

New Jersey Association of Conservation Districts

Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, December 8, 2014

MINUTES

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

Also present: Robert Dobbs, Jay Kandle, and Dan Galletta

The NJACD Board of Directors met via teleconference. Priscilla Hayes, President, convened the meeting at 12:01 pm.

Minutes – The Minutes of the October 20, 2014 Board of Directors Meeting were read.

Motion: It was moved by Tony DiLodovico, seconded by Dennis Dougherty and passed unanimously to approve the Minutes of the October 20, 2014 Board Meeting as presented.

Financial Report: Dennis Dougherty reported that there was no change in the Treasurer's Report that was presented and approved during the NJACD Annual Business Meeting.

Account balances as of November 24, 2014 were:

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| Wells Fargo Money Market Account | \$ 8,243.10 |
| Freedom Bank CD [Scholarship Fund] | \$ 40,000.00 |
| Wells Fargo NJ Envirothon Account | \$ 23,041.04 |
| Freedom Bank CD [NJ Envirothon Fund] | \$ 30,000.00 |
| Wells Fargo General Checking Account | \$ 82,010.15 |

Mr. Dougherty reported that \$344.00 was raised by the Silent Auction during the 2014 New Jersey Conservation Conference. The funds will be devoted to Conservation Education activities and recorded under General Fundraising in the chart of accounts.

The Board discussed 2015 NJACD dues. Dennis Dougherty will send payment requests to NJ Soil Conservation Districts by the end of the month. Districts will be offered the ability to pay 2015 dues in installments, with 50% due by March 31, 2015 and the final 50% due by June 30, 2015. Two NJ Soil Conservation Districts will be sent invoices for balance due on 2014 NJACD dues.

President's Report: Priscilla Hayes reported that she has appreciated the opportunity to serve as President of NJACD and stated that she was proud of the accomplishments achieved this year. She wished the incoming board success.

Executive Director's Report: Robert Dobbs presented reports of his activities for October 1 – November 30, 2014. (See attached reports).

NJACD Contractors Training Program - Mr. Dobbs reported that the NJACD Contractor's Training Session went well and all participants rated the program Excellent or Very Good. He thanked Robert Reitmeyer and Paul Evans from the Burlington County SCD for their assistance.

Regional District Supervisor Meetings - Robert Dobbs requested that the Board set dates for the 2015 Regional Conservation District Supervisor Meetings. It was agreed to target the week of March 23, 2015 for the meetings.

Robert Dobbs will contact Districts and Partners to ensure that there are no conflicts with that period. The Board discussed format and potential agenda items for the regional meetings.

The agenda for the Regional District Supervisors Meetings will tentatively include:

- Brief Report of 2014 NJACD Activities
- Implementation of the District Work Group final work products
- Review of NJACD Strategic Plan and 2015 Annual Plan of Work
- Discussion of Funding sources for NJ Conservation Districts

Further details will be reviewed and adopted during the January 2015 NJACD Board Meeting;

2015 NJ Conservation Conference – The Board discussed potential dates and locations for the 2015 NJ Conservation Conference. It was agreed to table any further discussion or action until after the results of the 2014 Conservation Conference evaluations are received from the association's online Survey Monkey results.

NACD Report: Joseph Lomax reported on activities of the National Association of Conservation Districts.

He reported that NACD will hold its 2015 Annual Meeting February 1 – 4, 2015 at the Marriott Hotel in New Orleans, LA. The theme for the meeting is "Conservation: Key to a Healthy Nation."

He stated that NACD will hold its election of officers at the Annual Meeting. The NACD Northeast Region State Representative are working together to gather support to re-elect Dick Went to the NACD Executive Board.

Mr. Lomax reported that he is working with Matt Ward, from the HEP District, to develop an Urban Conservation Breakout Session for the NACD Annual Meeting.

He stated that Peter Bachmann, NACD Northeast Region Representative, appreciated being invited to attend the 2014 New Jersey Conservation Conference. Mr. Bachmann informed Joe Lomax and Robert Dobbs that he was impressed with the diversity of programs in New Jersey and would like to learn about NJ Conservation District Program activities.

Mr. Lomax reminded the Board that New Jersey will be hosting the 2016 NACD Northeast Region Meeting. NJACD will need to select the date(s), location, program agenda and tours.

Adjournment: It was moved by Dennis Dougherty, seconded by Ray Cywinski and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 12:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Dobbs