

Cape-Atlantic Conservation District Minutes

September 3, 2014

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, Joseph Lomax and Allen Carter, Jr.

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

NRCS: Nicholas Saumweber

Supervisors Not in Attendance: Richard Dovey, Robert Fenton

MINUTES

A motion was made by Joseph Lomax and seconded by Allen Carter, Jr. to approve minutes from the August 6, 2014 meeting.

FINANCES

A. Treasurer's Report-August 2014

After review of the August 2014 Treasurer's Report a motion was made by Allen Carter, Jr. and seconded by Joseph Lomax to approve Treasurer's Report and Expenses in the amount of \$33,724.80.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plans

1. August 2014 Certifications

A motion was made by Joseph Lomax and seconded by Allen Carter, Jr. approving all Plan Certifications listed on the August 2014 Application Report except for applications 330-14, 332-14, 338-14, 350-14, 356-14, 359-14, 362-14, 367-14 and 369-14.

Chair passes to Allen Carter, Jr.

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 Allen Carter, Jr. approving application 362-14. Daniel Galletta recused having a conflict of interest.

Chair passes back to Daniel Galletta

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

A motion was made by Allen Carter, Jr. and seconded by Daniel Galletta approving applications 330-14, 332-14, 338-14, 350-14, 356-14, 359-14, 367-14 and 369-14. Joseph Lomax recused since plans were submitted by previous employer, past or current clients.

B. *Farmland Program (Board Action Required)*

1. *New Cooperator/Conservation Agreement*

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

- a. Thomas Monfardini-Tirado, Buena Borough, 30 Acres
- b. Robert W. Brown, Jr., Galloway Township, 2.7 Acres

2. *Conservation Plan*

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

- a. Galloway Township, Conservation Cover, 2.7 Acres

C. *U.S. Fish & Wildlife MOA-No till grass drill*

Copy of the current MOA between U.S. Fish and Wildlife and the Cape Atlantic Soil Conservation District was distributed for the Board to review. Discussion tabled until the next meeting giving all Board members time to review agreement.

D. *2014 NJACD Conference*

Conference will be held Monday, November, 24, 2014 at Rutgers Eco-Complex, Columbus, NJ. Copy of Draft Agenda was distributed for review.

A motion was made by Joseph Lomax and seconded by Allen Carter, Jr. to approve registrations for all board members and staff to attend.

E. *NACD Annual Meeting*

NACD Annual meeting will be held Jan. 30-Feb. 4, 2015 in New Orleans. A motion was made by Joseph Lomax and seconded by Allen Carter, Jr. to authorized Board and one staff member to attend.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Noble McNaughton, President, NJ Agricultural Society

District received mailing from NJ Agricultural Society asking for support. After discussion a motion was made by Joseph Lomax and seconded by Allen Carter, Jr. for the District to join as a member.

B. Robert Dobbs, Executive Director, NJACD

Nominations being accepted for the following categories: Outstanding District Supervisor, Outstanding District Administrative Achievement, Outstanding Legislator, Outstanding Developer and Outstanding Professional Conservationist. Nominations must be submitted by October 1, 2014.

After discussion a motion was made by Joseph Lomax and seconded by Allen Carter, Jr. to nominate Priscilla Hayes for Outstanding District Supervisor and Bill Brash as Outstanding Professional Conservationist.

Allen Carter, Jr. excused himself for the remainder of the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Education

Glenn Ward reported on the following:

Attended an Envirothon Planning Committee meeting on August 21, 2014. May 2, 2015 has been set for the 2015 NJ Envirothon. The National Envirothon will be held July 27-August 2, 2015 at Southwest State Missouri University. The winning team from the 2014 NJ Envirothon helped band osprey chicks in Barnegat Bay on July 10, 2014. This was offered since the National Envirothon was cancelled.

Attended a meeting with Rich Belcher, Linda Horner and two other 4-H Foundation board members pitching the idea of having the 2015 NJ Envirothon at the Cape May County 4-H Fairgrounds. The board members were very enthusiastic and supportive of the idea. They will recommend to the rest of the Foundation board members to endorse the use of the facility at their next regular meeting later in September.

B. Update – New Jersey Conservation District Workgroups.

Joseph Lomax updated the Board and Staff on the progress of the Administrative Policy & Procedures Manual, 251 Procedures Manual and Single Family Exemption.

C. Update – CIG Project

-David Reilly reported that in mid August during observation inspections that selective weed removal around each sock area was completed. Germination still minimal.

-Monthly observation inspection will also take place during September and October. Over the winter staff will work on photo journal and documentation sheets.

-Submitted quarterly report to NRCS.

D. District Evergreen Seedling Sale

David Reilly recommended to the Board to postpone the spring seedling sale for a year. The State will again be distributing seedlings to municipalities to be given to residents which hurt our sales this spring. After discussion, Board was in agreement to postpone seedling sale.

COMMENTS

A. Staff

David Reilly

-Commented that during the last State Committee meeting the Committee discussed District's request to receive proper notice of site visits within the District. It was agreed at the SSCC meeting that notification would take place for future visits.

-District was contacted by Christopher Miller, PMC to jointly participate at League of Municipalities in November. After discussion Daniel Galletta and Joseph Lomax fully support the District's participation. Topic will be discussed at October meeting for official action.

-Will be attending Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Demo Day at Pinelands Nursery on September 11, 2014 with Joseph Lomax and Daniel Galletta.

Michael Kent

-Updated Board on Atlantic City Expressway and Garden State Parkway projects.

-New web page is in the process of being redesigned by District staff.

B. Supervisors

Daniel Galletta

-Commented on how Engineers and Architects voiced their pleasure when working with District staff.

Joseph Lomax

-Thanked Board for their support in attending Northeast Regional meeting. Conference was one of the best ever attended. Meetings very good and diversified. 2015 meeting scheduled to be held in Canaan Valley, West Virginia.

-Completed a review of Districts audits with Frank Minch and Charlie Buscaglia. Report to be distributed at annual meeting.

-Discussed grants awarded by NRCS to two organizations in New Jersey.

C. NRCS

Nicholas Saumweber

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

-EQIP 2015 cut-off scheduled for October 17, 2014.

-Seasonal High Tunnel only available under EQUIP-Organic and AMA for 2015.

-Discussed with Board and Staff the possibility of the District holding an outreach workshop to highlight NRCS programs.

E. 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 9:45 A.M. The next meeting will be held October 8, 2014, 8:30 AM at the Rutgers Cooperative Extension office in Cape May Court House.

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

Marie Rogowski,
Administrative Assistant