



SOMERSET - UNION SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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SOMERSET-UNION S.C.D. DISTRICT MEETING March 25, 2015

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

ABSENT:

The meeting was called to order at 12:26 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 an announcement from the Office of Coastal Planning at the NJ Department of Environmental Protection advertising openings for internships for the summer and fall of 2015.

OLD BUSINESS:

2015 NJ Conservation Regional Meetings – Frank Calo thanked the Board for their 100% attendance at this year's Regional Meeting. The Board discussed the main topics presented at the meeting, the draft

annual audit manual, and the single family exemption. The Board was presented with the comment letter sent to Frank Minch, Executive Secretary, of the SSCC addressing the draft audit manual. The Board was also informed that the District's auditor had reviewed the draft and had no comments. Frank Calo also reviewed with the Board how the District had handled single family projects in the past and how the District will handle these projects after the Single Family Exemption clarification.

Status of the Hydrologic Stormwater Database – The District Manager reported that approximately 1000 basins have been entered into the database. The Somerset County basins are about 95% completed. The remaining Somerset County basins need to be entered and then he will commence entering the Union County basins.

2015 Poster Contest – The Board was informed that the District's Poster Contest judging took place on March 24, 2015. In total, the District received 26 posters, 15 from Union County and 11 from Somerset County. There were 4 first place prizes awarded, 2 in Somerset County and 2 in Union County. There were 3 second place prizes awarded with 2 going to Somerset County and 1 to Union County. The District gave out in total \$450 dollars in prizes. All students who participated and did not win a cash prize will receive a certificate of merit.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Re-Nomination – The Board received notice from the State Soil Conservation Committee that two members of the Board, Matt Loper and Steve Needle, terms would expire on June 30, 2015. Mr. Loper and Mr. Needle both expressed their desire to remain Board members for an additional term. Frank Calo was directed by the Board to proceed with the re-nomination process and forward the appropriate documents to the State Committee.

2016 NJ Envirothon – Frank Calo informed the Board that the District had been asked by Rich Belcher, NJ Envirothon Coordinator, if they would be willing to host the 2016 NJ Envirothon. Mr. Belcher is currently in discussions with Duke Farms to see if the event could be held on their grounds. The Board decided that the District would be willing to host the event as long as Duke Farms was favorable to having the event there. The Board felt that by holding the event at Duke Farms this would help to alleviate some of the workload on the District.

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: 2015-1580.

REPORTS:

SCD – Frank Calo reported on his chapter 251 activities. Also, the District will need to upgrade its soil database soon to comply with some of the State regulations. He has been in contact with Mike Hill, the

computer specialist from the Freehold District. Freehold uses the same database as the District and has already updated their system. Frank will meet with Mike prior to contacting the computer consultant to decide what upgrades will be needed. He reported that the District will need to begin looking at the possibility of purchasing a new vehicle in the next fiscal year. The District has 2 vehicles that are 13 years old, 1 that is 9 years old and 1 that is 7 years old. The oldest vehicles are beginning to break down and are requiring more maintenance.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 24, 2015, at 7:30 PM at the District office.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Calo
District Manager