

**SUSSEX COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

Board of Supervisors Meeting

March 30, 2011

2:00 PM SCSCD Office – Conference Room

186 Halsey Road, Suite 2, Newton, NJ

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**NEXT MEETING:** April 27, 2011–7:30 PM – SCSCD Office (Conference Room)

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**SUPERVISORS PRESENT:** Barbara Rosko, Fred Hough, Walter Ricker, Winifred Straub and James Kilduff.

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**SUPERVISORS ABSENT:** None

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**OTHERS PRESENT:** Clifford R. Lundin-District Manager, Dan Mull- USDA NRCS-District Conservationist, Frank Minch-SSCC, and Thomas Hansen- District Inspector.

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Chairman Rosko called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. declaring that adequate notice has been provided in accordance with the NJ Open Public Meetings Act. This was a rescheduled meeting due to the inclement weather on the regular meeting date of March 23, 2011.

**MINUTES**

On motion by Mrs. Straub, seconded by Mr. Ricker and properly carried, the minutes of the regular meeting of February 16, 2011 were approved.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

On motion by Mrs. Straub, seconded by Mr. Hough and properly carried, the attached two correspondence lists were reviewed and approved for the files. Special attention was given to the highlighted items.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

On motion of Mrs. Straub, seconded by Mr. Hough and properly carried, the Treasurer’s Report was approved, subject to audit, by Roll Call vote as follows: Mr. Hough- yes, Mr. Ricker – yes, Mrs. Straub- yes, Mr. Kilduff- yes and Mrs. Rosko- yes. The Treasurer’s Report included the following: Income Statement for the Nine Month Period ending March 31, 2011, Cash Disbursements-Check Register from February 16, 2011 to March 23, 2011, Cash Receipts Journal from February 16, 2011 to March 23, 2011, Cash Account Balance Report as of March 23, 2011, Consulting Engineer-Cash Disbursements Journal from July 1, 2010 to March 23, 2011, General Ledger Trial Balance as of March 23, 2011 and Balance Sheet dated March 31, 2011.

The Board reviewed the financial status of the District. The District operated at a \$7,733.00 profit for the first 9 months of FY 2011. All expense items are currently under budget except auto repairs.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Chapter 251**

Monthly Report. On motion by Mr. Hough, seconded by Mrs. Straub and properly carried the attached 251 Project Card Summary Sheet dated March 22, 2011, the Project Status Reports dated March 23, 2011 and the Performance Bonds Reports dated March 23, 2011 were approved.

Wantage Township. Mr. Lundin reported that of the 14 project files transferred to the District from Wantage Township, 3 have either not recertified or have not contacted the District. The largest project is Clove Hill Manor. Warning letters have been sent to all delinquent applicants.

Problem sites. The Board also discussed the following SESC problem sites:

- 1) Eagles Nest. SP-125, SP-125B, SP-125C. Mr. Lundin reported that the site remains in non-compliance and remains subject to a Stop Work Order. Mr. Lundin, Mr. Sedivy and Mr. Showler (SSCC) reviewed the applicant's revised recertification applications and found them to be deficient. A comment letter and a warning letter were sent to the applicant on March 23, 2011.
- 2) Jobeless site- Hopatcong. Mr. Minch indicated that the State DAG has changed. He will reach out to the new DAG to review this issue.
- 3) Whispering Woods- VR-748, VR-748A, VR-748B. Mr. Lundin reported that there are several outstanding issues with the site. The recertification requires an additional engineering submission if the site remains unstable on May 1, 2011.
- 4) Mudtown Road- Wantage. Mr. Lundin briefed the Board on a dispute in Wantage relative to storm drainage. The District is in receipt of an engineer's certification that the disturbance is less than 5,000 square feet. Therefore the District lacks jurisdiction over this site.

### **Agriculture-NRCS**

- a) NRCS report. Mr. Mull provided the attached report to the Board. The Board approved the report on motion of Mr. Kilduff, seconded by Mrs. Straub and properly carried.

- b) Cooperators. Requests for conservation assistance were received from Victoria Jadali for a 23-acre farm in Sandyston, from the Nature Conservancy for a 114-acre property in Montague and from Eric Turnquist for a 139-acre property in Wantage. The Conservation Agreements were approved on voice vote on motion of Mr. Kilduff and Mrs. Straub.

