

FREEHOLD SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Regular Meeting
October 14, 2015

4000 Kozloski Road
Freehold, NJ

I. Call to Order

Chairman Charles Buscaglia called the meeting to order at 7:30 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: Mike Hill and Christina F. LaBianca

Others Present: Nicole Ciccaglione, Natural Resources Conservation Service

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 September 9, 2015, regular meeting. Wayne VanHise made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting as presented. Donald Patterson 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's Report as presented. Wayne VanHise seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote: Mr. Dreyer – yes, Mr. VanHise – yes, Mr. Gravatt – yes, Mr. Patterson – yes, and Mr. Buscaglia – yes.

VII. Bills for Payment

The board reviewed the bills for payment for October (in the amount of \$155,278.16, list attached). Bob Dreyer made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Roger Gravatt seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Mr. Gravatt – yes, Mr. VanHise – yes, Mr. Dreyer – yes, Mr. Patterson – yes, and Mr. Buscaglia – yes.

VIII. Correspondence

Education Report

IX. Committee Reports

A. Education Committee

1. Education Outreach:

- *Marlboro Day:* We provided materials on Forests for People for 350 people for Marlboro Day.
- *Wild Expo:* We had the Soil Tunnel at the NJDEP Wild Outdoor Expo. We provided information on “Local Heroes-Your Hardworking Pollinators”, education programs and the Photo Contest. The attendance was 5,200+.
- *Trout in the Classroom:* The equipment and supplies were delivered and all Letters of Agreement are in. Eggs will be delivered mid-October.
- *Photo Contest:* Entries are coming in. The deadline is October 16th.

2. NJ Conservation

- *Poster Contest:* The theme for the 2016 NJACD Poster Contest is – *We All Need Trees*
- *Envirothon:* The 2016 event will be held at Duke Farms in Somerset County. Holly is creating the Envirothon annual newsletter.
- *Flower Show:* We are planning a meeting this month for the 2016 Flower Show, which will be February 11-14.

X. District Manager’s Report

1. *Audit:*

- The completed audit was disbursed to and reviewed by the board. Bob Dreyer made a motion to accept the Fiscal Year 2015 audit as presented and to forward a copy to the SSCC. Donald Patterson seconded the motion and the motion passed by the following roll call vote: Mr. Dreyer – yes, Mr. Patterson – yes, Mr. Gravatt – yes, Mr. VanHise – yes, and Mr. Buscaglia – yes.

2. *Bid Opening:*

- Only one bid was received for the purchase of the District’s 2008 Escape. After some discussion, it was decided the request for a bid bond would be removed from the bid specifications. Bob Dreyer made a motion to advertise again for new bids and to be returned and opened on Monday, October 26th, 2015 at 10:00 am. Wayne VanHise seconded the motion and the motion was passed by the following roll call vote: Mr. Dreyer – yes, Mr. Gravatt – yes, Mr. Patterson – yes, Mr. VanHise – yes, and Mr. Buscaglia – yes.
- Based on the above decision, Bob Dreyer made a motion to reject the one bid received. Roger Gravatt seconded the motion and the motion was passed by the following roll call vote: Mr. Dreyer – yes, Mr. Gravatt – yes, Mr. Patterson – yes, Mr. VanHise – yes, and Mr. Buscaglia – yes.

3. *NJACD Annual Conference:*

- The NJACD annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 27th at the Rutgers Eco-Complex in Bordentown. Charlie, Ines and a few staff plan to attend. The District has two employees nominated for awards.

XII: Reports from Other Agencies

Nicole Ciccaglione, NRCS

- The sign up deadline for new programs is October 16th
- On October 13th, the NRCS and the *Farmers Against Hunger* organized a gleaning project at Eastmont Orchards in Colts Neck. Eighteen volunteers gathered over 6,000 pounds of produce to be donated to local Open Door and other charities.
- There is one Cooperative Agreement ready for District signature for a project in Howell, on Newtons Corner Road, block 42 for Stanley D. Domin. Roger Gravatt made a motion to sign the agreement. Donald Patterson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- There are three conservation plans ready for District signature.
 - a) For Forestry in Millstone
 - b) For Energy CAP in Monroe
 - c) For Forestry in FarmingdaleRoger Gravatt made a motion to sign all three conservation plans. Donald Patterson seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed.

XII: Old Business

- There was no old business this month

XIII: New Business

1. Bob Dreyer made a motion to approve the attached list of certified Soil Erosion and Sediment Control plans. Donald Patterson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
2. Bob Dreyer made a motion to approve the attached list of denied Soil Erosion and Sediment Control plans. Wayne VanHise seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously 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.
4. NACD Dues discussion: The NACD has changed their dues structure allowing District to choose the level of membership they would like to be. Each category/level has different advantages. The District has decided to stay with the current membership level of Gold for \$775.00 annually.
5. The December board meeting: Due to the board members availability on December 9th, the regularly scheduled date of the seconded Wednesday of the month, the Board has decided to move the December meeting up to December 2nd at 1:30 pm since there is also no November meeting.

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XIV: Adjournment

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 2nd, 2015, at 1:30 pm.

Charles Buscaglia
Chairman

Christina F. LaBianca
Secretary