

**SOMERSET-UNION S.C.D.
DISTRICT MEETING
July 23, 2014**

PRESENT: Mark Kirby, Matt Loper, Steve Needle, Frank Calo

ABSENT: Henry Dreyer, Jim Laine

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975.

The minutes of the June meeting were unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The report for June was unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The District received an email concerning a leasing networking meeting for landowners and farmers being sponsored by the State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC) and the Northeast Organic Farming Association of NJ.

OLD BUSINESS:

H & H Basin Database Update – Frank Calo reported the State's Basin Database was up and running and that the District had begun once again to re-enter basin data. Also, that the District had not received any further information from the State as to reimbursement for the data which had been previously entered and lost.

40 Hour Work Week – Frank Calo informed the Board that the District had received final confirmation from the County and that the 40 hour work week took effect on July 1, 2014. The transition to the new hours has gone smoothly and that the extended hours have helped in giving the District a greater presence in the field. Frank passed along the gratitude of the staff for the increase.

NEW BUSINESS:

Annual Plan of Work – Frank Calo presented to the Board a draft of the District’s 2015 Annual Plan of Work. Frank indicated the plan was revised to reflect the delivery of our basic services. It is in accordance with the District’s Business Plan and takes into account the improving budget situation. After some discussion and review, the Board unanimously approved the 2015 Annual Plan of Work.

2015 Operating Budget-Draft – The Board reviewed the draft Operating Budget for 2015, which included the 2014 Budget and, the actual 2014 Income and Expenses. With the slowly recovering economy, the Budget does include some capitol increases. After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the Operating Budget for 2015.

2015 4-H Fair Aug. 6th, 7th, & 8th – Frank Calo reminded the Board that this years’ 4-H Fair was commencing on the 6th of August. The District, as in the past, will be teaming up with the NRCS in a joint display. Also, as it did last year, the District will be exhibiting the State’s Soil Tunnel display on the first day of the fair.

District Action on Chapter 251 – (a) The Board unanimously approved the plans on the attached completed list. Matt Loper recused himself from voting on applications #2012-0538, #2012-0483, and #2012-0627. Steve Needle recused himself from voting on application #2013-0881. (b) The Board unanimously approved the certified plans on the attached list. Matt Loper recused himself from voting on application #2014-1261.

REPORTS:

SCD – Frank Calo reported on his chapter 251 activities.

NEXT MEETING:

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved by the Board to cancel the District August Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday September 24, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. at the District office.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Calo
District Manager

