

**STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
MINUTES
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY
June 12, 2017**

The June meeting of the State Soil Conservation Committee was called to order by Chairwoman Asst. Secretary Purcell at 9:35 A.M. at the Health and Agriculture Building, Trenton, New Jersey. Mr. Minch stated that the Open Public Meetings Act requirements have been met. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq. adequate notice of this meeting was provided by giving the time, date, and location and to the extent known the agenda of this meeting. At least 48 hours in advance this notice has been posted on the third floor bulletin board, Health and Agriculture Building in Trenton; mailed to The Star Ledger, the Courier Post and filed with the Office of Secretary of State.

The Flag Salute was recited.

Call of the Membership Roll indicated the following:

Members Present Associate Members and Others

Monique Purcell

Joe Lomax

Michael Rigolizzo

Brian McLendon (rep. R. Martin)

Dr. Stephanie Murphy (rep. R. Goodman)

Ray Cywinski

Carrie Lindig

Tony DiLodovico

John Kocubinski

Charlie Buscaglia

Cristin Mustillo, Deputy Attorney General

Frank Minch, Executive Secretary

Rich Belcher, SSSC, NJDA

John Showler, SSSC, NJDA

Bob Reitmeyer, Burlington SCD

Dave Reilly, C/A SCD

Jim Hill, Hunterdon SCD

Dennis Dougherty, Camden SCD

Rob Vivian, NJDA

Dan Kuti, NJDEP

E. Bukowzki, NJDEP

Paul Popsish, NJDOT

MINUTES OF MARCH 13, 2017 MEETING

On motion by Mr. Kocubinski, second by Mr. Cywinski, the minutes of the March 13, 2017 meeting were approved.

CHARMAN'S COMMENTS

Asst. Sec. Purcell reported on the following:

- The computer system for the Dept. of Agriculture will migrate to Office 365 in mid-July.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. Minch reported on the following:

1. **Supervisor Performance Standards-** On motion by Mr. Cywinski, second by Mr. Lomax, the revised Supervisor Performance Standards (PN 2017-1.0) were adopted with minor revisions.
2. **2:90 Rules Expiration-** These rule amendments will be submitted for review by the administration.
3. **Ethics-** Mr. Vivian provided a brief overview of Ethics responsibilities and provided the Committee members with the appropriate forms. SCDs will be mailed outside activity forms.
4. **Supervisor Appts./Reappointments-** On motion by Mr. Lomax, second by Mr. Kocubinski, the following Category 1 supervisors "Supervisor Re-Nominations that met Supervisor Performance Standards for 3-year term ending June 30, 2020" were re-appointed by the SSCC: Robert Carter Jr. (Camden SCD), Ron Thomas & Henry DuBois (Cumberland-Salem SCD), Wayne Van Hise & Robert Dryer (Freehold SCD), Jay Kandle & John Grasso (Gloucester SCD), Mario Tridente & Graham Russell (H.E.P. SCD), Richard Stothoff & James Hill (Hunterdon SCD), Gary Mount & Lucia Huebner (Mercer SCD), Michael Gross (Ocean SCD), Robert Amberg (Somerset-Union SCD), Nancy Bilyk (Warren). Mr. DiLodovico recused from voting on the Ocean SCD re-appointment. Mr. Buscaglia recused from voting on the Freehold SCD re-appointments. Mr. Rigolizzo recused from voting on the Camden SCD re-appointments. On motion by Mr. Kocubinski, second by Mr. DiLodovico, Joe Lomax & Robert Fenton were re-appointed by the SSCC. Mr. Lomax recused himself from voting. On motion by Mr. Buscaglia, second by Mr. Rigolizzo, the following supervisors in Category 2, "Supervisor Re-nominations that did not meet Performance Standards" were re-appointed with the stipulation that they attend the next annual conference, Ron Binaghi (Bergen SCD), Louise Davis (Morris SCD) & Philip Deacon (Sussex SCD). Mr. Cywinski recused himself from voting on the Bergen SCD re-appointment. On motion by Mr. Rigolizzo, second by Mr. Buscaglia, the following Category 3, "New Supervisor Appointments for 2 year term ending June 30, 2019" vacancy on the Cumberland-Salem Board will be filled by Tom Tedesco. On motion by Mr. Kocubinski, second by Mr. Cywinski, the following appointments were approved in Category 4, "New Supervisor Appointments for 3 year term ending June 30, 2020". Ryan Rebozzo was appointed to the Burlington SCD Board to replace Cathy Costa who is retiring. Edward Madden was appointed to the Camden SCD Board to replace Philip Kunkle who did not seek re-appointment.

SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL ACT

1. **Soil Restoration Rules/Standards-** After a lengthy discussion, on motion by Mr. McLendon, second by Mr. Rigolizzo, the implementation date for the adopted rules will be between 3 to 6 months after publication in the NJ Register.
2. **Roadside vegetation laws- S227; S724** – These two pieces of legislation were introduced to the Committee for their information.
3. **Exempt Municipality Review-** Mr. Showler provided an update and reviewed in depth the two municipalities with deficiencies. The HEP SCD is working with the town of Wayne to correct their deficiencies. The Freehold SCD will be pursuing a request for revocation of exempt status for the municipality of Sayerville.
4. **H&H-** Mr. Showler provided an update on the H&H program.
5. **Engineering Report-** Mr. Showler reported on some of his work activities over the last several months. They include the following: an update of the Detention Basin Database Project (H&H), review of a large townhouse development project (Warren SCD), review of large solar array project (Sussex SCD), inspection of a problem site (Sussex SCD), subpoenaed as fact witness (Sussex & Warren SCD).
6. **New Jersey Conservation District Sub-Committee Reports**
 - **Training-** Mr. Reilly provided an update regarding the need for setting up a training schedule.
 - **Policies & Procedures-** Administrative Guidance Manual- Will be distributed once this document is formatted in a useable electronic version.
 - **Fee/Fiscal-** A meeting date will be scheduled to discuss district reserve funds.
 - **Review/Appraisal-** A meeting will be scheduled shortly.

CONSERVATION EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Mr. Belcher provided an update regarding the NJ Envirothon & the Poster contest awards ceremony. Both took place last month:

- **2017 NJ Envirothon-** was hosted by the Morris SCD and took place Saturday, May 13th at Schooley's Mountain Park. The theme for the Envirothon was "Agricultural Soil and Water Conservation Stewardship". 29 teams participated and Cedar Creek High School, Team #2 placed first in the competition.
- **2017 NJ Conservation Education Awards Ceremony-** was held on May 25th at the State House Museum Auditorium. A tour of the NJ Statehouse was held after the awards ceremony.

NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS)

Ms. Lindig provided an update regarding various programs, personnel and meetings involving NRCS including upcoming local workgroup meetings which will be scheduled shortly in various locations around the state.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (DEP)

Mr. McLendon provided an update regarding various programs, personnel and meetings involving NJDEP including the Barnegat Bay Blitz.

NJ ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Mr. DiLodovico reported on the activities of the NJACD including the upcoming Annual Conservation Conference which is being held at the Eco-Complex in Columbus, November 2nd.

SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Dr. Murphy provided an update regarding various programs, personnel and meetings involving the University and co-operative Extension.

PUBLIC AND AGENCY COMMENTS

Mr. Minch congratulated Glen Van Olden, HEP District Manager, for receiving a distinguished service award from NJ Farm Bureau for 26 years of service and Christine Raabe, Ocean District Director, who received a lifetime achievement award from the Barnegat Bay Partnership.

On motion by Mr. Buscaglia, second by Mr. Rigolizzo, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM. All actions were by unanimous vote unless otherwise noted.

The next SSCC meeting will be held September 11, 2017 in Trenton.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Minch
Executive Secretary, SSCC