



SOMERSET - UNION SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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SOMERSET-UNION S.C.D. DISTRICT MEETING March 23, 2016

PRESENT: Mark Kirby, Matt Loper, Bob Amberg, Jill Ott, Frank Calo

ABSENT: Steve Needle, Jim Laine

CALL to ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 12:06 p.m.

PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE

COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

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

APPROVAL of MINUTES

A motion was made by Bob Amberg to approve the February meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The report for February was reviewed by the Board. Matt Loper made a motion to approve the report. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- The District received a card from Carol Dreyer thanking the Board for their generous donation to the Sarcoma Foundation in memory of Henry Dreyer.
- The District received a news update from Somerset County concerning their National Agriculture Day event held on March 15th. The NJ Secretary of

Agriculture, Douglas Fisher, joined county officials, which included District Chairman Mark Kirby, in celebration of this year's theme "Stewards of a Healthy Planet".

- The District was informed that this year's Soil & Water Conservation Society annual spring meeting would be held on April 8th, at the Camden Aquarium.

OLD BUSINESS:

Henry Dreyer Resolution – Frank Calo informed the Board that with the help of Tim Fekete and Frank Minch both with the NJ Department of Agriculture, a resolution had been issued by the State Soil Conservation Committee posthumously recognizing Henry Dreyer Jr. for his many years of hard work and dedication to the District. The resolution will be presented to Henry's wife Carol Dreyer by District Supervisor Bob Amberg.

2016 NJ SCD Supervisor Regional Meetings - Frank Calo reminded the Board that this year's Supervisor Regional Meeting would be held on the evening of March 30th which is next Wednesday night. The meeting will be held at the Villa Mannino Restaurant in Bordentown. The District has registered the entire Board to attend this meeting.

2016 NJ Envirothon – Frank Calo reported that a meeting of the envirothon committee had taken place on March 10th. The District has received all the required authorization from the 4-H Association as to the use of the building. Rich Belcher, envirothon coordinator, reported at the meeting that they were in the process of obtaining a grant from PSE&G for \$5,000.00 in support of the event to be held on May 13th & 14th.

NEW BUSINESS:

2016 NJACD Association Dues – The Board was presented with an invoice for the NJ Association of Conservation District 2016 dues. The dues amounts for 2016 are \$750.00. The Board was reminded that the District had an allocation for this amount in the 2016 District Budget. A motion was made by Matt Loper and seconded to pay the NJACD dues. The Board unanimously approved the payment of the 2016 dues to the NJACD.

Status of the Hydrologic Stormwater Database – Frank Calo reported that he had been asked to be a speaker at the NJDEP 2016 Stormwater Coordinator Workshop held at the Somerset County building on March 9th. In attendance were representatives from Somerset County and municipal engineers from all the municipalities within the county. The workshop was an introduction and overview of the preliminary draft Tier A MA4 permit. This permit requires the municipalities to maintain and enforce stormwater management plans and ordinances to address development and redevelopment consistent with the NJ DEP Stormwater Management Rules. As a result all stormwater management basins and outfalls will need to be mapped. Frank Calo gave an overview of what types of information could be found in the database and how this information could be used by the municipalities to meet the DEP requirements. This could become a revenue generator for the Districts.

2016 Poster Contest – The NJ Conservation 2016 Poster Contest theme for this year was “We All Need Trees”. The District received 37 poster entries from both counties in this year’s contest. There were 4 winners from Somerset County and 2 from Union County. The first place winners will be submitted to the State for the statewide completion.

Counties 2016 Budget Update – Union County has submitted their 2016 Executive Budget Appropriation Schedule. A contribution to the District is included representing the 5% increase from last year’s amount. The 2016 Union County Budget has not been adopted as of yet. The Somerset County budget has not been introduced but it does appear that there will be an increase of 2% as was last year.

District Action on Chapter 251 – (a) A motion was made by Matt Loper and seconded, to approve the plans on the attached certified list. The Board unanimously approved the plans on the certified list. (b) A motion was made by Bob Amberg and seconded, to approve the plans on the attached completed list. The Board unanimously approved the completed plans on the attached list.

REPORTS:

NRCS – Jill Ott reported on NRCS news, which included the future funding for the EQIP program, NJ WSA projects, an update on the Doyle regional composting facility and the Middlebush farm streaming crossing project.

SCD – Frank Calo reported on his chapter 251 activities. He’ll also be working on helping with the revisions to the new Basin Database and beginning the recertification process of certifications which will be expiring in June.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 27, 2016, at 7:30 PM at the District office.

A motion was made by Matt Loper to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Calo
District Manager