

CAMDEN COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

April 16, 2018
423 Commerce Lane, Suite 1
West Berlin, NJ 08091

Dennis Dougherty, Chairman, called the Board of Supervisors Meeting of the Camden County Soil Conservation District to order at 6:32.

ATTENDANCE:

Supervisors

Dennis Dougherty
Robert Carter
Edward Madden

Staff

Craig McGee

NRCS District Conservationist

Nicole Ciccaglione

Notice of this meeting was provided to the Courier Post and Trenton Times newspapers, the County Clerk and posted in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the March 19, 2018 Camden County Soil Conservation District Board Meeting were reviewed.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Madden, seconded by Mr. Dougherty and passed to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Carter abstained.

CERTIFICATIONS:

Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan applications received by the District for the period ending April 13, 2018 were reviewed and classified as follows:

CERTIFIED:

Code	Twp	Project Name
6638	CH	Hampton Road
6655	GT	Edgewater Court Bank Stabilization
6656	GT	Lincoln Dr. Pipe & HW Replacement
6657	GT	Spring Hill Strmwtr Outfall Repairs
6658	GT	Pasadena Dr. Pipe & HW Replacement
6659	GT	B.9801, L.1 Pipe & HW Replacement
6660	CA	Alberta Woods Park Impts
6662	BR	AZ Brooklawn LLC
6665	BB	Jackson Road Subdivision
6673	CH	313 Church Rd
6675	WA	Purvis Residence

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Carter, seconded by Mr. Madden and passed to certify Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plans as recorded. Mr. Carter abstained from discussion and voting on 6638, while Mr Dougherty abstained from discussion and voting on 6675.

PENDING:

The list of Pending plans was reviewed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

The Financial Reports and Lists of Disbursements for the periods ending March 31, 2018 were reviewed by the Board.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Madden, seconded by Mr. Carter and passed unanimously to accept the financial report for the period ending, March 31, 2018.

The board reviewed the latest version of a proposed new logo and offered comments.

Mr. McGee reported that the contract with Bloom Waste Services has been postponed while our current contract with Waste Management remains valid. In the interim, we saved 50% on this contract by reducing pickup to once per month

The District nominating committee meeting has not yet been scheduled. As of now there are no interested candidates. Mr. Dougherty will submit his re-appointment information within the next few weeks.

Grant Funded Projects:

The Camden City/Gloucester City Green Infrastructure project continues. Financial documents are unchanged from last month. Projects scheduled for this month include a tree planting at Washington Street Play Lot in Gloucester City, a rain water cistern for the Hopeworks Community garden in Camden.

NEW BUSINESS

The Northeast Regional Meeting of the NACD will take place July 15 – 18 in Lancaster. In order to allow supervisors or staff the regular SCD meeting scheduled for July 16 may need to reschedule – potential dates include July 9th or 23rd.

Mr. McGee reported he has begun work on the draft FY2019 budget. A draft will be available for review in advance of the May meeting. Mr. McGee asked for if there was any initial input from the board.

Mr. McGee reported that he provided a letter of support to the Burlington SCD regarding a 2018 Agricultural Soil Health Initiative proposal submitted to NFWF. This proposed project continues work started in 2016 offering assistance to producers currently not utilizing NRCS services.

Mr. McGee reported he attended a meeting at Freehold SCD regarding the Access Database software. Freehold SCD has begun the process of updating the software for compliance with MS Office 2016 and to streamline the system. Freehold SCD will provide the Camden SCD with all of these upgrades. Camden SCD will then be able to customize the application for our needs. Costs will be determined, but may require upgrading the district's desktop computers and upgrading to Windows 10 operating system and Office 2016. Quotes for the upgraded hardware and software are being prepared. Mr. McGee recommended these

expenses be included in the FY19 Budget, perhaps creating an IT Reserve. The board requested a summary of the district's current IT position and preliminary proposals for future upgrades.

NJACD REPORT:

The NJ Envirothon will be held May 5. Mr. Dougherty will again be serving as a judge and Karen Mullen will be supporting the event on Friday to set up and working on Saturday. Mr. Madden indicated that he may be available to serve as a judge if a vacancy exists.

Mr. Dougherty reported on the annual poster contest, awards ceremony and the scholarship program. He also discussed potential changes to the NJ Annual Conservation Conference – perhaps creating a two day event starting Sunday and running through Monday.

STAFF REPORTS:

Mr. McGee updated the board on various district activities.

AGENCY REPORTS:

NJDA State Soil Conservation Committee [SSCC] Report:

None

NRCS Report:

Ms. Ciccaglione reported on the successful Local Work Group meeting held April 9. The meeting was attended by about 35 producers and agency staff. Soil and water quality remains a top concern, along with pollinator issues.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. McGee reported that he would be participating in the Camden County Ag Development Board field visit to consider a right to farm issue and potential drainage issue.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Madden, seconded by Mr. Carter and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Dougherty, Chairman, adjourned the meeting at 7:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig McGee
District Manager