

**STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
MINUTES
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY
OCTOBER 15, 2012**

The special meeting of the State Soil Conservation Committee was called to order by Chairman Douglas Fisher at 9:41 a.m. in the Auditorium the Health-Agriculture Building in Trenton, New Jersey.

Mr. Minch stated that the Open Public Meetings Act requirements have been met. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq. adequate notice of this meeting was provided by giving the time, date, location and to the extent known the agenda of this meeting. At least 48 hours in advance this notice has been posted on the third floor bulletin board, Health and Agriculture Building in Trenton; mailed to The Star Ledger, the Courier Post and filed with the Office of Secretary of State.

The Flag Salute was recited.

Call of the Membership Roll indicated the following:

Members Present Associate Members and Others

Douglas Fisher

Ray Cywinski

Tony DiLodovico

Joe Lomax

Dr. Stephanie Murphy (rep. R Goodman)

Barbara Rosko

Priscilla E. Hayes

Carl Quazza

Dr. Larry Katz

Sean Moriarity, Deputy Attorney General

Frank Minch, Administrative Analyst

Dr. F. Ali, SSSC, NJDA

Tim Fekete, SSSC, NJDA

Rich Belcher, SSSC, NJDA

John Showler, SSC, NJDA

R. Reitmeyer, Burlington SCD

Dennis Dougherty Camden SCD

Bill Engisch, Hunterdon SCD

Bill Brash, Mercer SCD

Joe Dunn, Morris SCD

Ines Grimm, Freehold SCD

Charlie Buscaglia, Freehold SCD

Sandra Myers, Warren SCD

Bob Dobbs, Camden SCD

Glen Van Olden, HEP SCD

Dave Reilly, C/A SCD

Mike Bonham C/S SCD

Victor DeVasto, Gloucester SCD

Gail Bartok, NRCS

Cathy Costa, Burlington SCD

Frank Calo, S/U SCD

Ted Zeller, Burlington SCD

John Van Nuys Hunterdon SCD

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Secretary Fisher reported that last week in Salem County the 200,000th acre of farmland was preserved.

Mr. Brash gave a power point presentation of "*The Road Map for Effective Change*". This presentation was based on the District Workgroup response to the NJDA Restructuring White Paper and discussed the authorities of the Committee as well as a number of challenges facing the Conservation Partnership. Development and implementation of administrative rules, policies and procedures are of paramount importance.

10:05 AM- Mr. Buscaglia, Ms. Grimm and Dr. Ali arrived.

10:10 AM- Mr. DiLodovico arrived.

Mr. Brash also discussed the recommendations of the Workgroup to establish four (4) sub-committees which will be charged with the "Evaluation of issues and opportunities within the responsibilities of each of the sub-committees for the purpose of informing and advising the State Soil Conservation Committee". Key issues for each subcommittee were outlined. The four (4) sub-committees are identified as follows: Policy and Procedures Sub-Committee, Training Sub-Committee, District Review Appraisal Sub-Committee and the Fee Schedule/ Fiscal Sub-Committee. Although the presentation identified membership, Mr. Cywinski suggested that a memo be sent to the conservation partnership requesting volunteers for each of the sub-committees. Secretary Fisher underscored the importance of the success of these subcommittees.

Mr. Moriarity indicated that the creation of sub-committees should be done via resolution.

On motion by Ms. Hayes, second by Mr. Lomax, the SSCC accepted the workgroup's "Road Map for Effective Change"

On motion by Mr. DiLodovico, second by Ms. Hayes, the four (4) sub-committees recommended in the workgroup's "Road Map for Effective Change" were established with final membership to be appointed at the November meeting.

Mr. Moriarity cautioned there could be no more than six (6) SSCC members represented or even in attendance at sub-committee meetings or said meetings would be considered a public meeting subject to notification.

On motion by Mr. Cywinski, second by Ms. Hayes, the meeting was opened to the public.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

Mr. Lomax stated that working together the Conservation Partnership will be more effective than the individual sum of its parts.

On motion by Mr. Cywinski, second by Ms. Hayes, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. All actions were by unanimous vote unless otherwise noted.

The next SSCC meeting will be held Tues., November 13, 2012 at the Health and Agriculture Building in Trenton.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Minch, Administrative Analyst