

FREEHOLD SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Regular Meeting
May 14, 2014

4000 Kozloski Road
Freehold, NJ

I. Call to Order

Vice-Chairman Bob Dreyer 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 VanHise

x

Staff Present: Ines Zimmerman and Christina F. LaBianca

Others Present: none

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 April 9, 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

(Read by Wayne VanHise). The Board members reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Bob Dreyer made a motion to approve the Treasurer Report as presented. Roger Gravatt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Bills for Payment

As discussed at the previous meeting, the Board agreed to pay part of the NJACD dues until we could clarify the total due. At the annual NJACD meeting it was determined that the NJACD dues were indeed \$750 (up from \$500 last year). Roger Gravatt made a motion to pay the full dues amount. Wayne VanHise seconded the motion and the motion was passed by the following roll call vote: Mr. Gravatt – yes, Mr. VanHise – yes, Mr. Dreyer – no, for this year and in the future if there an executive director position with salary expenses inconsistent with income, and Mr. Buscaglia – yes.

After some discussion, Bob Dreyer made a motion to adopt a resolution to move funds from category six to category eleven to cover the new server costs. The motion was seconded by Roger Gravatt and passed by the following roll call vote: Mr. Gravatt – yes, Mr. VanHise – yes, Mr. Dreyer – yes, and Mr. Buscaglia – yes.

The list of bills for payment was reviewed. Bob Dreyer made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Roger Gravatt seconded the motion and the passed by the following roll call vote: Mr. Dreyer – yes, Mr. VanHise – yes, Mr. Gravatt – yes, and Mr. Buscaglia – yes.

VIII. Correspondence

Education Report

April 16, 2014

Obituary for Kent A. Ringo

Application for Public Official Indemnity Agreement

IX. Committee Reports

Education Committee

1. Education Outreach:

- *Trout in the Classroom:* Trout release day is May 21st. It will be held at the Jackson Forest Resource Education Center (FREC) again this year. A press release has gone out to local media.
- *Scholarships:* We received thirteen scholarship applications.
- *Annual Report:* Is under review and will be to the printer this month.
- *Enviroscape:* The Holmdel Environmental Commission borrowed the Enviroscape for their Earth Day event.
- *Pollinators in the Classroom:* Equipment for the PIC program has been delivered to each of the seven new schools. Potted plants will go out to the schools this month to jump start their pollinator gardens.
- *County Fairs:* Applications have been submitted for spaces at both Monmouth and Middlesex County Fairs.
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2. NJ Conservation Partnership

- *Envirothon:* 36 teams are registered. Holly worked the Central Envirothon Team Training held at the FREC for 50 students and advisors. The event is on May 3rd at the School of Conservation in Sussex County.
- *Rutgers Day:* Thousands of people went through the Soil Tunnel at Rutgers Day and we distributed Pollinator materials, “Dig Deeper: Mysteries in the Soil” booklets and flower seed packets.
- *NJ Conservation Poster Contest:* District winners were selected and 1st place entries will be sent to Trenton for the State level competition. Three of our winners placed at the state level. An award ceremony will take place in Trenton.

Nominating Committee

- The re-nomination forms were sent to the SSCC office and will be discussed and approved at their June meeting.

Scholarship Committee

- Packets with the 13 applications will be sent out to the committee for review later this month.

X. District Manager's Report

1. Manalapan Brook Signage

- A sample "mock up" of the sign was presented for review. After much discussion, it was determined that there is far too much information on the sign itself. Perhaps a simple sign with a summary of the project and all the partners listed and a pocket for brochures for those that wish to learn more about the project.
- No decision was reached at this time regarding funding for the signs.

2. Fiscal year 2015 budget

- The larger items were discussed, such as new computers and a new vehicle.
- The actual budget will be mailed to the Administrative Committee for review and a conference call will be made on May 22nd to discuss the budget as a whole to be presented at the June meeting for approval.

XI: *Reports from other agencies represented*

- There were no other agencies present at this meeting

XII: *Old Business*

There was no old business to discuss at this time

XIII: *New Business*

1. Bob Dreyer made a motion to approve the attached list of certified plans. Roger Gravatt seconded the motion and the motion passed.
2. There were no denied plans.
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*

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

The next meeting is Wednesday, June 11, 2014, at 7:30 pm

Charles Buscaglia
Chairman

Christina F. LaBianca
Secretary