

**HUNTERDON COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MONTHLY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
April 3, 2012 @ 7:00 AM**

PRESENT: SUPERVISORS: Stothoff, Mathews, Manners
STAFF: Engisch (CMS), Symancek
AGENCY REPS: Bartok, NRCS
OTHERS: Atty. Walter N. Wilson, Gerald Lyness

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT: "This meeting is being held in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act. Adequate notice has been provided by prominently posting and maintaining so posted throughout the year in the Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District Administrative Office 687 Pittstown Road, Frenchtown, New Jersey, and by mailing to the Hunterdon County Democrat newspaper and by filing with the Hunterdon County Clerk a schedule of the times and dates of such meetings."

CALL TO ORDER: @ 7:12 AM by Richard Stothoff, acting as District Vice-Chairman

MINUTES: MOTION: Manners, 2nd Mathews, passed by unanimous voice vote: "To accept the minutes of March 13, 2012 meeting as mailed".

FINANCIAL: Treasurer's Report – March

The Treasurer's Report for March 2012 was discussed. The following motion was made:

MOTION: Manners, 2nd Mathews, passed by unanimous voice vote; "To accept statement of revenue and expenses as presented and to approve the March 2012 Treasurer's Report."

CORRESPONDENCE:

NJACD Re: "Restructuring of the NJ Erosion & Sediment Control Program" - Engisch distributed an email letter from NJACD and he updated the Board on the paper that was distributed by "accident" as reported at last meeting. This paper was discussed at the last SSCC meeting that Engisch and Van Nuys attended and Ag. Secretary Fischer said that he would like any comments or suggestions on the paper within 90 days. A committee of District employees and District Board members was formed to come up with comments to address the restructuring letter. The committee is requesting and compiling responses from each District. After a discussion, the Board thought that Atty. Walter Wilson would be able to properly address the latest questions that the committee would like answered. Atty. Wilson said he would prepare the response for the board.

Frank Minch, NJDA Re: Seven Points of Concern – Engisch distributed copies of an email from Frank Minch in response to what some District Managers were questioning as strong statements in the Restructuring letter.

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CERTIFICATION REPORT:

MOTION: Manners, 2nd Mathews, passed by unanimous voice vote; "To accept the Certification Report for the Month of March 2012."

CERTIFICATIONS:

1. Carey Property, 12-22-001
Block 67, Lot 19.18, Readington Twp.
Plan Date: January 20, 2012
Latest Revisions: February 23, 2012
Certified: March 2, 2012

2. Koplowitz Addition, Pool, & Patio, 12-24-004
Block 6, Lot 24.18, Tewksbury Twp.
Plan Date: November 17, 2011
Latest Revisions: January 18, 2012
Certified: March 7, 2012

3. Lawrence Dwelling & Pool, 12-07-004
Block 17, Lot 40, Delaware Twp.
Plan Date: February 9, 2012
Latest Revisions: None
Certified: March 7, 2012

4. Fernandes – High Bridge Site, 12-14-001
Block 8, Lot 7, High Bridge Boro
Plan Date: January 23, 2012
Latest Revisions: None
Certified: March 14, 2012
Condition: Additional Soil Erosion and Sediment Control practices (such as silt fence, tracking pad, etc) may be required and will be determined in field based on construction and site conditions as needed.

5. Earley Property, 12-10-001
Block 16, Lot 36.08, Franklin Twp.
Plan Date: March 2, 2012
Latest Revisions: March 13, 2012
Certified: March 14, 2012

6. Likus Driveway, 12-24-005
Block 32, Lot 37.16, Tewksbury Twp
Plan Date: March 7, 2012
Latest Revisions: None
Certified: March 13, 2012

7. Kolmer Property, 12-22-003
Block 25, Lot 51, Readington Twp.
Plan Date: January 24, 2012
Latest Revisions: March 2, 2012
Certified: March 13, 2012

