 2022

After Board review and discussion, a motion was made by Cormac Morrissey and seconded by Robert Fenton to approve the District's September 2022 treasurer's

report, balance sheet and expenses in the amount of \$62,439.92. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **PMC Financials – September 2022**

After review of the PMC monthly expense report for September 2022, a motion was made by Cormac Morrissey and seconded by Robert Fenton to approve treasurer’s report, balance sheet and account balance of \$23,532.42. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plans

1. September 2022 Certifications

A motion was made by Cormac Morrissey and seconded by Robert Fenton approving all Plan Certifications listed on the September 2022 Application Report. The motion passed unanimously.

2. September 2022 Re-certifications

A motion was made by Cormac Morrissey and seconded by Robert Fenton approving all applications listed on the September 2022 Re-Certification Application Report. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Farmland Program

1. Conservation Agreement

After Board review and discussion, a motion was made by Robert Fenton and seconded by Cormac Morrissey approving the following Conservation Agreements.

- a. Johnny Boy Blues, LLC – 80 acres, Galloway Twp.
- b. Greg Clark Farms, LLC – 52 acres, Mullica Twp.

The motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OLD BUSINESS

A. Education

Glenn Ward

-No update about Envirothon for next spring but will find out more at NJACD meeting on November 17.

B. Grants

Michael Kent

-Hired Riley Blankenship for NACD Technical Assistance Grant. He starts October 31st, but USDA access is pending.

-Meeting with Julie Hawkins and Maria Collazo to discuss NRCS partnership and opportunities.

C. Meetings

Michael Kent

-New Jersey Association of Conservation Districts will host annual meeting on November 17th at the Freehold District. The cost of attending is \$90 per person. A

motion was made by Cormac Morrissey and seconded by Robert Fenton to approve four staff members and five board members to attend at a total cost of \$810.00. The motion passes unanimously.

-A motion was made by Robert Fenton and seconded by Cormac Morrissey to approve \$600.00 to cover the cost of Michael Kent attending the Coalition for the Delaware River Watershed's 10th annual forum November 3rd-4th in Philadelphia, PA. The motion passes unanimously.

-The NACD annual meeting will be held February 11-15 in New Orleans, LA. All board members plan to attend. District will register everyone for the meeting.

-NRCS hosted a training October 18-20. Many members of district staff and NRCS staff attended. There was good feedback about the training.

-Allen Carter and Michael Kent attended a meeting at the Stockton University Atlantic City campus regarding options for dredge spoils.

COMMENTS

A. Staff

Glenn Ward

-Update on 251 program. District had 75 applications last month.

-Higbee Beach restoration project is slated to begin soon.

Chelsea Steffes

-Continuing to remain busy with field work and plan review. Increased number of larger projects are being submitted to the District.

-Attending various trainings.

Michael Kent

-Update on Ocean First bank and setting up remote deposit.

-Commented on how busy District staff is and thanked them for all their hard work.

B. Supervisors

Cormac Morrissey

-Commented on Partnership for Delaware Estuary annual gala.

-Update on Emergency Flood Hazard Rules.

-Commented on project on Thompson's Beach.

Robert Fenton

-Commented on Partnership for Delaware Estuary annual gala.

-Looking forward to working with staff on Ocean County's aquaculture grant.

Allen Carter, Jr.

-Attending Farm Bureau Meetings in every county.

-Update on special occasion bill and soil protection standards for preserved farms.

-Update on bear and deer issues.

-Update on Farm Bill.

C. USDA-NRCS

Michelle Pedano

-Distributed and commented on NRCS Monthly Activity report.

-Arelis Ortiz selected as NJ NRCS Assistant State Conservation for Field Operations. No start date announced.

-Update on various NRCS programs, their sign-up and cut-off dates.

Chris Miller

-Attending Restore America's Estuary Meeting in New Orleans, LA from December 4-8. Will be a part of two sessions. One will be a presentation about NRCS and estuary and ecosystem restoration. The other will be a panel discussion. The PMC will also have an exhibition highlighting their work.

-Hosting statewide District Soils training October 27 at the PMC with Fred Schoenagel, Resource Soil Scientist with NRCS.

D. Public

Opened meeting to public comment.

Donna Rothman from Avalon Environmental Commission commented on some of her initiatives with the commission.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Allen Carter, Jr. adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m. The next meeting will be November 16, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. at the District Office, Mays Landing, NJ.

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

Chelsea Steffes
Site Inspector