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### **Meeting Minutes - September 28, 2021**

#### Present

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

Vice Chairman Ralph Sickler opened the virtual Zoom meeting at 7:00 p.m. Due notice by order of the "Sunshine Law" was given and noted. Ron Thomas called in via phone.

#### Meeting Minutes

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

#### Financial Report

Mike reviewed the financial report and noted that the District's net income from June 16, 2021 through September 15, 2021 was \$25,834.80 Chapter 251 revenue was \$49175.00. Motion to approve the financial reports made by Henry and seconded by Maury. Passed

#### 251 Report

Mike reviewed the 251 report, and noted routine activity. Project submittals for commercial and residential development remain at a higher level in comparison to 2020. Single family home construction has also increased in comparison to 2020. Site contractors need to be reminded of the erosion control measures compliance on construction sites. Motion to approve the report made by Maury and seconded by Tom. Passed.

#### NRCS - Cumberland & Salem Field Offices

Mona & Michelle presented the NRCS report for the Cumberland & Salem Field Offices. The Vineland and Woodstown NRCS offices remain at 50% staffing level. NRCS FY2022 Financial Assistance Program (EQIP etc.) signup date is October 22<sup>nd</sup>. FY2022 ACEP signup date is October 29<sup>th</sup>. Proposals for Cooperative Agreement for Equity are due October 25<sup>th</sup>. Several conservation agreements

and conservation plans were presented for approval. Motion to approve the NRCS action items made by Maury and seconded by Henry. Passed.

#### District Audit

Nighlinger Colavita and Volpa will be performing the FY2021 District Audit.

#### Soil & Water Cost Share Rates-

Mike discussed the updated Soil and Water cost share rates for irrigation wells. After several years of issues with the cost share rates for high production agricultural wells it appears that the costs are now reflective of in-field installation costs. This has been an issue mainly for the Southern NJ for the installation of 8-12 inch irrigation wells.

#### Annual Conference

The annual conference is scheduled for November 10<sup>th</sup> at the Freehold SCD office. Currently there NJACD is evaluating if the conference will take place in person, virtual, or be rescheduled to a later date.

#### Meeting Virtual/In-Person

Mike requested Board comments regarding the continuation of virtual meetings & in-person meetings. The District will evaluate COVID guidelines to determine future meeting type.

Being no further open session business, the open portion of the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. Motion made by Henry and seconded by Maury. Passed.