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8. Conord Property, 12-16-001
Block 25, Lot 1.11, Kingwood Twp.
Plan Date: December 23, 2011
Latest Revisions: March 2, 2012
Certified: March 13, 2012
9. Thompson Property, 12-03-001
Block 9.01, Lots 6 & 7, Bloomsbury Boro.
Plan Date: February 21, 2012
Latest Revisions: March 9, 2012
Certified: March 14, 2012
10. Farneski Property, 11-16-005
Block 26, Lot 16, Kingwood Twp.
Plan Date: January 27, 2011
Latest Revisions: March 8, 2012
Certified: March 14, 2012
11. Wilusz Property, 12-01-002
Block 11, Lot 9, Alexandria Twp.
Plan Date: February 23, 2012
Latest Revisions: March 12, 2012
Certified: March 14, 2012
12. Magna-Power Electronics, Inc (Phase 3), 05-21-007
Block 36.02, Lot 21, Raritan Twp.
Plan Date: November 16, 2010
Latest Revisions: March 1, 2012
Original Certification: May 3, 2005
Recertification: March 16, 2012
13. Rose Property, 12-24-003
Block 32, Lot 29.01, Tewksbury Twp.
Plan Date: December 19, 2011
Latest Revisions: March 8, 2012
Certified: March 16, 2012
Condition: A silt fence sediment barrier is to be maintained below all disturbed areas
14. Mullay Property, 12-05-004
Block 21, Lot 7, Clinton Twp.
Plan Date: March 1, 2012
Latest Revisions: March 15, 2012
Certified: March 19, 2012
15. Renda Yard Grading, 12-08-003
Block 25, Lot 7.11, East Amwell Twp.
Plan Date: March 18, 2012
Latest Revisions: None
Certified: March 20, 2012

16. King/McKinley Dwelling, 12-24-006
Block 28, Lot 19, Tewksbury Twp.
Plan Date: November 4, 2011
Latest Revisions: March 8, 2012
Certified: March 20, 2012
Conditions: 1. The District must receive verification of proper installation of the drywells prior issue of the final Report of Compliance. 2. The District does not review, certify nor inspect the structural integrity of any retaining walls shown on the plans.
17. Lang Dwelling, 12-18-002
Block 19, Lots 20 & 21, Lebanon Twp.
Plan Date: February 7, 2012
Latest Revisions: None
Certified: March 20, 2012
18. Ukarish Subdivision – Duplex Housing, 12-16-002
Block 19, Lot 5, Kingwood Twp.
Plan Date: February 16, 2012
Latest Revisions: March 14, 2012
Certified: March 20, 2012
19. Village Green at Annandale—Demolition, 12-05-007
Block 49, Lot 25, Clinton Twp.
Plan Date: March 14, 2012
Latest Revisions: None
Certified: March 20, 2012
20. Clean Generation Solar Energy Farm W2-080, 11-21-011
Block 8, Lot 3, Raritan Twp.
Plan Date: March 18, 2011
Latest Revisions: March 13, 2012
Certified: March 21, 2012
Condition: A Report of Compliance approving permanent stabilization of all disturbed areas is to be issued by the District prior to any power generation from the site.
21. Albert Elias Residential Home Site Plan, 12-08-001
Block 38, Lot 30, East Amwell Twp.
Plan Date: June 1, 2011
Latest Revisions: March 23, 2012
Original Certification: January 10, 2012
Recertification: March 23, 2012
22. Everitts Road & Route 202 Solar Farm, 11-21-009
Block 80, Lot 30, Raritan Twp.
Plan Date: January 10, 2011
Latest Revisions: January 19, 2012
Certified: March 23, 2012
Condition: Conduit Outlet Protection/Rip-Rap is to be installed at pipe outlet south of Everitts Road as directed by and as per agreement with Municipal Engineer.

23. Cope Residence – Pool Renovations, 12-24-007
Block 3, Lot 7.01, Tewksbury Twp.
Plan Date: January 19, 2012
Latest Revisions: None
Certified: March 23, 2012
Condition: The District must approve/certify the disposal locations of any excess fill/soil prior to any such material leaving the project site or limits of disturbance as shown on the certified plans.
24. Wind Property, 12-22-032
Block 50, Lot 28, Readington Twp.
Plan Date: November 21, 2011
Latest Revisions: March 23, 2012
Certified: March 26, 2012
25. Fischer Property, 12-22-004
Block 46, Lot 19.19, Readington Twp.
Plan Date: January 30, 2012
Latest Revisions: March 23, 2012
Certified: March 26, 2012
26. Matarazzo Dwelling, 12-18-001
Block 38, Lot 96, Lebanon Twp.
Plan Date: February 28, 2012
Latest Revisions: None
Certified: March 27, 2012

COMPLIANCE REPORT

MOTION: Mathews, 2nd Manners, passed by unanimous voice vote; “To accept the Compliance Report for the month of March 2012”

COMPLIANCES:

1. Todd Field Grading, 11-24-022
Block 38, Lot 14, Tewksbury Twp.
Certified: October 14, 2011
Complied: March 1, 2012
2. Martel Property, 11-08-014
Block 9, Lot 10, East Amwell Twp.
Certified: January 30, 2012
Complied: March 1, 2012
3. Hillman Property, 10-18-003
Block 10, Lot 33, Lebanon Twp.
Certified: March 16, 2010
Complied: March 6, 2012

