

FREEHOLD SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Regular Meeting
December 4, 2013

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, NRCS

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 November 13, 2013, regular meeting. Don Patterson made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting as presented. Wayne Van Hise seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

VI. Treasurer's Report

The Board members reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Don Patterson made a motion to approve the Treasurer Report as presented. Wayne Van Hise seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

VII. Bills for Payment

After some discussion, Don Patterson made a motion to adopt a resolution to move funds from categories five and two to category seven to cover insurance premiums due. The motion was seconded by Wayne Van Hise and passed by the following roll call vote: Mr. Patterson – yes, Mr. Van Hise – yes, and Mr. Buscaglia – yes.

The list of bills for payment was reviewed by the Committee of Purchase. Don Patterson made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Wayne Van Hise seconded the motion and the passed by the following roll call vote: Mr. Van Hise – yes, Mr. Patterson – yes and Mr. Buscaglia – yes.

VIII. Correspondence

Education Report

IX. Committee Reports

Education Committee

1. Education Outreach:

- *Trout in the Classroom:* We have twenty schools in the program this year. The trout have hatched and are doing well. We have received reimbursement for the lost equipment from the Lady of Mt. Carmel School in Asbury Park.
- *Photo Contest:* The winners have been selected and will receive \$200 for first, \$100 for second and \$75 for third. The winners are: 1st is Brett Klaproth of Parlin with “Piping Plover Click”, 2nd is Jess Naylor of Deptford with “Fourth of July Fireworks” and 3rd is Jerica Biggs of Freehold with “Sunset Among History”
- *Plants for Pollinators:* The PPIC teacher application will be posted online and a press release will be sent out for available kits. The application deadline is January 31, 2014.
- *Annual Report:* Requests for agency reports will go out this month.

2. NJ Conservation Partnership

- *Poster Contest:* The contest brochures will be printed for the contest, themed “Dig Deeper: Mysteries in the Soil,” which will be mailed out to schools. It is already posted on our website.
- *Envirothon:* Fundraising has begun for the event. The 2014 event will take place at the School of Conservation in Sandyston and will be hosted by the Sussex SCD. Holly is editing the newsletter.
- *Flower Show:* The planning committee will meet again this month. Our garden theme for the 2014 Flower Show is “The Dust Bowl.” The show this is “America Blooms.” Show dates are February 13-16, 2014.

X. District Manager’s Report

Fee Schedule Update:

- The new fee schedule is on the December 9th SSSC meeting agenda. If/when it is approved, it will take effect on January 1, 2014.

XI: *Old Business*

NACD meeting in Anaheim, CA

- Tim Thomas spoke to the board about attending the conference on behalf of the Northeast Employees’ Association, in which he is the current president. Don Patterson made a motion to send Tim Thomas to the NACD conference. Wayne Van Hise seconded the motion and the motion was passed by the following roll call vote: Mr. Patterson – yes, Mr. Van Hise – yes, and Mr. Buscaglia – yes.

XII: New Business

1. Wayne Van Hise made a motion to approve the attached list of certified plans. Don Patterson seconded the motion and the motion passed.
2. There were no denied plans.
3. Wayne Van Hise made a motion to approve the attached list of authorized stormwater permits. Don Patterson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

XIII: Reports from other agencies represented

Nicole Ciccaglione, NRCS

- A lot of applications have been received for EQIP and AMA
- The screening deadline is 12/16/13
- The final ranking is due by 2/14/14

XIV: Adjournment

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

The next meeting is Wednesday, January 8, 2014, at 1:30 pm

Charles Buscaglia
Chairman

Christina F. LaBianca
Secretary