

OCEAN COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
714 LACEY ROAD, FORKED RIVER, NJ 08731
September 19, 2024, FY25

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Dr. William Pollock at 8:01 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; Gary Paxton, Treasurer; and Raymond Bukowski. Others present: Christine Raabe, District Director; Jean Baluski, Assistant District Director; Ocean County Soil Conservation District (OCSCD). Also present: Nicole Ciccaglione, District Conservationist, Columbus Service Center.

- I. FLAG SALUTE: Dr. Pollock led the salute to the flag of the United States of America.
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Mr. Tiedemann and seconded by Dr. Gross. Roll call vote was unanimous.
- III. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (7/18/24): A motion was made by Dr. Gross and seconded by Mr. Tiedemann. Roll call vote was unanimous.
- IV. REPORTS TO BOARD: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) & State Soil Conservation Committee (SSCC)
Ms. Ciccaglione presented three (3) plans for the Board's approval: one (1) EQIP, one (1) RCPP, and one (1) CSP. A motion was made by Mr. Tiedemann and seconded by Mr. Paxton. Roll call vote was unanimous except for Mr. Bukowski abstained from the CSP vote because of a conflict of interest.
- V. CORRESPONDENCE:
 - A. NJACD Annual Meeting – ECO-Complex Scheduled for November 25, 2024
 - B. Newly Hired State SESC Engineer – John Matos-Ramos
 - C. NJ Farm Bureau – Aquaculture Tour – Held 8/27/2024. OCSCD attended to highlight our NRCS/RCPP Project
 - D. Resilient Environments and Landscapes (R.E.A.L.) – Governor Executive Order 100 – Public Comment Due 11/3/2024-- <https://dep.nj.gov/njreal/>
 - E. The NJACD Conservation Achievement Awards—Annual Partnership Conference on November 25, 2024 at the Eco Complex in Bordentown.
Nominations to be returned by October 31, 2024.
 - F. Other—none
- VI. MONTHLY STATEMENT OF TREASURER (July & Aug): A motion to accept was made by Dr. Gross and seconded by Mr. Bukowski. Roll call vote was unanimous.
- VII. BILLS AND CLAIMS - (June, July, and August) Chapter 251 & General: A motion to accept was made by Mr. Tiedemann and seconded by Dr. Gross. Roll call vote was unanimous.
- VIII. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES – Education
- IX. REPORTS OF SPECIAL (AD HOC) COMMITTEES—none
- X. PUBLIC COMMENT—none
- XII. CHAPTER 251 – Certified Plans, Re-Certifications, Amendments, Incomplete and Denied Plans
 - A. Applications
 - Certified Applications as of 9/12/2024
 - Recertified and Amended applications as of 9/12/2024A motion to accept was made by Mr. Paxton and seconded by Mr. Bukowski. Roll call vote was unanimous except Mr. Bukowski abstained from any plans related to New Jersey Natural Gas.
 - Uncertified Plans as of 9/12/2024—no vote
 - The following 13 Plans are to be denied if no response from the applicant:
 - Re: SCD# 22005; Spring Hills Manchester LLC - Site Plan; Block 38, Lot 4; Manchester Township
 - Re: SCD# 22877; 510 Whitesville LLC - Subdivision; Block 22401, Lots 7-12; Jackson Township
 - Re: SCD# 22847; One Lot; Block 388.05, Lot 8; Toms River Township
 - Re: SCD# 22623; Proposed Warehouse/Office Building - Site Plan; Block 46, Lot 7.01; Manchester Township
 - Re: SCD# 22172; Canaan Christian Church - Site Plan; Block 12301, Lot 47; Jackson Township

