

CAMDEN COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

October 21, 2013
423 Commerce Lane, Suite 1
West Berlin, NJ 08091

Philip Kunkle, Vice Chairman, called the Board of Supervisors Meeting of the Camden County Soil Conservation District to order, at 6:30 pm.

ATTENDANCE:

Supervisors	Philip Kunkle Dennis Dougherty Louis Parzanese Robert Carter
Staff	Craig McGee
SSCC Staff NRCS District Conservationist	Rich Belcher Nicole Ciccaglione

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 September 19, 2013 Camden County Soil Conservation District Board Meeting were read.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Dougherty seconded by Mr. Parzanese and passed unanimously to approve the September 19, 2013 Minutes as presented.

CERTIFICATIONS:

Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan applications received by the District for the period ending October 21, 2013 were reviewed and classified as follows:

CERTIFIED:

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

5988 GT Ann Mullen Middle School Solar Array	6029 HH Delaware Area Water Main Replacement
6030 AU Delaware Area Water Main Replacement	6031 CH Jan's Boutique
6032 HH 21 Crest Ave	6033 WI PSEG Stockpile
6036 CA CK Café	

*Mr. Carter abstained from voting on 6036 CA – CK Cafe

PENDING:

The list of Pending plans was reviewed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The National Association of Conservation Districts provided advance notice of the upcoming annual meeting and the notice of 2014 Membership Payment.

Frank Minch, Executive Secretary of the State Soil Conservation Committee provided notice of current district supervisors serving as members of the State Committee, their terms and positions that will expire the end of this year. Elections for these open positions will be held at the Annual Business Meeting of the New Jersey Association of Conservation Districts on October 28, 2013.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Financial Report and List of Disbursements for the period ending September 30, 2013 were reviewed by the Board.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Parzanese, seconded by Mr. Dougherty and passed unanimously to accept the financial report and to approve the payment of expenses for the period ending September 30, 2013.

Action on the 2013 Audit was tabled to the November meeting.

The Board continued a discussion related to the retirement of Robert Dobbs. Mr. Kunkle requested more information regarding representation on the Camden County Open Space Advisory Committee.

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

Dennis Dougherty and Craig McGee plan to represent the District at the 2013 NJ Conservation Conference on October 27-28, 2013 at the Golden Inn in Avalon, NJ.

The Board discussed upcoming work elements, including a request from the NJDEP for information on infiltration basins within Camden County. Mr. McGee indicated that a preliminary report is being prepared.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. McGee updated board on the district's status following the retirement of Mr. Dobbs.

Mr. McGee discussed a variety of technology updates and enhancements to the security of the district's computer network and digital files storage. Action was tabled until the budget could be reviewed

AGENCY REPORTS:

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service [NRCS] Report:

Nicole Ciccaglione reported that deadlines for signup for the EQIP and AMA programs have been extended until Nov. 15, 2013 due to the recent Federal Government shutdown. New applications have already been submitted including several in Camden County

NJDA State Soil Conservation Committee [SSCC] Report:

Rich Belcher presented a report of SSCC activities. Mr. Belcher reported that Chap 251 Rules and Regulations were recently re-published for review and no public comments were received.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Kunkle , Vice Chairman, adjourned the meeting at 7:38pm

Respectfully submitted,

Craig McGee
Acting District Manager

**Camden County SCD
Watershed and Stormwater Projects Monthly Report**

October 2013

Active Projects:

DeCou Run Stream Restoration

- There has been no progress on this project. The NCTE has not been received from NJDEP despite being advised it would be issued.
- Cherry Hill Township remains supportive of the project
- Time is running out to bid the work for spring construction

Cooper River Implementation Projects

- A community planting day was held on September 28. About 12 high school students, 4 girl scouts and a handful of adults showed up to help plant the Lincoln Ave Rain gardens. The project received press in the Haddonfield Patch and the Sustainable Haddonfield website
- The Allen Ave enhanced tree pit project should be completed within the next month or so.

NJ American Water Mini Grant

- Work on this project will resume in the spring when planting weather returns

Additional info:

Mike Haberland and I were awarded the Excellence in Water Resources Protection and Planning Award by the NJ Section of the American Water Resources Association for our work at Hopkins Pond. I attended the awards dinner on September 26.

This same project was also awarded the 2013 ANJEC Environmental Achievement Award. I attended the annual ANJEC Environmental Congress on Oct 19, 2013

MANAGER'S REPORT

October 2013

CHAPTER 251 ACTIVITIES:

SITE PLAN REVIEWS COMPLETED:	14
SITE INSPECTIONS PERFORMED:	72
REPORTS OF COMPLIANCE ISSUED:	10
PROJECTS COMPLETED:	10
PROJECTS WITHDRAWN BY APPLICANT:	0
PROJECTS DENIED:	0
PROJECTS EXPIRED:	0
PROJECTS RE-CERTIFIED:	0

STAFF ACTIVITIES:

South Jersey RC&D Council: Attended Council Meeting on October 16, 2013 in Columbus, NJ. Strategic Planning process is continuing.

Pine Hill Golf Club Conservation Group: Attend and chaired quarterly meeting on October 16, 2013 at Trump National – Philadelphia Golf Club.

New Jersey Section of the American Water Resources Association: Attended the Annual Awards Dinner on September 26, 2013 with Mike Haberland, Rutgers Cooperative Extension and received the 2013 Excellence in Water Resources Protection and Planning Award

ANJEC: Attended the 40th ANJEC Annual Environmental Congress meeting on Saturday, October 19, 2013 and with Mike Haberland, Rutgers Cooperative Extension, received one of the 2013 Environmental Achievement Award for the Hopkins Pond Water Quality Improvement Project