

New Jersey Association of Conservation Districts

Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, March 10, 2014

MINUTES

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

Also present: Robert Dobbs, Frank Minch, Rich Belcher, Maria Collazo

The Board Meeting was convened by President Priscilla Hayes at 1:10 pm.

Minutes – The Minutes of the February 11, 2014 Board of Directors Conference Call were read.

Motion: It was moved by Dennis Dougherty, seconded by Ray Cywinski and passed unanimously to approve the Minutes of the February 11, 2014 Conference Call as presented

Financial Report – Dennis Dougherty presented the Financial Report. Account balances for period ending February 28, 2014:

Wells Fargo Money Market Account	\$ 9,490.11
Wells Fargo NJ Envirothon Account	\$ 16,847.28
Wells Fargo General Checking Account	\$ 86,996.69
Freedom Bank CD	\$ 40,000.00
Freedom Bank CD	\$ 30,000.00

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

2014 Annual NJ Conservation Conference - Matt Ward, HEP SCD, discussed options for location and programming for the 2014 NJ Conservation Conference. The HEP SCD is hosting the conference this year in Jersey City, NJ. It was agreed that the theme of the conference would address Urban Conservation. The target dates are November 16-17 or November 24-25, 2014 depending upon hotel and meeting facility availability. Rich Belcher was asked to obtain bids from several hotels and report back.

The board discussed expanding the conference to include representatives from the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions, NJ Home Builders, Mayors Society, League of Municipalities, Engineers Society et al. The HEP SCD will work with Priscilla Hayes and Robert Dobbs to identify potential attendees.

A preliminary agenda was reviewed that would include:

- Reception and Brief Program on the first evening
- Supervisors Breakfast Meeting on second morning
- Opening & General Session with keynote speaker
- Luncheon & Awards
- NJACD Annual Business Meeting
- Breakout Sessions
- Dinner

2014 Regional District Supervisors Meetings – Robert Dobbs reported that Meeting Notices, Agendas and Registration Forms have been sent to all 15 Conservation Districts and Partners. The Board discussed attendance at the regional meetings.

NJACD Strategic Plan – Priscilla Hayes, Joseph Lomax and Robert Dobbs are working on a three-year draft Strategic Plan for the association. They will present the draft plan to the Board for review and action by the next Board Meeting.

NJACD Website – Robert Dobbs and Mary Montagne are working on the redesign and updating of the association website. The following data has been migrated to the site: Minutes, Meeting Calendar, Regional Meeting information, Newsletters and NJ Envirothon. More information is being added weekly.

NACD Report – Joseph Lomax reported that the NACD Conservation Foundation has assumed ownership and operation of the National Envirothon. He stated that he would be representing NJACD at the NACD Spring Fly-In Legislative Conference March 25- 26 in Arlington, VA. The NACD Summer Board Meeting will be held in Indianapolis, IN.

NJ Envirothon – Rich Belcher reported on the status of the 2014 NJ Envirothon. The event will be held May 3, 2014 in Sussex County, NJ.

NJACD Memorial Scholarship – Rich Belcher stated that notice has been sent to NJ Colleges and Universities of the 2014 NJACD Memorial Scholarship. One \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded.

Adjournment:

Motion: It was moved by Ray Cywinski, seconded by Dennis Dougherty and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 2:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert K. Dobbs