

MINUTES DISTRICT NOMINATING COMMITTEE
June 23, 2026

The meeting of the Gloucester Soil Conservation District Nominating Committee was brought to order by the Chairman, Frank Sorbello at 11:10 AM.

Notice of this meeting was adequately provided to the SJ Times, the Courier Post, and adequately posted as required in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

In Attendance were: Mike Visalli, Steve Mathis, Frank Sorbello, Eric Agren, Steve Skinner, David Duffield, John Furfari & Jessica Wyatt. Matthew Duffield was also present.

The committee reviewed the nomination for Matthew Duffield & Jeffrey Minetti.

Frank Sorbello then opened the floor to discuss and requested Jessica Wyatt tell everyone the reason for nominating of a new supervisor.

Jessica Wyatt explained the need for a supervisor since John Grasso was not renewing his seat.

Frank Sorbello asked Matthew Duffield to speak about his interest in the position. Matthew Duffield expressed interest due to his acquaintance to Jay Kandle. He knew Jay was compassionate about it and wants to try to help follow in those footsteps.

Frank Sorbello asked Matthew Duffield to leave so the committee could further discuss.

Frank Sorbello opened the floor to comments for review of Jeffrey Minetti's application & resume.

Frank Sorbello commented he likes to see diversity for the board. Steve Skinner asked how Real Estate/ Foreclosure backgrounds may relate to soil conservation? And Is this the diversity the board needs?

Mike Visalli commented that Jay Kandle has always brought diversity to the District with all of his expertise & backgrounds. Steve Skinner asked is Jeffrey Minetti a developer? Frank Sorbello replied that this is unknown, but appears to be finance related from his resume.

Steve Mathis posed the question of is the board member position more business related? Steve Mathis also added that both are qualified with business backgrounds.

Mike Visalli commented that the position is a bit business related to it. Plan review is a huge portion of it, needing to have knowledge in reviewing, & then what's going on

environmentally on the land surrounding the potential project. Business seems to be about 30 % of it.

Frank Sorbello asked Jessica Wyatt what are the issues the District receives more recently. Jessica Wyatt commented that Plan review is probably one of the issues for the District. For example, a project with around 24 basins was recently submitted to the District. The District will have to reach out to the state engineers because of that workload and engineering understanding. John Furfari added that the state has expressed to the District that they are ok helping with these items & that they have also been offering trainings to further teach & instruct the Gloucester District.

Mike Visalli also wanted to note the District & supervisors have a fiscal responsibility to try to find other funds besides chapter 251.

Mike Visalli made a motion to nominate Matt Duffield to the District Supervisors. Seconded by Eric Agren.

Steve Mathis made a motion to nominate Jeffrey Minetti to the District Supervisors. Seconded by David Duffield.

A hand count vote was conducted. Matthew Duffield secured the position. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote, with a recusal by David Duffield.

Mike Visalli then closed the floor to nominations. Seconded by Steve Skinner.

There being no other business, Mike Visalli made a motion, seconded by David Duffield to adjourn the meeting at 11:33 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Wyatt
Field Supervisor