



Cumberland-Salem Conservation District
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Meeting Minutes - September 24, 2024

Mike Bonham	Ralph Sickler	Maury Sheets
Henry Dubois	Ron Thomas	Tom Tedesco
Michelle Pedano	Bryan Stimpson	John Showler

Chairman Ron Thomas opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Due notice by order of the "Sunshine Law" was given and noted.

Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the May meeting were approved as written. Motion made by Ralph and seconded by Maury. Passed.

Financial Report

Mike reviewed the financial report and noted that the District's net income from May 16, 2024 through September 15, 2024 was \$4,121.75. Chapter 251 revenue was \$52,884.00. The annual PERS payment was made during the reporting period. Motion to approve the financial report made by Maury and seconded by Henry. Passed

251 Report

Mike reviewed the 251 report. The District remains active with commercial projects in Carney's Point/Pilesgrove and Vineland. Stabilization on some projects has been difficult due to the dry weather and dust control has been required on sites. Motion to approve the report made by Henry and seconded by Maury. Passed.

SSCC Report

John Showler reported that the SSCC has hired an engineer - John Matos to help the District with review of Chapter 251 Erosion control reviews and assistance with site compliance. John plans to introduce the new engineer to each office and take a look at some sites and gauge various issues that the Districts are having with sites/plan review. The proposed updates to the erosion control rules/standards will likely be delayed as the Governor's office has requested additional information regarding the changes. John also updated the Board with respect to the NJDEP REAL rules and the impacts to agriculture.

NRCS - Cumberland & Salem Field Offices

Michelle/Bryan presented Cumberland & Salem NRCS field office reports. The Woodstown service center has hired a new civil engineering technician. The signup cutoff date for FY2025 Farm Bill programs is October 18th and accelerated contracting is being offered for high tunnels, soil health and tree mortality practices. The Agricultural Land Easement and Wetland Reserve Easement program cutoff dates are December 20th. Several farm conservation plans and NRCS program contracts were submitted for approval. Motion to approve the NRCS action items made by Henry and seconded by Maury. Passed.

CDs

The District currently has three CDs at Ocean First Bank for 5.25% interest.

Supervisor Reappointments

Ralph Sickler and Maury Sheets were appointed by the SSCC to 3 year terms at the June SSCC meeting.

District Audit

Nightliner Colavita and Volpa are working with the District on the FY2024 District Audit.

Job Description

Mike reviewed the job description for an Erosion Control/Natural Resource Specialist. The job description requires 5 years of experience in erosion control design/review and basic agricultural experience. Familiarity with Cumberland/Salem County or a willingness to relocate will also be required. John recommended adding hydrology experience to the description. The job description will be posted to Indeed and emailed to partner agencies. Motion to approve the job description made by Tom and seconded by Ralph. Passed.

Annual Conference

The annual conference will be held at the Eco-complex on November 25th

Being no further open session business, the open portion of the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. Motion made by Tom and seconded by Maury. Passed.