

New Jersey Association of Conservation Districts
Board of Directors Conference Call
Tuesday, February 11, 2014

MINUTES

Members Present: Priscilla Hayes, Dennis Dougherty, Ray Cywinski, Tony Di Lodovico, Joseph Lomax

Also present: Robert Dobbs

The Conference Call was convened by President Priscilla Hayes at 11:05 am.

Minutes – The Minutes of the January 13, 2014 Board of Directors Meeting were read.

Motion: It was moved by Ray Cywinski, seconded by Tony DiLodovico and passed unanimously to approve the Minutes of the January 13, 2014 Board Meeting as presented

Financial Report – Dennis Dougherty presented the Financial Report. Account balances for period ending February 11, 2014:

Wells Fargo Money Market Account	\$ 9,489.35
Wells Fargo NJ Envirothon Account	\$ 16,847.28
Wells Fargo General Checking Account	\$156,996.69

Mr. Dougherty reported that the NJ Community Bank CD had matured and funds were deposited into the Wells Fargo Checking Account.

Motion: It was moved by Ray Cywinski, seconded by Joseph Lomax and passed to accept the Financial Report.

The Board discussed options for investing association funds.

Motion: It was moved by Ray Cywinski, seconded by Joseph Lomax and passed unanimously to invest \$70,000 in a 3-year Certificate of Deposit at Freedom Bank. The \$70,000 CD will include \$40,000 in funds for the NJACD Memorial Scholarship Fund and \$30,000 for the NJ Envirothon.

NJ Conservation District Supervisor Regional Meetings – The Board reviewed the agenda and costs associated with the three NJ Conservation District Supervisors Regional Meetings.

Motion: It was moved by Ray Cywinski, seconded by Joseph Lomax and passed to charge \$15 per person for registration fee for District Supervisors and District Managers and \$30 per person for partners, subject to funding by the NJ Department of Agriculture. Messrs. Dougherty and DiLodovico voted no on the motion.

The NJ Conservation District Supervisors Regional Meeting Agenda was finalized:

- Update Report on the Roadmap for Change
- State Soil Conservation Committee Subcommittee Updates

- NJACD Report
- NJACD Strategic Plan
- NRCS/NJACD Joint Agricultural Assistance Project

NACD Annual Meeting – The Board discussed attendance and participation in the 2014 NACD Annual Meeting in Anaheim, CA.

New Jersey Primary Legislative Contact – The Board discussed the need to replace Cliff Lundin as the NJ Primary Legislative Contact with NACD. Tony DiLodovico was appointed by the Board to serve as New Jersey's Primary Legislative Contact. A meeting of NACD Primary Legislative Contacts will held during the NACD Annual Meeting.

New Jersey Envirothon – Joseph Lomax reported on the status of the National Envirothon. The NACD Conservation Foundation and the leadership of the National Conservation Partnership have assumed control of the National Envirothon. The NACD Conservation Foundation will meet during the NACD Annual Meeting to evaluate the program and develop a plan for the future of the National Envirothon.

Other Business

Joseph Lomax and Robert Dobbs will present a draft NJACD Strategic Plan to the board for review at the next NJACD Board Meeting.

The status of the NJACD website was reviewed.

Ray Cywinski inquired about the status of the NJACD Audit. Dennis Dougherty reported that he had received one proposal to conduct the association's audit.

Motion: It was moved by Joseph Lomax, seconded by Ray Cywinski and passed unanimously to authorize Dennis Dougherty to contract with an auditing firm up to \$500 to conduct an association audit.

Adjournment – President Priscilla Hayes adjourned the conference call at 12:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert K. Dobbs