

OCEAN COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
714 LACEY ROAD, FORKED RIVER, NJ 08731
July 18, 2024, FY25

MINUTES

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Dr. William Pollock at 8:11 a.m. Dr. 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. The meeting Agenda and WebEx information was published on the District's website. The meeting was held via WebEx and at the District Office.
Supervisors present: Dr. William Pollock, Chairman; John Tiedemann, Vice Chairman; Dr. Michael Gross, Secretary; and Gary Paxton, Treasurer; and Raymond Bukowski. Others present: Christine Raabe, District Director; Jean Baluski, Assistant District Director; Mary Ellen Banfield, Office Manager-- Ocean County Soil Conservation District (OCSCD). Also present was Nicole Ciccaglione, District Conservationist, Columbus Service Center.
- II. FLAG SALUTE:** Dr. Pollock led the salute to the flag of the United States of America.
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda for today's meeting was made by Mr. Tiedemann, seconded by Mr. Paxton. Roll call vote: unanimous.
- IV. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (5/16/24):** Motion to approve the Minutes was made by Dr. Gross, seconded by Mr. Paxton. Roll call vote: unanimous except for Mr. Tiedemann and Mr. Bukowski abstained.
- V. REPORTS TO BOARD:** Natural Resources Conservation Service and State Soil Conservation Committee—One plan was reviewed today: Ms. Ciccaglione reported on an EQIP conservation plan for biofouling control. Mr. Bukowski made a motion to approve and sign, Mr. Tiedemann seconded. Roll call vote: unanimous.
- VI. CORRESPONDENCE:**
A. NJACD thank you 7/1/2024
B. OceanFirst CD maturity notice for 7/25/2024
- VII. MONTHLY STATEMENT OF TREASURER (May and June):** Dr. Gross made a motion to approve the Monthly Statement of Treasurer, seconded by Mr. Bukowski. Roll call vote: unanimous.
- VIII. BILLS AND CLAIMS - (April through June, May, and June) Chapter 251 & General:** Dr. Gross made a motion to approve the Bills and Claims, Mr. Paxton seconded, Roll call vote: unanimous
- IX. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES - Education update – report was emailed to the board members.**
- X. REPORTS OF SPECIAL (AD HOC) COMMITTEES:** There are no Reports of Special Committees.
- XI. PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public present.
- XII. CHAPTER 251 – Certified Plans, Re-Certifications, Amendments, Incomplete and Denied Plans (attachment A).**
A. Applications
- Certified Applications as of 7/11/2024
 - Recertified & amended as of 7/11/2024
- Mr. Tiedemann made a motion to approve the Certified and Recertified & amended plans; Mr. Paxton seconded. Roll call vote: unanimous except that

Mr. Paxton abstained from SCD# 22423 and Mr. Bukowski abstained from anything regarding New Jersey Natural Gas (NJNG).

- Uncertified Plans as of 7/11/2024 – no vote

- B. SCD# 22511; Block 80, Lots 8 & 9.01; Little Egg Harbor Township; SCO rescinded 5/30/2024
- C. SCD# 20478; Block 11701, Lots 9, 25, 26, 33; Jackson Township; SCO issued 6/12/2024
- D. SCD# 22282; Block 364, Lots 24, 26.01, 65.01; Toms River Township; SCO issued 7/2/2024

Items B through D: Mr. Bukowski made a motion to approve, Dr. Gross seconded. Roll call vote: unanimous.

- E. Quarterly Report of Soil Erosion & Sediment Control Plans

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. FY25 Annual Plan of Operations – Dr. Gross made a motion to approve, Mr. Paxton seconded. Roll call vote: unanimous.
- B. Board member Renominations: William Pollock & Ray Bukowski – Approved at 6/10/24 SSCC meeting
- C. Updates to Employee Manual – Pending
- D. New Vehicle Update – Pending Availability
- E. Conversion to natural gas from oil and HVAC replacement – Status Update

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Purchase of portable A/C / cooling units for upstairs pending HVAC replacement- Reimbursement request. Dr. Gross made a motion to approve, Mr. Paxton seconded. Roll call vote: unanimous.
- B. SJRCD 319hGrant – Lakewood Stormwater Basin Retrofit Project – WM20-008 – Tour 10-03-24
- C. Interns – Education Department
- D. CD renewal. Mr. Bukowski made a motion to do the rollover as a 6-month CD, Dr. Gross seconded. Roll call vote: unanimous.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Legal and/or confidential matters. Dr. Gross made a motion to move into executive session at 9:07 a.m. Mr. Paxton seconded. Roll call vote: unanimous.

Previous Executive Session minutes—Dr. Gross made a motion to approve, Mr. Tiedemann seconded. Roll call vote: unanimous except for Mr. Tiedemann and Mr. Bukowski abstained.

Mr. Tiedemann made a motion to close the Executive Session and go back into public session. Mr. Bukowski seconded. Roll call vote: unanimous. Executive Session ended at 9:08 a.m.

XVI. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT DISTRICT MEETING – September 19, 2024.

XVII. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT. Dr. Pollock called for a Motion for Adjournment. A motion was made by Dr. Gross, seconded by Mr. Paxton. Roll call vote: unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 9:11 a.m..

Michael Gross, Secretary

MG: meb