

FREEHOLD SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Regular Meeting
December 13, 2017

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: 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 November 8, 2017, regular meeting. Bob Dreyer made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting as presented. Roger Gravatt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Treasurer's Report

The Board members reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Robert 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. Dreyer – yes, Mr. Patterson – yes, Mr. Gravatt – yes, Mr. VanHise-yes and

Mr. Buscaglia – yes.

VII. Bills for Payment

The board reviewed the bills for payment for December (in the amount of \$180,194.46, list attached). Robert 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. Gravatt – yes, Mr. Dreyer – yes, Mr. Patterson – yes, Mr. VanHise – yes and Mr. Buscaglia – yes.

VIII. Correspondence

Education Report

- November 3, 2017 Copy of letter to Doug Widman regarding FSCD vs. Buck Mining & Materials, Inc. The applicant is aware of what needs to be done, but not all items are being addressed. The District has given them many options/remedies, they applicant just needs to execute them.
- November 27, 2017 Copy of Notice of Violation from NJDEP to Ralph Mocci for project in Woodbridge when an area was cleared that did not technically belong to him yet.
- December 4, 2017 NJ Agricultural Society annual campaign donation request.
- December 6, 2017 Thank you letters to Christina LaBianca, Andrea Farparan, Timothy Thomas, and Paul Califano from John Showler for their assistance with the two training session held in our building in November.

IX. Committee Reports

A. Education Committee

1. Education Outreach:

- *Trout in the Classroom:* We have 23 schools in the program this year. The rainbow trout have hatched and are doing well.
- *Photo Contest:* The winners have been selected which will receive \$200 for 1st, \$100 for 2nd and \$75 for 3rd places.
 - 1st – Warren Oley, Matawan, “Great Egret”
 - 2nd – Raymond Salani III, Tinton Falls, “Fall Moon Rises”
 - 3rd – Patrick Rowland, South Amboy, “Erosion-Fighting Beach Grass”
- *Plants for Pollinators:* The PPIC teacher application will be posted inline and a press release will be sent out for available kits. The application deadline is January 31, 2018.
- *Annual Report:* Requests for agency reports will go out this month.

2. NJ Conservation Partnership

- *Poster Contest:* The contest brochures have been printed for the contest *Watersheds: Our Water, Our Home*. These will be mailed out to schools. It is also posted on our website.
- *Envirothon:* Fundraising has begun for the event. The 2018 event for Camp Grice in Elmer, NJ, hosted by the Cumberland-Salem SCD. Holly is editing the newsletter.

- *Flower Show:* The planning committee will meet again this month. The 2018 Flower Show theme is “Magic Moments.” Our garden theme will be “WALL-E: Changing Trash into and Urban Garden.” Show dates are February 22nd-25th.

X. *District Manager’s Report*

1. Rule Change

The new rules concern Soil Restoration and Soil Compaction on construction sites. Measures need to be on the plan delineating the area of deep till and top soil.

2. Near Maps

Ines has continued her discussion regarding the pricing of the Near Maps program. With a subscription, the District would have access to quarterly fly overs. It has measuring tools to calculate land disturbance. Bob Dreyer made a motion to sign a calendar year contract for one year, starting in January 2018 not to exceed \$6,800.00 for this period and will readdress renewal later in the year. Donald Patterson seconded the motion and the motion was passed by the following roll call vote: Mr. Dreyer – yes, Mr. Patterson – yes, Mr. Gravatt – yes, Mr. VanHise – yes, and Mr. Buscaglia – yes.

3. Staffing

Donna Cramer resigned as of November 28, 2017. After discussion, it was decided that we would move Andrea Farparan into the Application Processor position and advertise for a clerical/secretary position to start in February.

4. Grant for Technical Assistance

Ines sat in on a phone call discussing a training fund idea with NACD. The grant would be used to train a District employee as an assistant to draft conservation plans. The District will continue to train Courtney as classes are available and not pursue grant assistance at this time.

5. Doug Widman

Doug has closed his practice. He will be joining Davison, Eastman, Munoz, Lederman & Paone P.A. in Freehold and taking the District account files with him to the new firm as well. His partner, Joseph Clooney, is retiring and he feels this is a good time to work with a new firm.

6. Impromptu Field Inspections

Ines and Paul had an impromptu day of inspection throughout his field route. This revealed the challenges in his area and how he is functioning as an inspector.

XI. *Old Business*

There was no old business to discuss at this time.

XII: New Business

1. Bob Dreyer made a motion to approve the attached list for certified Soil Erosion and Sediment Control plans. Wayne VanHise seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
2. There were no denied plans this month.
3. The Board acknowledged the list of Authorizations to Discharge permits granted by the NJ DEP.

XIII: Reports from other agencies represented

None

XIV: Adjournment

Wayne VanHise made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:10 pm. Roger Gravatt seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 10, 2018, at 1:30 pm.

Charles Buscaglia
Chairman

Christina F. LaBianca
Secretary