

**SOMERSET-UNION S.C.D.**  
**DISTRICT MEETING**  
**March 10, 2014**

**PRESENT:** Mark Kirby, Jim Laine, Matt Loper, Henry Dreyer, Steve Needle, Frank Calo

**ABSENT:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:25 p.m.

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

The minutes of the February meeting were unanimously approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The report for February was unanimously approved.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- The District received a notice from Rutgers Cooperative Extension concerning a Webinar being held for Agritourism Safety & Liability Management.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Bernards High School Lower Field Project – Frank Calo reported to the Board that the ACRES group had decided to drop their appeal of the Districts certification of this project. The Board discussed the issue at length. Frank informed the Board that he had spoken directly to Mr. Thonet, the engineering consultant for the ACRES group, and had assured him that this would be a high priority project for the District.

Supervisor Regional Meetings – Frank Calo reminded the Board that the Supervisor Regional Meeting in Hamilton would be held on March 26<sup>th</sup>. This is the central meeting, the meeting the Board has attended in the past few years. Three Board members would definitely be attending, the other two were still undecided and would let the District know by Monday March 17<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

District Solicitor – The Board discussed the matter of appointing a new attorney to represent the District. The Board is looking for a law firm which has some knowledge of the District's policies and experience in various land issues. After some discussion and recommendations, the Board, through a unanimous vote, decided to appoint Mr. Scott Rodgers of the law firm Cooper Robertson & Rodgers. Mr. Rodgers is currently the Somerset County council and also represents the Somerset County Agricultural Development Board. A resolution complying with N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et. seq. the "Local Public Contracts Law" was passed and signed by the Board and a copy of this resolution will be published as required by law.

NJ Envirothon – Frank Calo informed the Board that he had received a call from Rich Belcher, the NJ Envirothon Coordinator with the Department of Agriculture. Rich wanted to know if the District would be interested in sponsoring the Envirothon in 2016. The Board's discussion on the matter centered on where the District would stand financially in 2016 and how this would affect sponsoring the Envirothon. They also felt that a District which had not been a sponsor in the past should be given the first opportunity. The Board decided to take a more informed look at this issue at a later time. Frank reminded the Board this year's Envirothon would be held on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the NJ School of Conservation in Sussex County. It is also the time of year when the District makes its annual donation to supporting the Envirothon. The District's budget, for this year, does contain a contribution of \$500 dollars for the Envirothon. The Board unanimously approved making a donation of \$500 dollars to this year's Envirothon.

District Action on Chapter 251 – (a) The Board unanimously approved the plans on the attached completed list. (b) The Board approved the certified plans on the attached list. Matt Loper recused himself from voting on application: 2014-1166.

**REPORTS:**

SCD – Frank Calo reported on his chapter 251 activities.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday April 23, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. at the District office.

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Calo  
District Manager

