

CAMDEN COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MEETING AGENDA

APRIL 19, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

**SOIL EROSION & SEDIMENT CONTROL PLAN
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CAMDEN COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 19, 2010
423 Commerce Lane, Suite 1
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Kent Ringo, Chairman, called the Board of Supervisors Meeting of the Camden County Soil Conservation District to order, at 6:30 PM.

ATTENDANCE:

Supervisors	Kent Ringo John Rigolizzo Lori Volpe Louis Parzanese Philip Kunkle
District Manager	Robert K. Dobbs Craig McGee
District Conservationist, NRCS NJDA – State Soil Conservation Committee	Nicole Ciccaglione Rich Belcher

Notice of this meeting was provided to the Courier Post and Philadelphia Inquirer Newspapers, County Clerk and posted in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the March 15, 2010 Board Meeting were read.

Motion: It was moved by Lori Volpe, seconded by Louis Parzanese and passed unanimously to approve the Minutes as presented.

CERTIFICATIONS:

Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan applications received by the District for the period ending April 19, 2010 were reviewed and classified as follows:

CERTIFIED:

5546 CH WAWA	5628 WA Office/Warehouse Buildings
5625 CH Gas Station/Convenience Store	5629 CH 10 Penn Avenue
5626 WA Swift-Valeri Residence	5631 BT Rizzo Single Home
5627 PE Thuy Do	5633 ST Yellin School

Motion: It was moved by Lori Volpe, seconded by John Rigolizzo and passed unanimously to certify Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plans as recorded.

PENDING:

5557 HT Town Center at Haddon
5598 HA Grove Street Sewer Extension
5603 CA Veteran's Cemetery/Harleigh
5630 BB Gate of Heaven Cemetery
5632 WI Atlantic City Expressway

5634 HT Kayla's Florist
5635 CH Franciscan Sisters
5636 VO Voorhees Animal Orphanage
5637 WI Veteran's Haven
5638 PV Pine Valley Maintenance Bldg

Motion: It was moved by Lori Volpe, seconded by John Rigolizzo and passed unanimously to classify remaining projects as pending further action

Pine Hill Investors, LLC submitted a request for refund of all remaining inspection fees for Abbie Glenn Project, #5340-PH-07. The applicant will not proceed with the withdrawn the project.

Motion: It was moved by Lori Volpe, seconded by John Rigolizzo and passed unanimously to authorize payment of remaining inspection fees in the amount of \$2, 833.00 to Pine Hill Investors, LLC for #5641-PH-07, Abbie Glenn.

The Quarterly Report of Chapter 251 activities, for the period ending March 31, 2010, was reviewed by the Board. The Quarterly Report was submitted to the State Soil Conservation Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Frank Minch, State Soil Conservation Committee, sent a memo outlining proposed Senate and Assembly Bills concerning fertilizer use, post-construction soil restoration and other related issues. The Board discussed the proposed legislation. District comments on the Senate and Assembly Bills will be submitted to NJACD President Louise Davis.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Financial Report and List of Disbursements for the period ending March 31, 2010 were reviewed by the Board.

Motion: It was moved by Lori Volpe, seconded by Lou Parzanese and passed unanimously to accept the Financial Report and to approve payment of expenses for the period ending March 31, 2010.

Robert Dobbs reported that District Supervisor Per Diem and Travel Expense Vouchers were submitted to the State Soil Conservation Committee for review and processing. He informed the Board that funding for these expenses have been eliminated in the NJ Department of Agriculture Budget. NJACD Leadership is working to identify funding to support per diem and travel reimbursement.

Robert Dobbs informed the Board that the State Soil Conservation Committee's Chapter 251 Administrative Surcharge Fee of \$25 went into effect on April 15, 2010. The state surcharge fee will be collected by the District and reimbursed to the SSCC on a quarterly basis.

Robert Dobbs reported that the SSCC appointed Dennis Dougherty to fulfill the unexpired term of

Kent Ringo. The SSCC also re-appointed John Rigolizzo and Lou Parzanese to the District Board. The terms of office will begin on July 1, 2010.

The Board was informed that Gov. Chris Christy has eliminated funding for the No-Net-Loss State Forestry Program.

Craig McGee and Robert Dobbs updated the Board on the status of the District's ongoing Watershed Projects. [See attached reports]

Robert Dobbs reported that the NJACD District Supervisor Training Session was held on Saturday, April 17, 2010 at the NRCS Headquarters in Somerset, NJ. Lori Volpe attended the training session.

Lori Volpe inquired whether a District Brochure outlining district services for a fee was added to the District website. Craig McGee reported that Chasity Williams is working on this but has had some set backs due to changes caused by our internet provider. We will work with them and Eggz, Inc., our website designer, to rectify the problem.

The Board discussed participation in the regional District Supervisor Meetings. Robert Dobbs attended the South Region Meeting on March 30, 2010. Lori Volpe and Lou Parzanese will attend the Central Region Meeting on April 22, 2010.

NEW BUSINESS:

Robert Dobbs reported that the District will exhibit the Soil Tunnel for young school children on Friday, April 30, 2010 at the Camden Children's Garden, adjacent to the Adventure Aquarium, in Camden, NJ.

The 2010 NJ Envirothon will be held on Saturday, May 8, 2010 at Girl Scout Camp Sacajawea in Newfield, Gloucester County, NJ. Three high school teams from Camden County will compete in the environmental competition.

Robert Dobbs stated that work on the FY2011 Budget is underway. The board discussed the difficulty in budgeting this year. Lori Volpe will work with the manager to draft a final budget for board review and adoption.

Robert Dobbs informed the Board that Gov. Christy signed into law changes to the state-administered Pension System and Health Benefits Program. Pension changes will effect newly-hired employees [effective May 21, 2010]. Changes in the Health Benefits Program include the requirement of all employees to contribute 1.5% of base salary towards the cost of their health insurance and prescription drug plans, effective May 21, 2010.

AGENCY REPORTS:

USDA – Natural Resources Conservation Service:

Nicole Ciccaglione, NRCS District Conservationist, announced that 2011 signup for EQIP, WHIP

and AMA is underway. See attached report.

The Board reviewed an Agriculture Conservation Plan prepared by NRCS.

Motion: It was moved by Lori Volpe, seconded by John Rigolizzo and passed ominously to approve the Conservation Plan. The Agriculture Conservation Plan was signed by Kent Ringo.

NJDA State Soil Conservation Committee:

Rich Belcher updated the Board on pending legislation, including a Solar Panel Improvement Bill

He reported that 54 teams will compete in the 2010 NJ Envirothon in Newfield, NJ. Donations for the support of the Envirothon have been reduced this year. However, a donation from the NJ DEP in the amount of \$8,000 was recently submitted.

The Board went into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue at 7:30 pm.

The Board returned to general session at 7:45 pm.

Adjournment: It was moved by Lori Volpe, seconded by Philip Kunkle and passed to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert K. Dobbs
District Manager

Attachments