

**STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
MINUTES  
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY  
JUNE 13, 2016**

The June meeting of the State Soil Conservation Committee was called to order by Chairman John Kocubinski at 9:43 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**

John Kocubinski

Sylvia Kovacs

Michael Rigolizzo

Charlie Buscaglia

Dr. Stephanie Murphy (rep. R. Goodman)

Ray Cywinski

Carrie Lindig

Tony DiLodovico

Joe Lomax

Brian McLendon (rep. R. Martin)

Ryan Benson, Deputy Attorney General

Frank Minch, Executive Secretary

Rich Belcher, SSSC, NJDA

John Showler, SSSC, NJDA

Tim Fekete, SSSC, NJDA

Dave Reilly, C/A SCD

Paul Schiariti, Mercer SCD

Dennis Dougherty, Camden SCD

Bob Reitmeyer, Burlington SCD

Mike Bonham, C/S SCD

Dan Galletta, C/A SCD

Shivangi Gianatra, NJDOT

Joseph Cucinolta

## MINUTES OF MAY 9, 2016 MEETING

On motion by Mr. Lomax, second by Mr. Rigolizzo, the minutes of the May 9, 2016 meeting were approved.

## CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Mr. Kocubinski reported that NJ Secretary of Agriculture, Doug Fisher was attending the Northeastern Association of State Departments Agriculture (NEASDA) conference.

## SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL ACT

1. **Soil Restoration Standards-** Mr. Minch reported that SSCC staff is awaiting a response from the Governor's office regarding the Soil Restoration Standards.
2. **Supervisor Appts.-** The recommendations of the SSCC Supervisor Nomination Review Committee, which consisted of Dave Clapp, Dr. Stephanie Murphy, Elizabeth George-Cheniara, Esq. and Frank Minch as the Chairman's designee, were as follows:

- **Category 1- Supervisor Re-nominations that Met Supervisor. Performance Standards for 3 year terms ending 6/30/19.**

On motion by Mr. Buscaglia, second by Mr. Rigolizzo, the following supervisors were re-appointed C. Mecky & G. Byrne (Bergen), D. Knezeck & G. Berg (Burlington), M. Rigolizzo (Camden), A. Carter, Jr. (Cape/Atlantic), M. Visalli & J. Everett (Gloucester), M. Ward (HEP), G. Manners & M. Mathews (Hunterdon), M. Slaff (Morris), C. Costaris M. Maxwell-Doyle (Ocean), M. Kirby & J. Laine (Somerset-Union), B. Rosko & M. Fox (Sussex). Messrs. Buscaglia, Cywinski, DiLodovico & Rigolizzo recused from voting on their respective districts. The vote was done by roll call.

- **Category 2- New Supervisor Appointments for 1 Year Term Ending 6/30/17**

On motion by Mr. Lomax, second by Mr. Cywinski, Lucia Huebner (Mercer) was chosen to fill the balance of Peggy McNeill's unexpired term.

- **Category 3- New Supervisor Appointments For 3 Year Terms Ending 6/30/19**

On motion by Mr. Cywinski, second by Mr. Lomax, Theodora Wang (Mercer) & George Ulmer (Warren) were chosen to fill 3 year terms. Ms. Kovacs recused herself from voting on the Warren District nomination.

- **Category 4- Supervisor Re-nominations That Did Not Meet Supervisor Performance Standards.**

On motion by Mr. Cywinski, second by Mr. Lomax, the following supervisors were approved for a 3 month provisional appointment pending fulfillment of deficient performance items, L. Parzanese (Camden- Did not attend annual conference), D. Patterson (Freehold- Did not attain 4 training credits) & Roger Gravatt (Freehold- Did not attend annual conference).

R. Petersen (Warren- Did not attend annual conference & did not attain 4 training points) was not re-appointed because this was the second infraction of the supervisor performance standards. Messrs. Buscaglia & Rigolizzo & Ms. Kovacs recused from voting on their respective districts. A roll call vote was held.

- **Category 5- Supervisor Appointments ending 6/30/16**  
There is a supervisor vacancy on the Cumberland/ Salem board, David Welch (Morris) is re-locating & J. Kilduff (Sussex) is stepping down. Each of these districts is in the process of convening their Supervisor Nominating Committee.
- Mr. Minch indicated that the supervisor nominating process is due to be re-evaluated, as the last time this was undertaken was 2004. A lengthy discussion was held regarding this issue.

10:06 AM- Mr. Galletta arrived.

10:10 AM- Mr. Dougherty arrived

3. **Engineering Report-** Mr. Showler reported on some of his work activities over the last several months. They include the following: an update of the H & H Database Project, Dismal Brook (Freehold), PlanSmart NJ, Philipsburg High School (Warren) construction site, solar array (Sussex).
4. **New Jersey Conservation District Sub-Committee Reports**
  - **Training-** No update.
  - **Policies & Procedures-** No update
  - **Fee/Fiscal-** No update
  - **Review/Appraisal-** No update

#### **CONSERVATION EDUCATION PROGRAM**

Mr. Belcher reported on the following;

- **NJ Envirothon-** West Windsor Plainsboro HS Team 1 placed first in the NJ Envirothon & will represent NJ in the international competition held in Canada later this summer.
- The 2016 Conservation Education Poster winners & the scholarship award recipient were honored at a ceremony held at the State House Annex on 5/23/16.

#### **NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS)**

Ms. Lindig provided an update regarding various programs, personnel and meetings involving NRCS including the upcoming State Technical Committee Meeting, NRCS “boot camp”, Urban Conservation Grant Program, aquaculture & equine EQIP projects.

#### **NJ ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

Mr. Cywinski reported on the activities of the NJACD including the following:

- Many decisions regarding the Northeast NACD meeting in August will be finalized at the NJACD meeting which follows the SSCC meeting.

#### **NJ DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

No report.

## **SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES**

Dr. Murphy provided an update regarding various programs, personnel and meetings involving the University and co-operative Extension. Dr. Murphy will be giving a talk regarding acid soils at an upcoming soils conference. A lengthy discussion was held regarding acid soils.

## **PUBLIC AND AGENCY COMMENTS**

- Mr. Reitmeyer requested guidance regarding projects subject to the recently readopted Permit Extension Act.
- Mr. Bonham reported that anyone going on the upcoming NRCS farm tour should meet at the Cumberland/Salem SCD office.

On motion by Mr. Buscaglia, second by Mr. Lomax, the meeting was adjourned at 10:57 AM. All actions were by unanimous vote unless otherwise noted.

The next SSCC meeting will be held September 12, 2016 in Trenton.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Minch