**SSCC Report:** Mr. Minch briefed the Board on the following matters:

- a) Fertilizer Bill. The current fertilizer standards for new construction will remain in effect.
- b) Soil Restoration Bill. An interdepartmental Committee has been formed and has met on two occasions to develop soil restoration standards. Under the legislation the new standards must be in place by February 2012.
- c) NJ Transparency Report. Legislation (S2765 and A3898) has been introduced in both houses of the NJ Legislature to require independent agencies such as Districts to meet certain transparency standards by publishing materials on their websites. Mr. Lundin has provided comments on behalf of the SCSCD. The Board directed Mr. Lundin to schedule a meeting with the District's local Senator and Assemblypersons.
- d) Single Family Exemption. Mr. Minch and Mr. Lundin reported on the efforts of a SSCC Sub-committee to develop a uniform policy for implementation of the Single Family exemption provisions of the Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Act.
- e) "Shadow Government" Legislation. Mr. Minch reported on press releases of this date from Governor Christie's office relative to proposed legislation governing regional and other authorities. The SSCC and multiple county districts would be subject to this legislation. As currently written, the SCSCD would be exempt. The proposed legislation would grant the Governor veto authority over all minutes and Board actions.

**Education:**

- a) 2011 North Jersey Envirothon Training. The April 13, 2011, North Jersey training session has been moved to Liberty State Park to facilitate review of this year's current issue theme of Estuaries. The 2011 Statewide Envirothon competition remains scheduled for May 7, 2011 in Bergen County.

- b) Dirt-The Movie. Mr. Lundin reported that to date 10 schools have borrowed the District's copy of the DVD called "Dirt- The Movie."
- c) NJACD Education Council. Mrs. Rosko reported that the Educational Council met on March 17, 2011. The Council has retained an educational consultant to complete the Soil Activity curriculum.
- d) Poster Contest Awards: Mr. Lundin reported on the award ceremony on February 28, 2011 at the Hopatcong Board of Education Meeting.
- e) 2011/2012 Poster Contest. The NJACD is seeking input as to whether the contest should be run in the spring or fall. The Board indicated that its preference would be Fall 2011.
- f) Photo Contest: Mrs. Rosko indicated that the NJACD is considering sponsoring a photo contest for children and adults and wondered if the District would be interested in sponsoring a local contest. The Board deferred the matter for future consideration.

### **Meetings**

- a) Northern NJ Supervisors Meeting. Mr. Lundin reported that the Northern NJ Supervisors' meeting has been scheduled for April 20, 2011 in Mountain Lakes.
- b) Northeast Regional NACD Meeting. Mr. Lundin reported that the 2011 Northeast NACD meeting is scheduled for August 7 through August 9, 2011 in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

### **Other Old Business:**

- a) Clean Waters Initiative. Mr. Lundin reviewed for the Board a draft contract from the Pinchot Institute for Conservation. The District will provide services to Pinchot in relation to the Common Waters Fund project. Compensation will be based upon the District's hourly fee schedule. The maximum annual compensation is \$5,500.00. The Board authorized Chairman Rosko to execute the Contract on motion of Mrs. Straub, seconded by Mr. Ricker and the following roll call vote: Mrs. Straub- yes, Mr. Kilduff- yes, Mr. Hough-yes, Mr. Ricker- yes and Mrs. Rosko- yes.

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b) RC&D Funding: As authorized at the February meeting, letters have been sent to the District's federal legislators on behalf of the continuation of the RC&D program. At this point the future of the program remains doubtful.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

New District Employee. Mr. Lundin introduced Thomas Hansen, who commenced employment on March 30, 2011 as a part-time field inspector (21 hours per week) for the District.

Nominating Committee: Chairman Rosko named the following individuals to the Nominating Committee for the appointment of Supervisors to the SCSCD for the period commencing July 1, 2011: Donna Traylor, Chairperson, Richard Vohden, Margaret McGarrity, Daniel Kent and Glen Vetrano.

### **PUBLIC SESSION**

Chairman Rosko opened the meeting to the public at 3:30 p.m. Having no one come forward, the meeting was closed to the public.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Lundin indicated that there was no need for an executive session.

### **ADJOURN:**

The Meeting was adjourned at 3:31 p.m. on motion of Mr. Ricker seconded by Mr. Hough and properly carried.

Respectfully submitted for Walter C. Ricker, Secretary

By Clifford R. Lundin