OCEAN COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING 714 LACEY ROAD, FORKED RIVER, NJ 08731

JULY 14, 2011 (FY2012)

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER — The meeting was called to order by William Pollock at 2:00 p.m. Dr. Pollock confirmed that announcements for the meeting were made pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act and forwarded to the Asbury Park Press, The Press of Atlantic City, and the Ocean County Clerk. Present were:

Supervisors: William Pollock, Anthony DiLodovico, Michael Gross, Martha Maxwell-Doyle

Absent: Charlene Costaris

Others Present: David Friedman and Barbara Blaine, Kerry Jennings and Tim Feteke

II. FLAG SALUTE - Dr. Pollock led the salute to the flag of the United States of America.

III. AGENDA – Motion to approve the agenda for today's meeting made by Dr. Gross, seconded by Martha Maxwell-Doyle. Roll call vote: unanimous.

IV. MINUTES – The May 19, 2011, minutes were approved on a motion by Dr. Gross and seconded by Dr. Pollock. Roll call vote: unanimous.

V. **CORRESPONDENCE** – The District received a copy of a letter from the Monmouth County Parks System which was sent to NJDA Secretary Douglas Fisher regarding a desire on their part for adoption of soil compaction regulations and standards. Mr. Friedman had previously made a presentation to county and state parks directors.

A letter was received from USEPA-Acting Assistant Administrator Nancy Stoner. We had written to her on behalf of the Barnegat Bay National Estuary / Partnership. She expressed strong support for the budget and announced that the 2012 budget has been authorized.

We received a copy of the Department of Agriculture policy bulletin regarding new policies for websites. Legislation was signed last week. Tim Feteke stated that more information will be forthcoming from the state. The Open Public Meetings Act is requiring more transparency among all government units be provided on websites which would include minutes, budgets, agenda, etc.

A discussion at the State Committee Meeting on July 11, 2011, which Dr. Pollock and I attended, ensured regarding the OPMA and board members who should not be present when matters which they would recluse themselves were being discussed. Many, many questions remain. Tim Feteke stated that Frank Minch and Judy Gleason, Ethics Officer, will be at the next State Committee Meeting to address some of these issues. He also stated that questions may also be addressed at the next Managers' meeting. Dr. Pollock stated that if meeting were held online with Skype, time and gasoline could be saved. The public would be able to view meetings using an IP address / URL online connection. Dr. Gross also mentioned information he had received from NJACD President Louise Davis regarding communications with the entire membership through email.

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VI. TREASURY REPORT — The monthly report for May 2011, showed total holdings of \$2,453,661.05; June 2011, were: \$2,464,146.24. A motion to accept the report was made by Dr. Gross and seconded by Ms. Maxwell-Doyle. Roll call vote: unanimous.

VII. BILLS AND CLAIMS – Chapter 251 May 2011, disbursements were \$127,286.89, June disbursements were \$77,421.87. General account disbursements in May 2011, were \$880.32; no disbursements in June 2011. A motion to accept the report was made by Dr. Gross and seconded by Ms. Maxwell-Doyle. Roll call vote: unanimous.

VIII. STANDING COMMITTEES - None.

- IX. REPORTS OF SPECIAL (AD HOC) COMMITTEES None.
- X. PUBLIC COMMENTS None.
- XI. CHAPTER 251 The Board moved to approve the Chapter 251 certified plans. However, Mr. DiLodovico rescued himself on SCD #s 13795 & 13406, to avoid any conflict of interest. Martha Maxwell-Doyle rescued herself on SCD #13466 and 13785 to avoid any conflict of interest. There was much discussion and an abundant amount of confusion on this issue. To date, there are no specific guidelines with which to adhere too. However, Mr. DiLodovico and Ms Maxwell-Doyle did leave the room during ratification of projects pertaining to them. Motion to approve made by Dr. Gross seconded by Dr. Pollock. Roll call vote: unanimous.

Kerry Jennings presented an overview of three (3) sites which are now in question over supposed right to farm issues: JR Landscaping in Jackson, Wall site in Manchester and the Russo site in Plumsted.

At this time Mr. Friedman made a request to the Board to proceed to Reports to the Board before New Business. Board agreed.

XIV. REPORTS TO BOARD -

- A. USDA-NRCS ~ Two cost share applications require Board approval and the Chairman's signature. A motion by Mr. DiLodovico and a second by Dr. Gross was made. Roll call vote: unanimous.
- B. NJDA-State Soil Conservation Committee ~ Tim Feteke passed out the Secretary's Report to the Board, and also spoke about the NJACD Annual Conference to be held October 5 & 6 at the Holiday Inn in Clinton, NJ.

XII. OLD BUSINESS – No old business

XIII. NEW BUSINESS – New signature cards for Ocean First and Hudson City had to be signed due to Bill Slack leaving. Jean Baluski will now be signing on both accounts. A motion to approve was made by Dr. Gross seconded by Ms. Maxwell-Doyle. Roll call vote: unanimous.

Mr. Friedman requested that the Board approve the sale of 1-2 vehicles which will be put up for public auction. A motion to approve was made by Ms. Maxwell-Doyle and seconded by Dr. Gross. Roll call vote: unanimous.

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NEW BUSINESS – (Cont'd)

Mr. Friedman stated that the Soil Society of America is offering an on-line course entitled: Fundamental of Soil Science. The cost is \$495 per person. Money has been allocated in the budget for training. However, if a staff person does not complete the course, that person will be required to reimburse the District for the cost of the course.

The 2012 Annual Plan of Operations was given to Board members. Board members will be able to look it over and will discuss again at the September meeting.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION – A motion to go into Executive Session was made by Dr. Gross and seconded by Ms. Maxwell-Doyle.

XVI. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT DISTRICT MEETING - September 15, 2011

XVII. ADJOURNMENT - Meeting was adjourned at 3:30.

Respectfully submitted,

David B. Friedman, CPESC

District Director

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Michael Gross, Secretary