

CAMDEN COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

August 19, 2013

423 Commerce Lane, Suite 1

West Berlin, NJ 08091

John Rigolizzo, Chairman, called the Board of Supervisors Meeting of the Camden County Soil Conservation District to order, at 6:30 PM.

ATTENDANCE:

Supervisors	John Rigolizzo Dennis Dougherty
Staff	Louis Parzanese Robert Dobbs
SSCC Staff	Craig McGee 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 July 15, 2013 Camden County Soil Conservation District Board Meeting were read.

Motion: It was moved by Louis Parzanese, seconded by Dennis Dougherty and passed unanimously to approve the July 15, 2013 Minutes as presented.

CERTIFICATIONS:

Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan applications received by the District for the period ending August 19, 2013 were reviewed and classified as follows:

CERTIFIED:

Motion: It was moved by Dennis Dougherty, seconded by Louis Parzanese and passed unanimously to certify Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plans as recorded.

5994 PE Camden County Park Restrooms	6006 GT Atlantic City Expressway Crossover
5995 BR Conrail Site Plan	6007 WI McDonald's Remodel
5996 BT Berlin Township Fire Station #1	6008 GT Spring Hollow Basin Remediation
5999 WI Sicklerville Substation	6009 GT Maynard Drive Basin Remediation
6000 CA Social Services Building	6010 GT Vance Avenue Stormwater Project
6001 AU NJ American Water Main Replacement	6011 AU Delaware Area Main Replacements
6002 GT Sturbridge Oaks Basin Remediation	6012 VO Kresson Road Lots
6003 GT Hampshire Road Basin Remediation	6013 WA Gas Main
6004 WI Gas Main	6014 CH PSE&G Southern Reinforcement
6005 BT Berlin Haddon LLC	

PENDING:

5974 GT The Villages at Cross Keys	6019 PE Bus Parking Lot
5986 CH Wawa	6020 AU Kings Highway Main Replacement

5988 GT Ann Mullen Middle School
6015 GT Gloucester Premium Outlets
6016 GT Cedar Creek Drive Drainage
6017 MT Medexpress Urgent Care
6018 CH Country Walk

6021 GC Water Street Sewer and Water
6022 WI Cross Keys Landing
6023 GT Stormwater Outfall Repairs
6024 CH Kane Subdivision
6025 CA Campbell Meadow Planting

Motion: It was moved by Dennis Dougherty, seconded by Louis Parzanese and passed unanimously to classify remaining projects as pending further action.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence received.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Financial Report and List of Disbursements for the period ending July 31, 2013 were reviewed by the Board.

Motion: It was moved by Louis Parzanese, seconded by Dennis Dougherty and passed unanimously to accept the financial report and to approve the payment of expenses for the period ending July 31, 2013.

Craig McGee updated the Board on the status of the District's Watershed Projects. [See attached report]

The Board discussed the status of the DeCou Grant Project in Cherry Hill. It was agreed to apply to DEP for a 6-month no-cost extension for the project to allow time for Cherry Hill Township to accept bids for construction work.

NEW BUSINESS:

Robert Dobbs reported that the SSCC District Work Group recently met to coordinate activities of the four SSCC Subcommittees. The subcommittees will present proposed policies and procedures early in the Fall.

The North American Envirothon competition was recently held in Montana. The New York team won the competition. New sponsors and management will take over the North American Envirothon from the Canon Corporation later this year.

The North American Envirothon (NAE) Committee approved a merger plan, August 5, at its meeting in Bozeman, Montana. NAE Chair Sandy Huey led the discussion, reviewing a proposal prepared by the partnering organizations, including the NAE, the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD), the National Conservation District Employees Association, the NACD Presidents' Association, the National Association of State Conservation Agencies and the National Conservation Foundation.

MANAGER'S REPORT: [See attached report]

STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT:

Rich Belcher presented NJ Conservation Poster Contest Winners' folders to the District.

Mr. Belcher commented on a recent letter sent to Districts from DEP requesting data reports on infiltration basins. SSCC staff is working with DEP to clarify the request.

OTHER BUSINESS:

John Rigolizzo announced that the Board of Supervisors will be sending out a notice later this week requesting letters of inquiry and resumes from interested candidates for an Interim District Manager position at the District.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: It was moved by Dennis Dougherty, seconded by Louis Parzanese and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert K. Dobbs
District Manager

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Active Projects:

DeCou Run Stream Restoration

- Our request for additional funding has been rejected. Our options remain the same as 6 months ago; abandon the project or attempt one more bidding process. AKRF continues to maintain that specialized stream restoration contractors can complete most of the work within our budget.
- Cherry Hill Township has pledged to support the project with up to \$20,000
- I recommended the following course of action:
 - Immediately apply for a six-month no cost time extension.
 - Direct AKRF and Cherry Hill Township to make the necessary and appropriate modifications to the bid specification in advance of re-bidding the project. These changes will include a construction window extending from mid-September 2013 to May 2014, probably a renaming of the base bid and alternates and perhaps other minor changes in the scope of work.
 - Direct Cherry Hill Township to re-advertise this project once more.
 - If bids are received within the available construction budget, work will be completed before June 2014. If bids are again too high, the project will be cancelled.

There is limited risk to the SCD. Our future involvement includes continued reporting, periodic site inspections during construction (expected to last only a few weeks) and a handful of coordination meetings. If the bids come back high, the project will be immediately cancelled.

NJDEP also offered us the opportunity to re-purpose the remaining grant funds. Stormwater restoration work within CSO communities are strongly supported and could provide an opportunity if the DeCou Run project fails.

Cooper River Implementation Projects

- Projects in Haddonfield are scheduled for construction over the next few weeks. The Allen Ave Tree pits will be entirely constructed by the township's contractor. The Lincoln Ave rain gardens will be constructed by the contractor and then planted by CCSCD staff and teams of volunteers.
- Several sites in Voorhees are being considered for basin restoration. Several may be completed this fall
- Recently completed projects will all be inspected over the next few weeks to determine if additional plantings are required

NJ American Water Mini Grant

- A second FTW was installed at Hopkins Pond last week.
- This second installation took place about 2 months after the initial installation. This time period allowed us to observe the first FTW and make changes to improve the performance
- On the recommendation of the nursery, we are likely to cut off deployment additional floating wetlands by Labor Day, as many of the species start to enter dormancy and would not be fully established in advance of winter.
- I'll discuss with the NJ American Water project manager if any extension is necessary to delay completion of the work until next spring.

Additional info:

A NJDEP 319 Request for Proposals has not yet been issued. The same changes in leadership that squashed the additional funding will be considering funding priorities.

MANAGER'S REPORT

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CHAPTER 251 ACTIVITIES:

SITE PLAN REVIEWS COMPLETED:	19
SITE INSPECTIONS PERFORMED:	163
REPORTS OF COMPLIANCE ISSUED:	14
PROJECTS COMPLETED:	11
PROJECTS WITHDRAWN BY APPLICANT:	0
PROJECTS DENIED:	0
PROJECTS EXPIRED:	0
PROJECTS RE-CERTIFIED:	0

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

South Jersey RC&D Council: Attended Council Meeting on July 17, 2013 in Columbus, NJ. Strategic Planning process is continuing.

SSCC Policy and Procedure Subcommittee: Attend Subcommittee Meeting on August 6, 2013 in Freehold, NJ.

SSCC District Work Group: Attended District Work Group [Oversight Committee] on August 15, 2013 in Freehold, NJ.

Partnership for the Delaware Estuary: Attended Board Meeting on August 19, 2013 in Wilmington, DE.