

Response Paper to Secretary Fisher. Bill reviewed highlights of the meeting with Secretary Fisher and Monique Purcell (other attendees were Joe Lomax, Charlie Buscaglia and Priscilla Hayes):

- Meeting with Secretary Fisher was positive
- Fisher will review and digest the report
- The Secretary is willing to work with the CDWG to move forward

Discussion ensued on issues with Exemptions, fee vs. no fee, on a district to district basis.

Discussion ensued about a Chapter 2:90 issue of sending a violation notice prior to issuing an inspection report. This came up at the Freehold district and needs clarification for all districts.

Correspondence: None

Unfinished Business:

Tim Thomas reported:

- The Soil Health Conference was very good and evaluations were positive.
- A new chairperson is needed for the State Training Committee and need new people on the committee. Mike Kent may join. Contact Tim if you are interested.
- He was the NJ rep for the Northeast EA, but is now serving as NE president, so a new NE rep is needed. Angelo Caruso is possibly interested and Tim will confirm this.
- He attended the New England Leadership Meeting as a guest, and National CDEA Mid-Year Meeting in Denver as the Northeast rep. This included sessions on leadership, watershed initiatives, NRCS Field Offices of the Future, etc.
- Legal Training may be held in the fall possibly at the Burlington SCD office. Tim will confirm this.

New Business:

Tim Thomas reported districts may be able to fill potential NRCS voids as TSPs (Technical Service Providers) as a source of revenue.

Joe Dunn reported he is working to become a Certified Conservation Planner, thru Tim Dunne of NRCS, which is a very lengthy process.

Bill Brash reported that an analysis of district staff data has been requested by NRCS and Paul Schiariti is compiling this info. Bill also helped with new supervisor training.

Paul Evans reported that Burlington SCD will host the 2013 Envirothon, with Camden SCD as co-host, and they are still reviewing sites for the event.

Mike Kent reported that Nick Cassetta is retiring August 24th with 38 years of service and Nick was congratulated by all.

A sympathy card was sent to the family of Wini Straub, a long-time EA member from the Sussex District, who passed away in May.

Mike Hill and Tim Thomas will co-chair the Employee Choice Awards. Nominations should be sent to Mike and the deadline for nominations is August 24th.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Mid-September TBA

Motion to Adjourn: Mike Kent made the motion, seconded by Courtney Davidson, and approved to adjourn at 1:20 pm.

Minutes submitted by Karen Rowe, Secretary