

**STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
MINUTES
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY
JANUARY 13, 2014**

The January meeting of the State Soil Conservation Committee was called to order by Chairman Douglas Fisher at 9:39 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

Douglas Fisher

Ray Cywinski

Priscilla Hayes

Joe Lomax

Dr. Stephanie Murphy (rep. R. Goodman)

Charlie Buscaglia

Brian McLendon (rep. B. Martin)

John Kocubinski

Carrie Mosley

Tony DiLodovico

Barbara Rosko

Sean Moriarity, Deputy Attorney General

Frank Minch, Executive Secretary

Rich Belcher, SSSC, NJDA

John Showler, SSSC, NJDA

Dr. Ferdows Ali, SSSC, NJDA

Tim Fekete, SSSC, NJDA

Glen Van Olden, HEP SCD

Dennis Dougherty, Camden SCD

Dave Reilly, C/A SCD

Ines Zimmerman, Freehold SCD

Bill Engisch, Hunterdon SCD

Matt Ward, HEP SCD

Kerry Jennings, Ocean SCD

Bob Dobbs, NJACD

Marie Banasiak, NJFB

Chris Sztenderowicz, MCS

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 9, 2013 MEETING

On motion by Mr. Cywinski, second by Mr. Lomax, the minutes of the December 9, 2013 meeting were approved. Ms. Rosko abstained.

9:46 AM- Mr. DiLodovico arrives.

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 18, 2013 MEETING

On motion by Ms. Hayes, second by Mr. Buscaglia, the minutes of the December 18, 2013 teleconference meeting were approved. Initially, Mr. DiLodovico was on the conference call but due to an emergency, left before voting.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. Minch reported on the following:

1. **Phone Directory-** Several more updates and corrections will be made to the directory which will then be distributed and posted on the department web site.
2. **Resolution, John Rigolizzo-** A resolution honoring retired Camden Supervisor, John Rigolizzo was completed. In the interim, Mr. Rigolizzo passed away. The resolution was subsequently sent to his widow.

SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL ACT

1. **2:90 Rule Amendments-**Mr. Minch reported that the rule amendment will be published in the February 3, 2014 issue of the NJ Register.

On motion by Ms. Hayes, second by Mr. Lomax, implementation is deferred until February 20nd so the regulated community can be informed of said changes.

2. **Compost Filter Sock –** Mr. Lomax reported that the task force has had a follow up meeting regarding the compost filter sock. This conservation practice fits into the sediment barrier portion of the standards but the management standards need some clarification. Filter socks are suitable sediment barriers but must be installed correctly. A training session is warranted for individuals and companies who design and install this technology and guidance documents need to be established to address the limitations of this practice. There was a consensus this practice should be part of the standards, the question was concerning the height of the filter sock. A discussion was held among the task force regarding a field study so as to develop a technical paper. The task force will meet again to revise and further refine their original report and will have final recommendations at the next State Committee meeting.
3. **Engineering Issues-** Mr. Showler reported on various items he has been working on over the last several months including the status of the Erosion Control Standards and the Detention Basin Database Project.

4. **NJ Conservation Workgroups- Sub-Committee Reports**

- Policy and Procedures Sub-Committee- Mr. Lomax provided a brief update regarding the progress of this sub-committee. The DAG is reviewing a draft of Single Family Housing guidance document. A lengthy discussion ensued.
- District Fee Schedule and Fiscal Sub-committee- Mr. Cywinski provided a brief update regarding the progress of this sub-committee.
- Training Sub-Committee- Ms. Hayes provided an update and overview regarding the progress of this sub-committee. Ms. Hayes had questions regarding the Supervisor Training Manual. Ms. Zimmerman indicated she would post the manual on the bulletin board
- District Review Sub-Committee- Mr. DiLodovico provided a brief update regarding the progress of this sub-committee.
- Ms. Hayes reported that the Working Group will meet January 21st at the Freehold SCD office

CONSERVATION EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Mr. Belcher reported on the following:

1. **NJ Envirothon-** Will be held in Sussex County May 3, 2014. A planning meeting will be held Thursday.
2. **2014 Poster Contest-** All State level entries are due by April 1st.
3. **NJ Flower and Patio Show-** Planning and work for this February event are on-going.
4. Ms. Hayes reported that a Project Soils Workshop will be presented by the NJ delegation to the NACD Conference in Anaheim, Ca. on February 5th. Also, there are approximately 80 students scheduled to attend the Youth Soil Summit on Wednesday.

NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION SERVICE

Ms. Mosley reported on the following:

1. Over \$12,000,000 was obligated in New Jersey for Farm Bill programs in 2013. Almost \$10,000,000 is allotted for these same programs in 2014.

NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Ms. Hayes reported on the following:

1. Another SCD related article appeared in the League of Municipalities magazine.
2. NJACD will be working closely w ANJEC (Association of NJ Environmental Commissions) regarding a series of training programs.
3. Mr. Dobbs, NJACD Executive Director, has issued the organization's 2nd monthly newsletter.
4. NJACD is looking to fill the board position of secretary.
5. The regional supervisor meetings are scheduled for March 25th, 26th and 27th.

10:50 AM- Mr. Ward arrives.

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Mr. McLendon reported that Commissioner Martin will be at Tuckerton Seaport on January 30th to provide a status of the Barnegat Bay. The Barnegat Bay serves as a model for implementing comprehensive water resource management. DEP is looking to expand on this and possibly utilize this model in the Navesink watershed.

SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Dr. Murphy reported on the following:

1. Winter break is coming to an end and classes began next Tuesday.
2. Cooperative Extension calendar of events was reviewed. It is filled with seminars and short courses.
3. Soil conservation is being incorporated into the 4-H program .

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Van Olden, HEP SCD Manager, provided the State Committee with an update regarding the HEP District and the major issues they are encountering with demolition debris on a property on the border of Newark.

On motion by Mr. Lomax, second by Mr. DiLodovico, the meeting was adjourned at 11:08 AM. All actions were by unanimous vote unless otherwise noted.

The next SSCC meeting will be held March 10, 2014 in Trenton.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Minch

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