

OCEAN COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
714 LACEY ROAD, FORKED RIVER, NJ 08731  
November 21, 2024  
Minutes

- I. CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Dr. William Pollock at 8:03 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 Amanda Camacho, Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)
- II. FLAG SALUTE – Dr. Pollock led the salute to the flag of the United States of America.
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – A motion to accept was made by Mr. Bukowski and seconded by Dr. Gross. Roll call vote was unanimous.
- IV. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (September 19, 2024) - Roll call vote – a motion to accept was made by Dr. Gross and seconded by Mr. Tiedemann. Roll call vote was unanimous.
- V. REPORTS TO THE BOARD – NRCS  
Ms. Camacho stated that there were 29 applications; 18 for aquaculture/Regional Conservation Partnership Program Conservation Opportunities Advancing Sustainable Technologies for Aquaculture Leases (RCPP COASTAL) project.
- VI. CORRESPONDENCE
  - A. NJACD Annual Meeting- Monday, November 25 at Eco-Complex - Agenda
  - B. Ocean First CD renewal notice – Decision Months – A motion to get the CD for 4 months at a rate of 4.4% APY was made by Dr. Gross and seconded by Mr. Bukowski. Roll call vote was unanimous.
  - C. 2025 Envirothon – **Saturday, May 17, 2025** – Burlington County SCD Hosting – Theme: **"Roots and Resiliency: Fostering Forest Stewardship in a Canopy of Change"**
- VII. MONTHLY STATEMENT OF TREASURER (September & October) – A motion to accept was made by Mr. Tiedemann and seconded by Mr. Bukowski. Roll call vote was unanimous.
- VIII. BILLS AND CLAIMS - (August, September & October) Chapter 251 & General – Motion to accept was made by Dr. Gross and seconded by Mr. Tiedemann. Roll call vote was unanimous.
- IX. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES – The Education Report was submitted by Rebecca Laboy.
- X. REPORTS OF SPECIAL (AD HOC) COMMITTEES—none.
- XI. PUBLIC COMMENT—none.

- XII. CHAPTER 251 – Certified Plans, Re-Certifications, Amendments, Incomplete and Denied Plans
- A. Applications
- i. Certified Applications as of 11/14/2024
- ii. Recertified Application as of 11/14/2024  
A motion to accept the Certified and Recertified Applications was made by Mr. Bukowski and seconded by Mr. Paxton. Roll call vote was unanimous except that Mr. Bukowski abstained from any applications regarding New Jersey Natural Gas / NJ Resources projects.
- iii. Uncertified Plans as of 11/14/2024– no vote
- B. Quarterly Report- FY24-1st Quarter- no vote.
- XIII. OLD BUSINESS
- A. Common Ground Festival—held 11/3/2024
- B. RCPP COASTAL project update
- XIV. NEW BUSINESS
- A. Approval of the OCSCD Board Meeting Schedule for 2025 – A motion to approve was made by Dr. Gross and seconded by Mr. Bukowski. Roll call vote was unanimous.
- B. Approval of the NACD FY25 membership dues, gold category, at the cost of \$775.00 – A motion to approve was made by Mr. Bukowski and seconded by Mr. Paxton. Roll call vote was unanimous.
- C. Renewal of CASCD Shared Service Agreement 2025 -2027 – A motion to renew was made by Mr. Tiedemann and seconded by Mr. Paxton. Roll call vote was unanimous.
- D. OCSCD Hosting Local Work Group – Scheduled at Rutgers Cooperative Extension Office in Toms River - January 30, 2025, 4 to 6 PM
- E. OCSCD Hierarchy Staff Chart 2024
- F. Status of FY24 audit—approval if an extension from State Soil Conservation Committee (SSCC) is needed – A motion to approve an extension request, if needed, was made by Dr. Gross and seconded by Mr. Paxton. Roll call vote was unanimous.
- XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Approval of Minutes & personnel matters.  
A motion to go into Executive Session was made by Mr. Tiedemann and seconded by Mr. Bukowski. Roll call vote was unanimous. Executive Session started at 8:43a.m.  
A motion to approve the Minutes of the Previous Executive Session (November 21, 2024) was made by Mr. Tiedemann and seconded by Mr. Bukowski. Roll call vote was unanimous.  
A motion to return to the regular session was made by Dr. Gross and seconded by Mr. Paxton. Roll call vote was unanimous. Return to the regular session began at 8:44 a.m.
- XVI. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT DISTRICT MEETING – January 16, 2025
- XVII. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING
- XVIII. ADJOURNMENT – A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Gross and seconded Mr. Bukowski. Roll call vote was unanimous. The meeting ended at 8:45 a.m.