

OCEAN COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
714 LACEY ROAD, FORKED RIVER, NJ 08731
July 21, 2016 – FY 17

MINUTES

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order by Dr. William Pollock at 8:00am. Dr. William Pollock confirmed that announcements for the meeting were made pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act and forwarded to the Asbury Park Press, The Press of Atlantic City, and the Ocean County Clerk.
Present were Supervisors: Dr. William Pollock, Tony DiLodovico, Dr. Michael Gross & Charlene Costaris
Absent: Martha Maxwell-Doyle
Others: Christine Raabe, District Director, Lynne Tafaro, Bookkeeper, Chuck Collins, Resource Conservationist, from Ocean County Soil Conservation District (OCSCD); Nicole Ciccaglione and Bianca Diaz from Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
- II. FLAG SALUTE** – Dr. William Pollock led the salute to the flag of the United States of America.
- III. AGENDA** – Motion to approve the Agenda for today’s meeting. Motion made by Tony DiLodovico and seconded by Dr. Michael Gross. Roll call vote: unanimous.
- IV. MINUTES** – The May 19, 2016 Minutes were approved on a motion by Charlene Costaris and seconded by Tony DiLodovico. Roll call vote: unanimous
- V. REPORTS TO BOARD** – Nicole Ciccaglione, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
- A. Introduced new Soil Conservationist, Bianca Diaz, who can attend meetings in Nicole’s absence.
 - B. Moving ahead with 2016 funding: Equine Initiative Outreach Meeting – 20 sign ups; approved more EQUIP – two require certification: a forestry cap (#8) and RCCP Funds needs additional funding for irrigation and cover crop (#11); trying to wrap up 2016 before starting 2017 projects
 - C. Tony DiLodovico asked if he needed to recuse himself for plan #9 that they are still working on, but that won’t be necessary; Charlene Costaris had some general questions about plan #8 and #4 (aqua-culture farmer who chose not to move forward with plan at this time)
 - D. Motion to approve the Reports for today’s meeting. Motion made by Charlene Costaris and seconded by Dr. Michael Gross.
- VI. CORRESPONDENCE** –
- A. OCSCD received a thank you from Frank Minch, Executive Secretary, State Soil Conservation Committee (SSCC) New Jersey Department of Agriculture (NJDA) to William Slack, Chairman of the Nominating Committee dated 6/17/2016.
 - B. Received from Frank Minch, Executive Secretary, SSCC, NJDA, a Notice of Expiring Terms, District Supervisors members of the SSCC dated 6/15/16 regarding Tony DiLodovico which will be expiring next year, 2017.
 - C. District Manager meeting – Hudson, Essex, Passaic Soil District (HEP) on 7/20/2016 attended by Christine Raabe; meeting was attended by a labor attorney that reviewed labor law changes starting in December; OCSCD has already anticipated these changes. Discussion of H&H Database found 1500 basins with inaccurate or missing info, about 1200 of which are ours. RFAs are not to be destroyed, and Frank Minch is trying to gather all RFAs from all districts; this will require going through county archive records.
- VII. TREASURY REPORT**- The monthly report for May 2016 showed total holdings of \$3,633,293.34 and June 2016 showed total holdings of \$3,688,885.62.
A motion to accept the report was made by Dr. Michael Gross and seconded by Tony DiLodovico. Roll call vote: unanimous.
- VIII. BILLS AND CLAIMS** –May 2016 Chapter 251 disbursements were \$92648.22, General account disbursements were \$164.00. Chapter 251 June 2016 disbursements were \$83,571.12. General account disbursements were \$1779.30.
A motion to accept the report was made by Tony DiLodovico and seconded by Dr. Michael Gross. Roll call vote: unanimous.
- IX. STANDING COMMITTEES** –
- A. OCSCD Education Quarterly Report-prepared by Becky Laboy, Education Outreach Specialist, Christine Raabe distributed the report. Becky has completed 7 outreach programs since the last meeting and has several more scheduled for the remainder of the year. Becky created “Wildlife Written Test” for Environthon on May 14th as well as implemented the Wildlife Station with Holly Reynolds of the Freehold Soil District; 36 teams registered. “Trout in the Classroom” at the FREC on May 18th had 150 students attending. Becky co-led a Rain Barrel Workshop with Shari Kondrup of BTMUA at the Brick Reservoir, 25 participants with another 25 on a wait list. “Worms: Heroes of the Earth” and “Soil Exploration and Discovery” children programs were presented at BioBlitz at Ocean County Park, Lakewood on May 27 & 28, attended by 25. Becky provided a display at the June 5th Barnegat Bay Festival. On June 11th as part of the OceanFirst monthly education program, Becky and Dr. Stephanie Murphy presented “The Chemistry of Soil – a Primer for the Home Gardener”. And June 12th was the Ocean County Park Open House.
 - B. Grant Projects: OceanFirst From Lawn to Garden – Going Green, Saving Green: installation of 3 native/Jersey-friendly plant gardens at OceanFirst Bank Leesville (June 14th), Adamston (July 14) and Toms River branches (July 25th), with the help of Eileen Miller, volunteer Rita Varnecke and her son Pierce. The providing gardens are immediate impact and interest; looking to rotate our soil display in OceanFirst branches. Submitted a grant for Jersey Friendly Yards in the Metedeconk River Watershed, waiting to hear from DEP 319h.
 - C. SHIP Gardens at Jakes Branch provide monthly walking tours and the NENACD Conference Tour on August 14th. Assistance with weeding and education programs provided by Lindsey VanZile and Rite Vernecke.
 - D. Website – continued to be updated and organized.

