

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

PRESENT: Mark Kirby, Henry Dreyer, Steve Needle, Chad Cherefko, Frank Calo

ABSENT: Matt Loper, Jim Laine

The meeting was called to order at 7:24 p.m.

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

The minutes of the July meeting were unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The report for July and August was unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The District received an email from Chris Hart, from Somerset County Leadership program requesting assistance on obtaining plantings for a rain garden project.

OLD BUSINESS:

H & H Basin Database Update – Frank Calo reported that the District had been reimbursed for the lost H & H data previously entered into the State's Basin Database. The District had entered 150 basins so the reimbursement amounted to \$840.00.

NEW BUSINESS:

2014 NJ Conservation Conference – Frank Calo informed the Board that this year's NJ Conservation Conference will be held on Monday November 24th at the Rutgers Eco-Complex in Columbus NJ. The draft agenda was reviewed and discussed. The Supervisors were reminded that they must attend at least 1 annual State Conservation Conference during their term. The Board and Manager discussed a possible carpooling for Supervisors who would be attending. The Board also discussed the District Supervisors

Training Workshop which will be held at the same day as the State Soil Conservation Committee meeting on October 20th.

Fee Schedule Review – Frank Calo presented to the Board a draft of a proposal for a District fee schedule increase. The Board reviewed the proposal at length and after much discussion decided to table the matter until the October District meeting. The Supervisors would like to make a decision on the proposal when the entire Board is present. The proposal will be resubmitted to the Board at the October District Meeting.

Conservation Plans – Chad Cherefko presented to the Board 7 EQIP plans for farms in Bernards, Bedminster, Franklin, and Hillsborough Townships. Also presented were 4 Requests for Assistance for tracts in Franklin, Montgomery and Hillsborough Townships. A motion was made and unanimously approved by the Board to move into closed session at 8:04 pm. The regular meeting was resumed at 8:17 pm. The Board unanimously approved the Conservation Plan requests submitted.

District Action on Chapter 251 – (a) The Board unanimously approved the plans on the attached completed list. (b) The Board unanimously approved the certified plans on the attached list.

REPORTS:

NRCS – Chad Cherefko reported that the deadline sign up date for the 2015 Program Funding is October 17th. Chad informed the Board that the aerial seeding and soil health initiative had started and that 1,140 acres were seeded via air last week.

SCD – Frank Calo reported on his chapter 251 activities. Also that he currently was meeting with the Districts auditor to complete the 2014 audit.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday October 22, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. at the District office.

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Calo
District Manager