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4. Sauer Property, 11-25-005
Block 16.01, Lot 4.02, Union Twp.
Certified: September 20, 2011
Complied: March 6, 2012
5. Artisan Developers Dwelling, 07-22-009
Block 55, Lot 7.05, Readington Twp.
Certified: May 30, 2007
Complied: March 6, 2012
6. Supernavage Property, 12-26-001
Block 54, Lot 2, West Amwell Twp.
Certified: February 14, 2012
Complied: March 8, 2012
7. Carey Property, 12-22-001
Block 67, Lot 19.18, Readington Twp.
Certified: March 2, 2012
Complied: March 9, 2012
8. Rhoades Property, 12-05-002
Block 4, Lot 20.23, Clinton Twp.
Complied: March 9, 2012
9. Binter Barn & House Addition, 10-24-034
Block 38, Lot 16.02, Tewksbury Twp.
Certified: December 22, 2010
Complied: March 14, 2012
10. Johnston Property, 11-22-016
Block 42, Lot 8.15, Readington Twp.
Certified: July 25, 2011
Complied: March 15, 2012
11. McLaughlin Property, 12-21-003
Block 77.02, Lot 13, Raritan Twp.
Certified: March 20, 2012
Complied: March 20, 2012
12. Thompson Property, 12-03-001
Block 9.01, Lots 6 & 7, Bloomsbury Boro.
Certified: March 14, 2012
Complied: March 20, 2012
13. Rooster Spillway Rehabilitation, 10-26-001
Block 24, Lot 1.01, West Amwell Twp.
Certified: February 23, 2010
Complied: March 21, 2012

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14. Ballengee Property, 11-21-024
Block 6.03, Lot 6, Raritan Twp.
Certified: July 28, 2011
Complied: March 23, 2012

15. Torino Property, 11-22-029
Block 68, Lot 5.12, Readington Twp.
Certified: December 20, 2011
Complied: March 23, 2012

16. Magna-Power Electronics (Phase 2 Only), 05-21-007
Block 36.02, Lot 21, Raritan Twp.
Certified: May 3, 2005
Complied: March 26, 2012

17. G.S.P.M. Property, 12-21-001
Block 79.08, Lot 18, Raritan Twp.
Certified: January 25, 2012
Complied: March 26, 2012

18. Earley Property, 12-10-001
Block 16, Lot 36.08, Franklin Twp.
Certified: March 14, 2012
Complied: March 28, 2012

19. The Fornara Group Dwelling, 11-07-002
Block 28, Lot 15.01, Delaware Twp.
Certified: March 30, 2011
Complied: March 29, 2012

TEMPORARY COMPLIANCES:

(None)

FINAL COMPLIANCES:

1. Todd Farmhouse Reconstruction/Relocation, 10-24-025
Block 38, Lot 14, Tewksbury Twp.
Certified: October 4, 2010
Complied: March 2, 2012

2. Steele Property, 11-04-005
Block 18, Lot 10, Califon Boro
Certified: December 20, 2011
Complied: March 27, 2012

REASSESSMENTS:

MOTION: Manners, 2nd Mathews, passed by unanimous voice vote; “To accept the Reassessment Report for the Month of March 2012 and bill the projects for uncompleted portions as per District policy and current Fee Schedule”.

OLD BUSINESS:

Wetland Mitigation Project – Raritan Township – update – there was no new news – Atty. Wilson said he will call NJDEP to find out what the status is and report next meeting.

FY 2011 Audit – update – Englisch stated that it will be mailed out soon – Atty. Wilson made comment on reserves as requested by auditor.

2012 Hunterdon County Appropriations – update – no news

Supervisor Nomination Committee – update– The committee meet on April 30, 2012 their recommendation to re-nominate John Van Nuys is being sent to SSCC.

Draft: Proposed Restructuring of NJ Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Program – this was discussed under correspondence – the committee has been requesting various information from time to time via email and Englisch and staff have been complying to their request

Hionis Greenhouse – Englisch updated the Board on the Hionis Greenhouse project in Clinton Twp. They have brought their case to the county CADB meeting for a determination and ruling under the right-to-farm protection. A decision by CADB should be made this month or next. The District has a certified SE&SC plan for the project, as it should have; however, the project is under a Stop Construction Order by the District awaiting them to complete the detention facility and some overdue stabilization.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lyness Dairy Barn - Gerald Lyness was at meeting to discuss and request a waiver for his son being required to have an application and fee for a Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan for a proposed Dairy Barn. A Conservation Plan was denied at the March Board of Supervisors meeting of HCSCD since the plan had elements that included items covered under the Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Act. After a discussion and clarification of what a Farm Conservation Plan and what a SE&SC plan includes, a motion was made to approve the Farm Conservation Plan once an application and fee is received for a Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan.

