

**STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
MINUTES  
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2018**

The September meeting of the State Soil Conservation Committee was called to order by Chairwoman Monique Purcell at 9:35 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 and a moment of silence was observed.  
Call of the Membership Roll indicated the following:

**Members Present Associate Members and Others**

Monique Purcell

Joe Lomax

Charlie Buscaglia

John Kocubinski

Dr. Stephanie Murphy (rep. R. Goodman)

Ray Cywinski

Carrie Lindig

Tony DiLodovico

Sylvia Kovacs

Brian McLendon (rep. C. McCabe)

Michael Rigolizzo

Cristin Mustillo, Deputy Attorney General

Frank Minch, Executive Secretary

Rich Belcher, SSSC, NJDA

John Showler, SSSC, NJDA

M. DePalma, Hunterdon SCD

Dave Reilly, C/A SCD

Dennis Dougherty, Camden SCD

Ines Zimmerman, Freehold SCD

Paul Schiariti, Mercer SCD

Thodora Wang, Mercer SCD

C. Raabe, Ocean SCD

Glen Van Olden, HEP SCD

Grant Lucking- NJBA

A moment of silence was held in remembrance of all the lives lost on September 11, 2001 and, in addition, the countless individuals who became ill, died because of the clean-up efforts.

### **MINUTES OF JUNE 11, 2018 MEETING**

On motion by Mr. Cywinski, second by Mr. Kocubinski, the minutes of the June 11, 2018 meeting were approved with the correction that Brian McLendon was in attendance.

### **CHARMAN'S COMMENTS**

Ms. Purcell reported on the following:

- There is a quarantine in Hunterdon, Mercer and Warren Counties regarding the spotted lanternfly. There is a required on-line training course to obtain a permit to move construction debris and landscape materials.
- There will be no bear hunting on state owned land. The only exception is for farmers leasing state owned land. They may obtain a permit to hunt bear on that leased ground.
- Minimum wage in N.J. will, in all probability, be raised incrementally, instead of all at once. There may be an agricultural "carve out" provision.
- The longhorn tick is still a concern in N.J.

### **EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Mr. Minch reported on the following:

1. **Phone directory-** Several corrections are required before the directory is released to the districts.
2. **District Supervisor Resignation- Burlington-** Ryan Rebozo, Supervisor for the Burlington SCD, submitted a letter of resignation to Bob Reitmeyer, Burlington SCD Manager. Dr. Rebozo is relocating outside of Burlington County. Mr. Reitmeyer is initiating a search for a replacement.
3. **Sussex SCD Update-** The Sussex and Warren SCDs have entered into a shared services agreement and Sandy Myers, Warren SCD Manager, is acting as interim Sussex Manager. Ms. Myers is doing an excellent job of organizing and getting a handle on the situation in the Sussex SCD. Secretary Fisher will be appointing a sub-committee to facilitate and assist with the oversight of the Sussex SCD.

10:10 AM- Ms. Raabe arrived.

### **SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL ACT**

1. **Sussex SCD Fee Schedule Amendment-** On motion by Mr. DiLodovico, second by Mr. Lomax, the Sussex SCD fee schedule amendment was approved. Ms. Kovacs abstained. The amendment pertains to residential improvements for projects that exceed 5,000 square feet of disturbance on an existing single-family lot (\$335). This applies to additions to existing homes and free-standing structures associated with the home, swimming pools, septic systems, etc.

2. **Exempt municipality- Sayreville** – The District will arrange a meeting between Sayreville Township officials, SSCC staff and the Freehold District. A detailed discussion was held regarding policy versus regulations. It was decided that Ms. Zimmerman, Mr. Minch and DAG Mustillo would meet after the SSCC meeting to discuss further.
3. **Engineering Report-** Mr. Showler reported on some of his work activities over the last several months, including issues with the Apple Ridge project (Bergen SCD).
4. Mr. Minch introduced Grant Lucking. Mr. Lucking works for the NJ Builders Association and will be their liaison to the State Committee.
5. **Bulletins**
  - Chapter 251 on Agricultural Lands- On motion by Mr. Lomax, second by Dr. Murphy, Administrative Bulletin 2018-1.0 was approved. This bulletin provides guidance and clarification on the applicability of the Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Program on land disturbances with approved NRCS conservation plans.
  - Delmarva Unit Hydrograph- On motion by Mr. DiLodovico, second by Mr. Lomax, Technical Bulletin 2018-4 (which replaces 2004-1) was approved. This bulletin provides guidance on the proper use of the USDA-NRCS Delmarva unit hydrograph for runoff modeling using the USDA TR-55/TR-20 modeling methods.

### **CONSERVATION EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

Mr. Belcher provided the following update:

- **2018 National Envirothon-** Several students from the West Windsor Plainsboro Team #1 could not make the National Envirothon in Pocatello, Idaho in July so the MATES Team #1 represented New Jersey at the national competition. NJ placed 25 out of 50 teams. Special thanks to Carrie Lindig and Jill Ott of NRCS who assisted the team regarding rangeland management, which was the national theme. Mr. Belcher also thanked the NJACD for paying for his transportation expenses, meals and lodging in Idaho and NJDA for allowing him to attend the national competition.
- **2019 NJ Envirothon-** will be hosted by the Camden SCD and will take place in Waterford Township, Camden County. The date for the event will be either May 4<sup>th</sup> or May 11<sup>th</sup>.

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

Ms. Lindig, reported that NRCS is finishing up the Federal fiscal year. All Federal funds have been obligated and NRCS is working on state cost share tasks. There were several questions and a discussion regarding the Columbia Lake Dam removal.

### **CONSERVATION COST SHARE**

Mr. Minch indicated that Administrative Bulletin regarding project costs exceeding soil and water cost table estimates has been tabled.

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

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

- Final plans for the 2018 Annual Conservation Conference will be discussed at the NJACD meeting which will take place after the SSCC meeting.
- The 2019 Annual Conservation Conference may be more formal and take place over a two or even three-day timeframe.
- The NJACD is still hoping to fill the Executive Director position.

### **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (DEP)**

Mr. McLendon reported on the following:

- Commissioner McCabe has identified five priorities for NJDEP,
  1. Reduce and respond to climate change.
  2. Protect the waters of NJ.
  3. Revitalize NJ communities and protect public health.
  4. Manage and promote natural and historic resources.
  5. Strengthen the DEP infrastructure.

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

Dr. Murphy provided an update regarding various programs, personnel and meetings and the calendar of events involving the University and Co-Operative Extension. In addition, Dr. Murphy mentioned the following:

- Dr. Brian Schilling has assumed his duties as Director of Rutgers Cooperative Extension.
- The Rutgers weather website is [www.njweather.org](http://www.njweather.org) There has been a definite warming trend in NJ. 9 of the 10 hottest summers have occurred in the past 20 years. This August 5.6 inches of rain fell on NJ., 1.5 inches above normal.
- The Master Gardeners training certification starts this month in most counties.
- Dr. Murphy will be a presenter at the ANJEC conference next month.

### **PUBLIC AND AGENCY COMMENTS**

- Mr. Van Olden mentioned inconsistencies in DEP enforcement in his jurisdiction. Mr. McLendon indicated he would speak to the appropriate individuals in NJDEP.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 AM. All actions were by unanimous vote unless otherwise noted.

The next SSCC meeting will be held December 10, 2018 in Trenton.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Minch  
Executive Secretary, SSCC