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Nominating Committee Meeting Minutes- June 1, 2022

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, CIO:4 -18, and because it is necessary to fill three vacancies on the Board of Supervisors of the Ocean County Soil Conservation District, a nominating committee meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, June 1, 2022, at 12:15 p.m. This announcement was forwarded to the Asbury Park Press, The Press of Atlantic City and the Ocean County Clerk. Meeting to be held remotely via WebEx (<http://www.webex.com>). Meeting number: 2633 646 0305 Password: MSkwSVCw743
Additional information can be found at www.soildistrict.org

In attendance via teleconference: Christine Raabe, Director OCSCD, Anthony DiLodovico, Committee Chairman, William Slack, Britta Forsberg, Angela Andersen, Karen Walzer, Mark Villinger, Chris Claus, John Wnek and Christine Raabe, Director (OCSCD) and Christina Mooney, Office Manager (OCSCD) for clerical and administrative support.

- I. Call to Order – Mr. Anthony DiLodovico called to order at 12:17p.
- II. Compliance with Open Public Meeting Act. – Mr. DiLodovico read the OPRA notice (above).
- III. Review of Nominating Committee Procedures. – Mr. DiLodovico welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the attendees for their participation. Mr. DiLodovico asked attendees to introduce themselves.
 1. Tony DiLodovico – Previous OCSCD Supervisor 20+ year & Central NJ SCD Representative on SSCC, currently President, Tony D Environmental Permitting, LLC & OCSCD Emeritus Supervisor
 2. Mr. William Slack shared that he is retired from OCSCD.
 3. Mr. Mark Villinger was experiencing audio problems. Christine Raabe introduced Mr. Villinger as the Supervising Ocean County Planner and coordinates the Open Space program and OC Agriculture Development Board.
 4. Ms. Angela Contillo-Andersen stated she is the Sustainability Director for Long Beach Township. Ms. Andersen also shared she is the Long Beach Township Field Station manager.
 5. Ms. Britta Forsberg shared that she is the Executive Director of Save Barnegat Bay.
 6. Mr. Chris Claus is the Chief Park Naturalist for Ocean County Parks.
 7. Ms. Karen Walzer is the Public Outreach Coordinator for Barnegat Bay Partnership.

Mr. DiLodovico read the procedures and requirements of the nominating committee from Policy 2017-1.10 of the State Soil Conservation Committee (SSCC).

Committee Member # 8. John Wnek Joined the meeting via phone. Currently the Director of OCVTS/MATES (Marine Academy of Technology and Environmental Science)

- IV. Review of Submitted Candidates – Mr. DiLodovico stated there are four candidates for three vacate positions. He recommended the committee review all candidates to decide if they are qualified and eligible. After review, the committee can rank the candidates. Mr. DiLodovico asked Ms. Mooney to share her screen on WebEx to show the resume of each candidate. (which had also previously been emailed to each committee member.) The first candidate was Angel Camilo, DVM. Mr. Camilo is a lecturer of Biology at Ocean County College. The next candidate, Gary Paxton. Mr. Paxton is a STEM (Science, Technology, Environmental and Mathematics) teacher with Brick Township Board of Education. Mr. Wnek shared Mr. Paxton is hands- on with his students. Candidate number three is Linda Brennen. Ms. Brennen is a retired Environmental and Sustainability Planner who previously worked for Monmouth County Division of Planning. Mr. DiLodovico stated he highly recommends Ms. Brennen. The last candidate is Mr. Ray Bukowski. Mr. Bukowski is currently the Director of Environmental Strategy and Project Compliance with New Jersey Natural Gas. Ms. Forsberg shared she knows Mr. Bukowski well and he has a many good statewide connections and an impressive career with NJDEP.

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Mr. Slack stated that all candidates are very well qualified.

V. Public comments – No public was present.

VI. Vote on Nominees for consideration by State Soil Conservation Committee – Mr. DiLodovico stated the committee needs to vote on the candidates to send three recommendations to the State committee to fill the OCSCD Board vacancies. Ms. Andersen recommended committee members email their ranking of the candidates to Ms. Raabe. Mr. Villinger said while all candidates are well qualified, he would note that when considering geographic representation three of the candidates are Brick residents. Ms. Andersen asked about additional candidates who may also be interested even though the committee voting today. Mr. Wnek and Mr. Slack said the committee should continue to receive applicants because it would not hurt to have a running list of interested people. Mr. DiLodovico stated there will be a waiting list. Ms. Raabe noted that there is an opportunity for interested parties to serve on committees or assist with the roundtable. She also noted that the Public Notice posted on the OCSCD website regarding nominations does say applications are due July 1st. Also, it was noted that the SSCC may not approve the Nominating Committee's nominees but that they need to be sent in for consideration in a ranked /preference order.

