

OCEAN COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
714 LACEY ROAD, FORKED RIVER, NJ 08731
May 18, 2017 – FY 17

I. CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Dr. William Pollock at 7:58 am. Dr. William 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: Dr. William Pollock, Chairman; Dr. Michael Gross, Secretary; Tony DiLodovico, Vice Chairman; Charlene Costaris, Treasurer; and Martha Maxwell-Doyle

Others: Nicole Ciccaglione, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS); Christine R. Raabe, District Director, Kerry Jennings, Assistant District Director, Chuck Collins, Resource Conservationist, and Lynne Tafaro, Bookkeeper from Ocean County Soil Conservation District (OCSCD).

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

III. AGENDA – Motion to approve the Agenda for today's meeting. Motion made by Charlene Costaris and seconded by Martha Maxwell-Doyle. Roll call vote: unanimous.

IV. MINUTES – The March 16, 2017 District Meeting Minutes were approved motion by Martha Maxwell-Doyle and seconded by Dr. Michael Gross. Roll call vote: unanimous. Charlene Costaris noted that minor corrections needed to be made.

V. REPORTS TO BOARD –

- A. Nicole Ciccaglione, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), No formal report. 9 new applications for projects in Ocean County, deadline for submittal is 5/19. Projects include Seasonal High Tunnels (to extend growing season – new limit is 2 tunnels), Bob White Quail Initiative (creation of Pinelands Savanna). Motion to approve SCD Boy Scouts forestry plan. Motion made by Martha Maxwell-Doyle and seconded by Dr. Michael Gross. Roll call vote: unanimous, Tony DiLodovico abstained. NRCS funding is good through 2017 fiscal year ending in October; most likely budget cuts next year. An Ocean County vegetable farmer requested assistance for soil help on his 12 acres crop rotation plan. Northeast Organic Farming Associations (NOFA) had success with farmer training, wants to do 2 more sessions, looking for suggestions of farms.
- B. State Soil Conservation Committee (SSCC) No report

VI. CORRESPONDENCE –

- A. Christine R. Raabe, District Director letter dated 5/2/17 to Dr. Kathryn Quinn-Sanchez, Associate World Languages, Georgian Court University partnership with Shari Kondrup of the Brick MUA regarding Spanish translation of "Low Maintenance Landscaping Guide for the Barnegat Bay Watershed" done by student Gisele Meza as her Community Service Learning Project. Joint press release to be done to promote online version, funding being sought for printed version.
- B. Christine submitted the Supervisor Performance Standards comments to the SSCC. Tony DiLodovico acknowledged the comments from OCSCD. He abstained from the comments.
- C. NRCS cost tables 2:90 rules – waiting for further info from Frank Minch. Nicole Ciccaglione commented that they are still working on Environmental Quality Incentives Program (Eqip) list at 100% cost with addendum.
- D. Cost Share Letter sent to Ocean County Farms - Christine Raabe asked Ocean County Agriculture Development Board for list of the 49 Ocean County eligible preserved farms and sent each a letter and application about the cost share program.
- E. Barnegat Bay Partnership is awarding Christine Raabe with the 2017 Guardian of Barnegat Bay Award for Lifetime Achievement at the Barnegat Bay Festival on June 4th at noon.

VII. TREASURY REPORT- The monthly report for March 2017 showed total holdings of \$3,683,537.78 and April 2017 showed total holdings of \$3,703,468.12. Clarification was asked about the fee reimbursement category – refunds of overpayment. Suggestion to update CD maturity date and rate. A motion to accept the report was made by Charlene Costaris and seconded by Dr. Michael Gross. Roll call vote: unanimous.

VIII. BILLS AND CLAIMS – March 2017 Chapter 251 disbursements were \$151,983.05, General account disbursements were \$2015.00. Chapter 251 April 2017 disbursements were \$215,895.29, General account disbursements were \$2418.51. Charlene Costaris expressed concerns over amount of surplus year to date, will require further look at the end of the year, however some special purchases such as cars were made this year as noted by Kerry Jennings. A motion to accept the report was made by Martha Maxwell-Doyle and seconded by Dr. Michael Gross. Roll call vote: unanimous.

IX. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES –

- A. Education Update - see attached activity report. The Roundtable was a success with 11% new participants, very positive feedback, and suggestions for next year's programs. Planning "plant rescue" for the Ocean First Bank garden of closing bank in Brick. Becky Laboy and volunteer Rita continue to be very busy.
- B. OCSCD Poster Contest winners – Cedar Creek Elementary student received \$50 and the school received \$250 towards environmental project; discussion of splitting up categories next year to separate out the art schools.
- C. Barnegat Bay Festival 6/4/17 – award for Christine at noon

X. REPORTS OF SPECIAL (AD HOC) COMMITTEES – None.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

XII. CHAPTER 251 – CERTIFIED PLANS, INCOMPLETE PLANS & RFAs (See Attachment B)

- A. The Board moved to approve the Chapter 251 certified plans. Motion to approve made by Charlene Costaris and seconded by Martha Maxwell-Doyle. Roll call vote: unanimous. Tony DiLodovico asked about subdivision in Barnegat being applied for as single lots, Kerry Jennings said it was an anomaly, not a trend
- B. Quarterly Report for the third quarter of FY17
- C. Permit Extension Act update – appears to be no more extensions, sending out letters for this year's expired plans only.

XIII. OLD BUSINESS –

- A. Supervisor Regional Meeting 3-27-17.
- B. Inspector-I New Hires- 18 applicants applied, 5 interviewed, offered position to Kristin Ryerson and Brittany Moore, Kristin has accepted, waiting for paperwork from Brittany
- C. Roundtable Program April 19, 2017 evaluation report – previously discussed.
- D. American Littoral Society (ALS) Grant – grant complete, video available for watching, link was emailed.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS –

- A. WWW.OCSCD.ORG: emails have been sent to gather more information about purpose of this site with no response. Board would like a formal complaint to the FBI as this web site is impersonating a government agency.
- B. Al Galvan provided Google analytics of our website (soildistrict.org) showing the pages most often viewed which include the applications page; staff contacts info and the recent poster contest.
- C. State Soil Conservation Committee (SSCC) for the New Jersey Conservation Partnership Memo 5/1/17 Winners of the 2017 Conservation Poster Contest Awards Ceremony was at the State Museum – all board members have been invited, Tony DiLodovico will be attending
- D. Resolution required to apply for Urban Agriculture Grant. Motion made by Tony DiLodovico and seconded by Charlene Costaris. Roll call vote: all except Martha Maxwell-Doyle and Dr. Michael Gross abstained.
- E. Grant: Barnegat Bay Partnership (BBP) Jersey Yards - \$10,000 in process of financial agreement and signed sub-award.

XV. OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS- None

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Motion to go into executive session at 9:06 AM made by Martha Maxwell-Doyle and Seconded by Dr. Michael Gross. Roll call vote: unanimous.

XVII. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT DISTRICT MEETING – July 20, 2017 made by Dr. William Pollock

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 A.M. Move for adjournment made by Dr. Michael Gross, and seconded by Martha Maxwell-Doyle. Roll call vote: unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Christine R. Raabe,
District Director

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Michael Gross, Secretary