

SUSSEX COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors Meeting

April 27, 2011

7:30 PM SCSCD Office – Conference Room

186 Halsey Road, Suite 2, Newton, NJ

NEXT MEETING: May 25, 2011–7:30 PM – SCSCD Office (Conference Room)

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

SUPERVISORS ABSENT: Fred Hough.

OTHERS PRESENT: Clifford R. Lundin-District Manager, Dan Mull- USDA NRCS-District Conservationist

Chairman Rosko called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. declaring that adequate notice has been provided in accordance with the NJ Open Public Meetings Act.

MINUTES:

On motion by Mr. Ricker, seconded by Mrs. Straub and properly carried, the minutes of the regular meeting of March 30, 2011 were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE:

On motion by Mrs. Straub, seconded by Mr. Ricker and properly carried, the attached correspondence list was 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. Kilduff and properly carried, the Treasurer’s Report was approved, subject to audit, by Roll Call vote as follows: Mr. Ricker – yes, Mrs. Straub- yes, Mr. Kilduff- yes and Mrs. Rosko- yes. The Treasurer’s Report included the following: Income Statement for the Ten Month Period ending April 30, 2011, Cash Disbursements-Check Register from March 23, 2011 to April 27, 2011, Cash Receipts Journal from March 23, 2011 to April 27, 2011, Cash Account Balance Report as of April 27, 2011, Consulting Engineer-Cash Disbursements Journal from July 1, 2010 to April 27, 2011, General Ledger Trial Balance as of April 27, 2011 and Balance Sheet dated April 30, 2011.

The Board reviewed the financial status of the District.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chapter 251:

Monthly Report. On motion of Mr. Ricker, seconded by Mrs. Straub and properly carried the attached 251 Project Card Summary Sheet dated April 27, 2011, the Project Status

Reports dated April 27, 2011 and the Performance Bonds Reports dated April 27, 2011 were approved.

Quarterly Reports: On motion of Mrs. Straub, seconded by Mr. Kilduff, and properly carried, the Chapter 251 Quarterly Reports for the District, for Andover Township and for Green Township for the period of January 1, 2011 through March 31, 2011 were approved.

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. The District is in receipt of supplemental engineering data, which is currently under engineering review.
- 2) Jobeless site- Hopatcong. The District is still awaiting action by the NJDA.
- 3) Whispering Woods- VR-748, VR-748A, VR-748B. Mr. Lundin reported that there are several outstanding issues with the site. An inspection has been scheduled for the first week of May 2011, which is the compliance deadline imposed as a condition of recertification.

Agriculture-NRCS:

- a) NRCS report. Mr. Mull provided the attached report to the Board. The Board approved the report on motion of Mr. Ricker, seconded by Mr. Kilduff and properly carried. Mr. Mull reported that the application deadlines have been reopened for several programs. (See attached information sheet.)
- b) Cooperators. There were no new applications this month.

SSCC Report: Mr. Minch was not in attendance. In his absence Mr. Lundin reported on the following items:

- a) Fertilizer Bill. No new action.
- b) Soil Restoration Bill. An interdepartmental Committee continues to meet 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. The SSCC is expected to issue guidelines to districts at its May 9, 2011 meeting. Once the guidelines are adopted, Mr. Lundin will contact several area website developers to obtain cost estimates for complying with the new requirements.

- d) Single Family Exemption. An additional committee meeting is anticipated in May 2011.
- e) “Shadow Government” Legislation. Mr. Lundin reported that Mr. Minch was scheduled to meet with a representative of the Governor’s Legislative office to clarify the role of the SSCC and Districts.
- f) Confidentiality issue. Mr. Lundin reported that Mr. Minch and Mr. Pettit are reexamining the confidentiality issue under Farm Bill section 1619.

Education:

a) 2011 North Jersey Envirothon Training. Mr. Lundin reported on the North Jersey Training Session held on April 13, 2011 at Liberty State Park. Despite the rainfall, the program was very successful. The 2011 Statewide Envirothon competition remains scheduled for May 7, 2011 in Bergen County. Mr. Lundin, Mrs. Straub and Mrs. Rosko have agreed to act as judges for the oral presentation competition.

Meetings:

- a) Northern NJ Supervisors Meeting. Mr. Lundin, Mrs. Rosko, Mr. Hough and Mr. Ricker attended the Northern NJ Supervisors’ meeting on April 20, 2011 in Mountain Lakes.
- b) Interagency Cross Training. Mr. Lundin reported that he, Mr. Eckert and Mr. Hansen will be attending a cross training session to be held on May 10, 2011 between SCD personnel, NRCS personnel and NJDEP at the Eco-Complex facility in Bordentown.
- c) 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.

Clean Waters Initiative: Mr. Lundin reported that to date, one application has been received from a Sussex County landowner for the first round funding cycle due on May

1, 2011. Assistance has been provided to approximately 15 landowners. He has noted that several landowners appear willing to sell development easements for their woodlands, but at the current time, there is no entity willing to hold the title to such easements. Mr. Mull indicated that funds might be available for that purpose under the FRPP provisions of the Farm Bill. Mr. Lundin indicated that he is in the process of submitting the initial invoice to Pinchot under the grant for the District's time expenditures to date.

RC&D Funding: Mrs. Rosko reported that the FY2011 Federal Budget has eliminated all funding for the RC&D program. The North Jersey Coordinator has been reassigned within NRCS. The RC&D Board has retained the existing employees and is searching for office space. The Board is also exploring joint ventures and or mergers with other non-profit agencies.

Lake Owassa Property: Mr. Lundin reported that he had been contacted by George Flynn, one of the children of the donor of the property. Mr. Lundin reviewed with Mr. Flynn the District's involvement with the property and the District's relationship with the Lake Owassa Association. Mr. Flynn has requested that the District consider erecting signs on the property indicating that the property is preserved land and that we indicate that it was preserved by his father. The Board directed Mr. Lundin to obtain cost estimates for consideration at a future meeting.

Nominating Committee: Mr. Lundin reported that the Nominating Committee has met earlier this day and is recommending the reappointment of Supervisor Straub for an additional three-year term commencing July 1, 2011: Chairman Rosko will send a letter of thanks to Committee members: Donna Traylor, Richard Vohden, Margaret McGarrity, Daniel Kent and Glen Vetrano.

Other Old Business: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC SESSION:

Chairman Rosko opened the meeting to the public at 8:29 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.

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ADJOURN:

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. on motion of Mr. Kilduff, seconded by Mrs. Straub and properly carried.

Respectfully submitted for Walter C. Ricker, Secretary

By Clifford R. Lundin