

FREEHOLD SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Regular Meeting
January 14, 2015

4000 Kozloski Road
Freehold, NJ

I. Call to Order

Chairman Charles Buscaglia called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Present

Absent

Charles Buscaglia

x

Bob Dreyer

x

Don Patterson

x

Roger Gravatt

x

Wayne Van Hise

x

Staff Present: Ines Zimmerman and Christina F. LaBianca

Others Present: Nicole Ciccaglione, Natural Resources Conservation Services
Tim Fekete, State Soil Conservation Committee

IV. Compliance Statement

Christina F. LaBianca confirmed that the Open Public Meetings Act had been satisfied by notifying the Asbury Park Press, the Home News, and Monmouth and Middlesex County Clerks.

V. Approval of Minutes

The Board members reviewed the minutes of the December 17, 2014, regular meeting. Bob Dreyer made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting as presented. Wayne VanHise seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

VI. Treasurer's Report

The Board members reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Bob Dreyer made a motion to approve the Treasurer Report as presented. Wayne VanHise seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote: Mr. VanHise – yes, Mr. Patterson – yes, Mr. Dreyer – yes, and Mr. Buscaglia - yes.

VII. Bills for Payment

The board reviewed the bills for payment for December (in the amount of \$106,925.45, list attached). Bob Dreyer made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Wayne VanHise seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Mr. Dreyer – yes, Mr. Patterson – yes, Mr. VanHise – yes, and Mr. Buscaglia – yes.

VIII. Correspondence

Education Report

January 6, 2015

This Week in Farm Bureau newsletter

IX. Committee Reports

A. Education Committee

1. Outreach:

- *Plants for Pollinators:* A release has gone out in several newspapers and the application will be available on our website. The application deadline is 2/20/15.
- *Trout in the Classroom:* We have not had many reports of massive fish loses over the holiday break. Our tank has about 100 trout. We are planning for the 2015 Trout Release Day at the Forest Resource Education Center that will take place in May.
- *Scholarships:* The 2015 Scholarship applications will be available on our website and a release has gone out to newspapers.
- *Annual Report:* Requests for agency reports went out early this month with a requested deadline of February 13th.

2. NJ Conservation

- *NJ Flower Show:* Staff scheduling for the show will be set this month. The plants are at the Mercer County Community College greenhouse for forcing for the display. The show is February 12-15, 2015 at the NJ Convention Center in Edison.
- *Envirothon:* A planning meeting is set for mid-January. Fundraising continues. The 2015 Envirothon is set for May 2nd at the 4-H fairgrounds in Cape-Atlantic County.
- *Poster Contest:* Holly created the NJ brochure for the 2015 Poster Contest – *Local Heroes: Your Hardworking Pollinators.* The brochure is being printed and will be mailed out to the schools. It will also be posted on our website.

X. District Manager's Report

1. *Permit Extension Act:* The Permit Extension Act of 2008 was amended on December 26, 2014 to extend the permit period again to June 30, 2016.
2. *Grant Update:* There have been five locations identified to do work on in the spring. Plans for these projects are currently in the Mercer County SCD for review. We will soon be going out to bid for contractors. Doug Widman worked on the access agreement for the grant as well. Additional funding will be sought from DEP as needed.
3. *H & H Database:* Problems with the program have come up and we are currently on hold for entering any more information until the problems are resolved. The database is expected to be up and running again in a week or two.

4. *Single Family Interpretation:* Revisions to the single family interpretation have been adopted and a new flow chart has been established to determine exempt status. This determination expands and clarifies the determination factors. It has not been determined yet if there will be a “universal” fee or not for non-exempt projects in this category.
5. *Fee and Fiscal Subcommittee:* The manual has had another draft completed. This draft is currently being circulated for comments and review. Ines also sent a copy to the District’s auditor for comments and review as well.

XII: Old Business

- The equipment surplus was sold on Govdeals.com for \$370.00

XIII: Other Agency Reports

Nicole Ciccaglione, NRCS

- Handed out copies of the FSA’s newsletter and monthly report
- The deadline for NRCS program ranking is 1/31/15
- There is one cooperator’s agreement ready for District signature in Wall on block 772, lot 3. Bob Dreyer made a motion to sign the agreement. Wayne VanHise seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Tim Fekete, SSCC

- Handed out copies of the State Board of Agriculture North Jersey Open Meeting release and NJDA survey on Gypsy moth population

XIII: New Business

1. Bob Dreyer made a motion to approve the attached list of certified plans. Wayne VanHise seconded the motion and the motion passed.
2. Bob Dreyer made a motion to approve the attached list of denied plans. Wayne VanHise seconded the motion and the motion passed.
3. Bob Dreyer made a motion to approve the attached list of authorized stormwater permits. Wayne VanHise seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

XIV: Adjournment

Wayne VanHise made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Don Patterson seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously carried.

The next meeting is Wednesday, February 11th, 2015, at 1:30 pm.

Charles Buscaglia
Chairman

Christina F. LaBianca
Secretary