Re: SCD# 21867; Americana Motel - Site Plan; Block 609.01, Lot 12; Toms River Township
Re: SCD# 22254; Pefkos Properties LLC - Site Plan; Block 172.04, Lot 26; Toms River Township
Re: SCD# 21868; Grawtown Road Subdivision; Block 19501, Lot 35; Jackson Township
Re: SCD# 21676; Office/Warehouse Development; Block 102, Lot 1; Jackson Township
Re: SCD# 22520; Bamboo Holdings LLC - Demo; Block 11, Lot 1; Borough of Seaside Heights
Re: SCD# 20925; Jackson Center - Site Plan; Block 22301, Lots 1 and 2; Jackson Township
Re: SCD# 20398; BMH Property 1 LL - Site Plan; Block 19701; Lots 12, 13.01-13.05; Jackson Township
Re: SCD# 17229; The Cove on Toms River, LLC - Site Plan; Blocks 1032, 1033, 1035, 1036, Lots 29, 30, 31, 33, 34, 34.01, 37.01, 39, 41, 43, 53, 56, 55; Berkeley Township

A motion to deny the 13 Plans identified above was made by Mr. Tiedemann and seconded by Dr. Gross if no response is received from the applicants. Roll call vote was unanimous.

- B. SCD# 18181; Block 430, Lots 4 and 50; Lakewood Township; SCO rescinded 7/30/2024
- C. SCD# 23392; Block 252, Lots 3, 8, 9, and 10; Lakewood Township; SCO rescinded 8/15/2024
- D. Soil Disturbance; Block 442, Lot 3.03; Lakewood Township; SCO issued 8/19/2024
- E. Soil Disturbance; Block 494, Lot 56; Lakewood Township; SCO issued 8/19/2024
- F. Soil Disturbance; Block 11.05, Lot 8; Lakewood Township; SCO issued 8/19/2024
- G. SCD# 22282; Block 364, Lots 24 and 26; Lakewood Township; SCO rescinded 9/5/2024
- H. SCD# 23232; Jackson Properties—Business Park; Block 2101, Lot 5.02 and 5.03; Jackson Township; SCO issued 9/11/2024
- I. SCD# 21518; Jackson Properties Inc—Site Plan; Block 2101, Lot 5.01; Jackson Township; SCO issued 9/11/2024

A motion to accept items B through I was made by Mr. Bukowski and seconded by Mr. Tiedemann. Roll call vote was unanimous.

J. Other—none

XI. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. HVAC installation update for 1st floor—installed on 8/1/2024
- B. Jersey Friendly Yards – 5th Annual Conference – held 9/14/2024 at Ocean County College
- C. Other—none

XII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Approval to purchase new 2025 Jeep Compass Sport 4WD - \$28,233.80
A motion was made by Dr. Gross and seconded by Mr. Tiedemann. Roll call vote was unanimous.
- B. Sponsorship for One Ocean County/Common Grounds, Lakewood - Fall Festival – 11/ 3/2024 - \$750.
A motion to approve was made by Mr. Tiedemann and seconded by Mr. Bukowski. Roll call vote was unanimous.
- C. Registration Approval @ \$100/Staff Member for NJACD Annual Meeting 11/25/2024 at Eco-Comple
A motion was made by Dr. Gross and seconded by Mr. Bukowski. Roll call vote was unanimous.
- D. OceanFirst CD renewal 9/30/2024—9-month CD for renewal.
A motion was made by Dr. Gross and seconded by Mr. Tiedemann. Roll call vote was unanimous.
- E. District hosting NRCS Local Working Group—October to March
- F. Other—none

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel Matters:

A motion to go into Executive session at 8:59 a.m. was made by Dr. Gross and Seconded by Mr. Tiedemann. Roll call vote was unanimous.

A motion to return to the regular session at 9:08 a.m. was made by Mr. Bukowski and seconded by Mr. Tiedemann. Roll call vote was unanimous.

A motion to approve the revised Employee Manual, with an effective date of 1/1/2025, was made by Mr. Paxton and seconded by Dr. Gross. Roll call vote was unanimous.

A motion to approve the new hours of operation of the Ocean County Soil Conservation District, to be 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday with an effective date of 1/1/2025, was made by Mr. Mr. Tiedemann and seconded by Mr. Paxton. Roll call vote was unanimous.

XVI. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT DISTRICT MEETING on November 21, 2024

XVII. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 a.m. by Mr. Bukowski and seconded by Mr. Tiedemann. Roll call vote was unanimous.