Mr. DiLodovico asked each member to rank the four candidates and email the ranking to Ms. Raabe. Each candidate will be assigned a point value (1-4) and the candidate with the lowest points will be the top candidate. Using the committee's rankings, Ms. Raabe stated the top three candidates were:

1. Mr. Bukowski, 2. Ms. Brennen, and 3. Mr. Paxton. Mr. Camilo was the fourth candidate overall in the ranking.(see attached Tally Sheet)

Mr. DiLodovico asked whether the committee should consider that all three top candidates are from Brick. Discussion ensued. Mr. Slack stated he doesn't think it makes a difference. Ms. Forsberg said she understands the point of not wanting all candidates to reside in the same municipality, but each candidate has such distinct qualities and strengths they would bring to the group. She feels this outweighs the geographical concerns. Ms. Forsberg also stated it is unfortunate that there isn't a spot for Mr. Camilo. Mr. DiLodovico suggested that the committee submit all four candidates to the SSCC so there is an alternative but is open to suggestions. Mr. Slack said it makes sense to send an alternate. The committee agreed. Ms. Walzer stated that Mr. Camilo being on the board would add diversity. She also mentioned Mr. Camilo has helped the BBP with several projects. Ms. Forsberg stated Mr. Camilo would be an asset to the board and he is bilingual. She agrees having Mr. Camilo as an alternate is a good idea.

Ms. Forsberg made a motion to approve sending Ms. Brennan, Mr. Bukowski, and Mr. Paxton to the SSCC as nominees with Mr. Camilo to be considered as an alternate*. Mr. Slack seconded. Roll call vote was unanimous.

* Christine &/or Mr. DiLodovico will investigate the possible designation of an alternate supervisor for Mr. Camilo and/or other opportunities for engaging interested candidates with the District.

Mr. DiLodovico thanked everyone for their time and input and said that he will send meeting minutes to the committee. Christine Raabe also thanked all the participants for their input and continued support of the District.

VII. Adjournment – Mr. DiLodovico adjourned the meeting at 12:50pm.

**Ocean County Soil Conservation District
Nominating Committee Votes – 6/1/2022**

From: Britta Forsberg
<britta@savebarnegatbay.org> **Subject: Re: OCSCD
Nominating Committee Action Request**
Date: June 1, 2022 at 12:33:09 PM EDT
To: Tony DiLodovico <tonydep.llc@gmail.com>

1. Ray Bukowski
2. Linda Brennan
3. Gary Paxton
4. Angel Camillo

From: Karen Walzer <kwalzer@ocean.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 12:34 PM
Subject: RE: [EXT]: RE: OCSCD Nominating Committee
Action Request

- 1 Ray
- 2 Linda
- 3 Angel
- 4 Gary

From: Wnek, John <JWnek@mail.ocvts.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 12:34 PM
To: Tony DiLodovico <tonydep.llc@gmail.com>
Subject: [EXT]: RE: OCSCD Nominating Committee
Action Request

1. Ray
2. Linda
3. Gary
4. Angel

From: Villinger, Mark <MVillinger@co.ocean.nj.us>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 12:34 PM
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: OCSCD Nominating
Committee Action Request

- 1Ray B
- 2Gary P
- 3Linda B
- 4Angel C

From: Tony DiLodovico <tonydep.llc@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 12:34 PM
Subject: Re: OCSCD Nominating Committee Action
Request

- 1Linda
- 2Ray
- 3Gary
- 4Angel

From: Angela Andersen
<andersen@longbeachtownship.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 12:33 PM
Subject: RE: OCSCD Nominating Committee Action
Request

- 1Linda
- 2Ray
- 3Gary
- 4Angel

Chris Claus –(Chat)

- 1Linda
- 2Ray
- 3Gary
- 4Angel

Bill Slack (Spoken)

- 1Linda
- 2Ray
- 3Angel
- 4Gary

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Nominees in Order of Preference by Vote:

1. Ray Bukowski
2. Linda Brennan
3. Gary Paxton
4. Angel Camilo