MOTION: Manners, 2nd Mathews, passed by unanimous voice vote; “To approve the Farm Conservation Plan once an application and fee is received for a Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan certification ”

Con-Ed Solar Site – Raritan Twp. – Atty. Wilson has been in contact with operators of the solar site. They want to put the site on the power grid prior to completion of the soil stabilization work. After a discussion, it was agreed that the District should require an administrative fee for release of a Temporary Report of Compliance based on the rate per acre in the approved current performance bond agreement. Atty. Wilson will prepare an agreement and send it on to the Con-Ed operations.

2012 Regional Supervisors Meetings- The Board members can choose to attend the April 24, April 25, or April 26 meeting. After a discussion, the Board decided to attend the Central meeting on Wednesday, April 25, 2012 in Yardville, NJ

Data Base Entry Agreement - SSCC and NJDEP have been discussing an agreement to have District employees enter Hydraulic Data Base information from Basin Summary forms. The District will be reimbursed through NJDEP for this work. The Board members and Atty. Wilson reviewed the agreement. After a discussion a motion was made

MOTION: Manners, 2nd Mathews, passed by unanimous voice vote; “To accept and enter into the agreement with NJDEP to do the first phase of the Data Base Entry of the Basin Summary forms that the District have on file”

Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park @ Bulls Island and NJWSA Canal Dredging Maintenance – Symancek informed the Board that there have been soil disturbances at both Bulls Island and the feeder canal that are greater than 5,000 sq. ft. and should have some type of SE&SC plan filed with the District and District oversight of stabilization efforts. We were just made aware of the recent disturbance from a public concern call to the District office. The grading on the riverside of Bulls Island was disposition grading done by NJWSA at the request of the Park. The disturbance at the feeder canal was part of a sediment removal dredge considered a required maintenance of the canal by NJWSA. Symancek has been in contact with the NJWSA and the Superintendent of the Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park. There is confusion at this point on jurisdiction of agencies on account of NJDEP, Army Corps of Engineers, and Parks all being involved. He stated that he expects to separate plans for the work done (or to be done) and that both parties---NJWSA and Parks---appear to be cooperative. After a discussion, the board agreed that normal procedures be taken with these project as any other project in the County.

Rescheduling of the May Board of Supervisors Meeting. Engisch requested that the May meeting be rescheduled so that Supervisor Menchek can attend. After a discussion it was decided that the May meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 2, 2012. The meeting will be advertised as such in the Hunterdon Democrat.

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE:

- Robert LeCompte- 43 acres, Clinton Twp. Request for Irrigation Pond design. Farmland Preserved.

MOTION: Manners, 2nd Mathews passed by unanimous voice vote; “To deny the request for assistance for irrigation pond design for Robert LeCompte. NRCS does not have staff and/or staff time to do pond design work. Mr. LeCompte is to be sent a letter from chairman informing him of this denial”

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- Paul Dorko (Hidden Valley Nursery) - 39 acres, Delaware Twp. Request for assistance with erosion and water control.
- Fancy Me Dandy Farm- 10 acres, Delaware Twp. Request for grazing assistance for 8 horses.

MOTION: Manners, 2nd Mathews passed by unanimous voice vote; “To approve two separate request for assistance (one for Paul Dorko and one for Fancy Me Dandy Farm) as presented and have District Chairman sign the request”.

REPORTS:

NRCS - Gail Bartok, District Conservationist presented the following for Board approval:

HEL

- HEL #1- 3 tracts
- HEL #2- 1 tract

National EQIP Initiatives, Round 1

- Nat’l EQIP #1- Seasonal High Tunnel.

EQIP, regular

- EQIP #1- 15.1 acres. Plan is for Ag Waste Mgmt and pasture management.

AMA (Agricultural Management Assistance)

- AMA#1- 6.2 acres. Plan is for pasture management for goats and horses.
- AMA#2- 0.7 acres. Plan is for pasture management for goats.

Resource Management Plans

- RMS#1- 14 acres. Plan for horse pasture and waste and vegetables.

MOTION: Manners, 2nd Mathews, passed by unanimous voice vote; “To approve all the conservation plans as presented and per District policies and procedures”.

With no further business to discuss a motion to adjourn was made:

MOTION: Mathews, 2nd Manners, passed by unanimous voice vote; “To adjourn the District meeting at 9:15 AM.”

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Stothoff
Secretary/Treasurer