

New Jersey Association of Conservation Districts
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, June 9, 2014

MINUTES

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

Also present: Robert Dobbs, Carrie Mosley, Cliff Lundin, Barbara Rosko, Stacy Brady, Frank Minch, and Richard Belcher

The Board Meeting was convened by President Priscilla Hayes at 12:00 pm.

Barbara Rosko and Cliff Lundin, Sussex County Soil Conservation District, addressed the Board and discussed the District's current financial hardship and inability to pay 2014 Dues. President Priscilla Hayes thanked them for addressing the Board and encouraged them to pay NJACD Membership Dues when their financial condition improves.

Minutes – The Minutes of the May 12, 2014 Board of Directors Meeting were read.

Motion: It was moved by Dennis Dougherty, seconded by Ray Cywinski and passed unanimously to approve the Minutes of the May 12, 2014 Board Conference Call as amended.

Financial Report – Dennis Dougherty presented the Financial Report. Account balances for period ending June 5, 2014:

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| Wells Fargo Money Market Account | \$ 8,241.34 |
| Wells Fargo NJ Envirothon Account | \$ 25,583.80 |
| Wells Fargo General Checking Account | \$ 80,530.09 |
| Freedom Bank CD [Scholarship Fund] | \$ 40,000.00 |
| Freedom Bank CD [NJ Envirothon] | \$ 30,000.00 |

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

Mr. Dougherty reported that tax returns have been prepared by Petroni & Associates of Glassboro, NJ. A 3-year Audit of NJACD records has been completed.

Mr. Dougherty requested that the Board authorize Cathy Costa, Secretary, to be included as a signer on the NJACD Checking Account.

Motion: it was moved by Charles Buscaglia, seconded by Ray Cywinski and passed unanimously to authorize Cathy Costa to be an approved signer on the NJACD Checking Account.

Annual Conservation Conference – Robert Dobbs and Richard Belcher reported on the status of the 2014 New Jersey Conservation Conference. The venue has been moved to Morris County in order to

obtain more favorable lodging, meals and conference costs. The Morris SCD has agreed to host the 2014 New Jersey Conservation Conference.

The Planning Committee will include Tony DiLodovico (Chair), Ray Cywinski, Robert Dobbs, Frank Minch, Rich Belcher, Joseph Dunn, and Robert Reitmeyer.

The committee will work with the Board to identify potential conference sponsors. The association will also identify additional individuals and organizations to invite to the conference [i.e.: Engineers, Developers, Municipal Officials, other Environmental and Conservation Groups et al]. The agenda is under development and will include a training component to attract additional attendees. The contractors training program that was spearheaded by the Burlington County SCD was suggested as a component of the conference.

Priscilla Hayes reminded the Board that their terms would expire after the New Jersey Conservation Conference. The following slate of officers was identified:

- President Ray Cywinski
- 1st Vice President Tony DiLodovico
- 2nd Vice President TBD
- Treasurer Dennis Dougherty
- Secretary Cathy Costa

President Hayes challenged the Board to review their job description and recommend clarifications and other duties for the next Board of Directors Meeting.

New Jersey Conservation Education Awards Ceremony – Richard Belcher and Robert Dobbs reported that the awards ceremony was held on May 22, 2014 at the State Museum Auditorium in Trenton, NJ. The event went very well and was followed by a State House Tour in the afternoon.

Executive Director's Report – Robert Dobbs presented a written report of his activities for May 2014 [attached]. He reported that the NJACD Contribution Agreement with NRCS has been modified to include the additional development of Memorandums of Understanding between NRCS and New Jersey Soil Conservation Districts. He is reviewing past agreements and researching MOUs utilized in other states. He also informed the Board that he represented NJACD in a national webinar sponsored by the National Association of State Conservation Agencies on May 28, 2014. The webinar was focused on District Work Groups and he provided a presentation on the NJACD/NRCS District Work Group Pilot Project. The pilot project was conducted in 2012 by the Morris, Freehold, Camden and Gloucester Soil Conservation Districts. Over 120 representatives from 39 states participated in the webinar.

New Jersey Envirothon – Richard Belcher reported that the 2014 NJ Envirothon went very well in Sussex County. The 2015 NJ Envirothon will be hosted by the Cape-Atlantic SCD in Atlantic County.

NACD Report – Charles Buscaglia reported that the NACD Summer Board Meeting will held in conjunction with a Soil Health Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana. Joe Lomax will represent NJACD at the meeting.

The 2014 NACD Northeast Regional Meeting will be held August 24-24 at the Newport Marriott Hotel in Newport, Rhode Island. Meeting Registration, Hotel and Tour information is available on the NACD website, www.nacdnet.org.

Adjournment – President Priscilla Hayes adjourned the meeting at 12:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Dobbs
Executive Director