



**Cumberland-Salem Conservation District**  
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**Meeting Minutes - May 23, 2023**

Mike Bonham	Ralph Sickler	Maury Sheets
Henry Dubois	Ron Thomas	Tom Tedesco
Michelle Pedano	Mona Peterson	

Chairman Ron Thomas opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Due notice by order of the "Sunshine Law" was given and noted.

Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the March meeting were approved as written. Motion made by Henry and seconded by Ralph. Passed.

Financial Report

Mike reviewed the financial report and noted that the District's net income from March 16, 2022 through May 15, 2023 was \$29,454.35 Chapter 251 revenue was \$68,330.00. Motion to approve the financial reports made by Henry and seconded by Tom. Passed

251 Report

Mike reviewed the 251 report. Carney's Point Township and the City of Vineland remain very active with commercial project submittals. Single family home construction has also been active along with residential subdivision homes being constructed. The District issued stop work orders for two projects in Vineland due to construction without approved soil erosion and sediment control plans. Motion to approve the report made by Maury and seconded by Henry. Passed.

NRCS - Cumberland & Salem Field Offices

Michelle/Mona presented Cumberland & Salem NRCS field office reports. A special EQIP-Organic Transition application period closes on June 9<sup>th</sup>. NRCS is accepting additional applications for CSP until June 15<sup>th</sup>. Mona and Michelle are sharing the role of acting District Conservationist at the Frenchtown office and Bryan Stimpson will be acting NJ State Agronomist. Several conservation agreements, conservation plans and state cost share applications were presented for approval. Motion to

approve the NRCS action items made by Ralph and seconded by Henry. Passed.

#### Staffing/Workload

Mike discussed the current workload of soil erosion and sediment control submittals and inspections. Residential and commercial projects submittals have recently been at higher levels than in previous years. The area of disturbance associated with the project submittals has also increased recently. Mike will reach out to neighboring District regarding a shared services agreement in the interim until the District can advertise and hire additional staff.

#### 2023 Soil and Water Cost Share Tables

Mike presented the 2023 Soil and Water Conservation Cost Share rates to the board. The payment for wells has been modified to be more reflective of current well costs (Practice Code 642). Motion to approve the SW Cost Share Tables made by Henry and seconded by Ralph. Passed.

#### Outside Employment Forms

Mike reviewed the outside employment forms with the Board and will have them completed for the next meeting.

#### District Accounts

Mike reviewed the checking accounts with the Board and updated signature cards. New payroll and operating accounts will be opened at Century Bank and the operating and payroll accounts at Oceanfirst will be closed due to potential unauthorized activity on the Oceanfirst accounts.

Being no further open session business, the open portion of the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. Motion made by Henry and seconded by Ralph. Passed.