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X. REPORTS OF SPECIAL (AD HOC) COMMITTEES – None.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

XII. CHAPTER 251 –

- A. The Board moved to approve the Chapter 251 certified plans. Motion to approve made by Dr. Michael Gross and seconded by Charlene Costaris, Roll call vote: Tony DiLodovico wishes to recuse himself from plan #17812 the Oaks at Jackson and #14981 Diocese of Trenton.
- B. Quarterly Report for the fourth quarter of FY16 for information purposes
- C. Permit Extension Act Update – 9 counties impacted by Superstorm Sandy have an additional year extension. OCSCD is processing extension requests with an additional year. If applicant requests their money refunded we have to comply with request.
- D. SCD#15345 Barnegat Holding – Site Plan Block 87, Lot 2 & 3 Stop Work Order – unstabilized pile by Wawa off Parkway exit ramp
- E. Kerry Jennings, Assistant District Manager – Chapter 251 Update – Christine discussed the Heritage Minerals plan of 132 acres to be capped, originally processed as a site plan, however revised to process as some parts mining as a compromise due to the size of the project and enormity of the cost. The site is planned to be developed, but due to the nature of the scope of such a project and the environmental concerns it presents, there is much opposition and no formal plans at this time. District received input & advice from John Showler, NJDA.

XIII. OLD BUSINESS –

- A. National Association of Conservation District (NACD) Northeast Regional Conference 8/14-8/17/16, -Seaview Hotel & Golf Club, Galloway Township. 101 attendees with more anticipated as conference gets closer. OCSCD will be providing gift bags to all attendees with our logo for \$5,000 sponsorship.
- B. GPS units in vehicles report – system and reports are up and running, working well
- C. Grant submitted to NACD – Urban Agriculture - planned for Lakewood. Highly competitive – National was awarded to HEP District. Application received tremendous support from Lakewood, Georgian Court, so other grants for these plans will be sought.
- D. American Littoral Society (ALS) Grant update – with Eileen Miller, Soil Health Specialist & OCSCD Contractor, video is being made for public works, Brick Municipal Utility Authority and engineers workshop. Grant will be closing in October 5, 2016.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS –

- A. Approval of Staff (7 technical staff & Education Outreach Specialist) to attend NENACD conference. Motion to approve Dr. Michael Gross, seconded Tony DiLodovico. Roll call vote: unanimous.
- B. Building Maintenance – power washing & painting of building – two quotes received: Company A offered an itemized breakdown for \$7700 and Company B offered a basic description for \$5800. Motion to approve itemized quote: Tony DiLodovico, seconded Dr. Michael Gross. Roll call vote: Charlene Costaris abstained.
- C. Cell Phone for District Director – Christine has been using personal cell phone for District business. Supervisors asked if she was being reimbursed, which she is not, so they asked her to look into plan options for the next meeting.
- D. Jean Baluski attended a stormwater conference in Maryland for continuing education credits
- E. Staff Re-route and Territories – still under discussion

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Motion to go into executive session at 9:05 AM made by Tony DiLodovico and seconded by Dr. Michael Gross. Roll call vote: unanimous.

XVII. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT DISTRICT MEETING – 9/15/16

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 A.M. Move for adjournment made by Tony DiLodovico and seconded by Dr. Michael Gross. Roll call vote: unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine R. Raabe,
District Director

CRR: lt

Michael Gross, Secretary