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**Meeting Minutes - February 24, 2015**

Present

Ron Thomas	Mona Peterson	Mike Bonham
Torrey Reade	Nick Saumweber	Henry Dubois
Ralph Sickler	Maria Collazo	John Showler

Chairman Ron Thomas opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Due notice by order of the "Sunshine Law" was given and noted.

DISTRICT BUSINESS

Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the January meeting were approved as written. Motion made by Torrey and seconded by Henry. Passed.

Financial Report

Mike reviewed the financial report and noted that the District's net income from January 16, 2014 through February 15, 2015 was \$-3,712.13. Chapter 251 revenue was \$8,275.00. Motion to approve the report made by Henry and seconded by Torrey.

251 Report

Mike reviewed the 251 report, and noted routine activity. Winter compliances are being issued for projects that cannot complete final stabilization due to the winter weather. These projects will be re-inspected once stabilization has been completed. Motion to approve the report made by Torrey and seconded by Henry.

SSCC

John discussed the status of the topsoil and land grading standards. Rutgers is currently conducting a cost/benefit analysis of the topsoil and land grading standards. Once this analysis is complete the SSCC will present to the Governor's office to determine if the proposed standards will go forward. John informed the board that supervisor nomination information will be sent out soon.

### NRCS - Cumberland & Salem Field Offices

Mona and Nick presented the NRCS reports for the Cumberland and Salem Field offices. NRCS is currently working on existing EQIP contracts. Several farmland preservation conservation plans, and CREP payment requests were presented for approval. March 20<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to apply for EQIP round two funding. CSP applications are currently being accepted by NRCS and application deadlines are March 13<sup>th</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup>. CSP renewal signup deadlines are set for March 31<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>. Henry motioned to approve and Torrey seconded the approval of the NRCS action items. Passed.

### District Vehicles

Mike discussed the status of the two surplus vehicles (2003 Explorer and 2002 F-150). After discussion it was determined that the District should post a legal notice in the local newspaper and sell the surplus vehicles in front of the office. Motion to approve made by Torrey and seconded by Henry.

### Panther Road - NJDEP

Mike updated the Board on the issue at Flaim Farms regarding a NJDEP inquiry to a waterway. Mike attended a meeting with NRCS, NJDA and NJDEP on February 12<sup>th</sup> to discuss repairing the waterway which flows through Flaim Farms. NRCS will work with Flaim Farms to come up with a design to repair the waterway that is acceptable to NJDEP.

### Draft Audit Manual

Mike reviewed the Draft Audit Manual with the Board. The proposed revisions will be difficult for the District to comply with since our office is currently staffed with one person.

### Poster Contest

The District has had several inquiries to the poster contest this year. Mike informed the participating school that posters need to be submitted to the District by March 20<sup>th</sup> for local judging, and will then be forwarded to the State competition.

### CD Rates/Century Bank Account

Mike discussed the local bank CD rates with board. After discussion it was determined that the District should open an interest bearing account at Century Savings bank as it is likely that the Federal Reserve will increase CD rates towards the end of the year. Motion made by Torrey and seconded by Ralph.

Maria Collazo-NRCS

Maria discussed the potential partnering of the District with NRCS to obtain a grant from National Fish and Wildlife to hire additional staff for NRCS to assist with conservation planning. Discussion regarding the watershed boundary lines and the eligibility and non-eligibility of farmers across the street from each other occurred. The Board felt that any cost share assistance should be available for all farmers within Cumberland and Salem county.

CPESC Training

Mike informed the Board that he will be attending CPESC training at the Burlington SCD on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

2015 Regional Supervisors Meeting - Italian Affair

Mike informed the Board that the regional supervisors meeting will be held on March 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at the Italian Affair in Glassboro.

Being no further open session business, the open portion of the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. Motion made by Henry and seconded by Torrey. Passed.