

FREEHOLD SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Regular Meeting
October 12, 2016

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 (road closed)

Wayne Van Hise

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 September 14, 2016, regular meeting. Bob Dreyer 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 Report as presented. Donald Patterson seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote: Mr. Dreyer – 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 \$148,553.37, list attached). Bob Dreyer made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Donald Patterson seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Mr. Patterson – yes, Mr. Dreyer – yes, and Mr. Buscaglia – yes.

VIII. Reports from other agencies represented

None

IX. Correspondence

Education Report

X. Committee Reports

A. Education Committee

1. Education Outreach:

- *Marlboro Day:* We provided materials for 400 people for Marlboro Day on “We All Need Trees.”
- *Wild Expo:* We had the Soil Tunnel at the NJDEP Wild Outdoor Expo. We provided information on “We All Need Trees.” Education programs and the Photo Contest. The attendance was 5,000+.
- *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 19th.
- *Enviroscape:* The Enviroscape was used for Neptune Day by Bill Sciarappa. It was well received by the public.

2. NJ Conservation

- *Poster Contest:* The theme for the 2017 Poster Contest – “Healthy Soils Are Full of Life.”
- *Envirothon:* The 2017 event will be held in Morris or Warren County. Holly is creating the Envirothon annual newsletter.
- *Flower Show:* We are planning a meeting this month for the 2017 Flower Show, which will be February 23-26.

XI. District Manager’s Report

1. Audit

- Our part of the audit is complete. The auditor is waiting on some information from other parties and should have the completed audit to us for the November meeting.

2. Plan Review

- Plan review is up 22% over this time last year and general compliance has been good as well.

3. Buck Mining

- Doug Widman is involved as well as their attorney to create a consent order. Renewal fees are due to the District as well as attorney fees. The total due is now over \$8,000

4. Driscoll Bridge area dust problem

- Sayreville has not been enforcing the erosion control measures well. Inspections of all Sayreville projects were recently done. Overall, the municipality is failing in more than one area of enforcement on several sites.

5. Conservation Innovative Grant Inventory

- Ines met with Nicole and Laura from NRCS as well as Bill Brash to go over the multiple applications received for assistance.
- Each will be reviewed and a determination of what projects to begin with will be made.

6. Manalapan Brook Grant

- The shoreline stabilization project has been completed.
- Down to Earth did a good job and did it quickly.
- Monroe asked them to include a path to the water for the fishermen, since they would make their own if there was not a clear one; therefore, one was put in.

Bob Dreyer made a motion to accept and file the District Manager's report as presented. Donald Patterson seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed.

XII: Old Business

- There was no old business to discuss this month.

XIII: New Business

1. Bob Dreyer made a motion to approve the attached list for October of certified Soil Erosion and Sediment Control plans. Donald Patterson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
2. There were no denied plans.
3. The Board has acknowledged the list of Authorizations to Discharge permits granted by the NJ DEP.
4. The new signature cards for the two new Certificates of Deposit were signed by the Board members in attendance. Copies will be made for the other two members to sign next month and the originals will be sent back to Freehold Savings Bank.

XIV: Adjournment

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 9, 2016, at 7:30 pm.

Charles Buscaglia
Chairman

Christina F. LaBianca
Secretary