



## **SOMERSET - UNION SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

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### **SOMERSET-UNION S.C.D. DISTRICT MEETING April 20, 2016**

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

**ABSENT:** Bob Amberg

#### **CALL to ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 12:12 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 Steve Needle to approve the March meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The report for March was reviewed by the Board. Jim Laine made a motion to approve the report. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- The District received a news release from NJ NRCS announcing a statewide opportunity for 2016 Conservation Innovation Grants
- The District received a news release from the USDA seeking partner proposals to protect and restore critical wetlands in New Jersey.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Counties 2016 Budget Update –The District Manager attended a budget meeting for Somerset County on the 14th of April. The Somerset County budget has been introduced and it does appear that there will be an increase of 2% over last year. The 2016 Budget for Somerset County should be approved in May. The 2016 Union County Budget has been introduced but also not yet adopted.

2016 NJ Envirothon – Frank Calo reported that he is continuing to work with Envirothon coordinator, Rich Belcher, on completing preparations for this year's event. The District has contacted the local Wegmans and Shoprite requesting food and water donations. Mark Kirby, District Chairman, agreed to make an opening statement on the morning prior to the event commencing.

NJ Tree Recovery Campaign – The District has received the tree distribution list from Alec McCartney NJDEP, for the NJ Tree Recovery Program. This year the District will act as the distribution point for 10 municipalities, dispersing over 4200 seedlings. Seeding's will be dropped off at the District office by NJDEP on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April and picked up by municipalities on the morning of the 29<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

RFA Reimbursement for FY 2016 3rd Quarter – The Board was presented with the invoice for the RFA Reimbursement for FY 2016 3rd Quarter. Steve Needle made a motion to pay the invoice. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed by the Board.

2016 New Animal Waste Rule Proposals – Frank Calo reported that the District had received from the NJ DOA the new animal waste rule proposals. The Board reviewed the proposed amendments and decided to continue to study the new changes before making any formal comments.

Supervisor Re-Nomination – The District received notice from the State Soil Conservation Committee that the terms of two of its Board members, District Chairman Mark Kirby and Supervisor Jim Laine, would expire on June 30, 2016. Mr. Kirby and Mr. Laine both expressed their desire to remain Board members for an additional term. The Board reviewed the current member list of the Somerset County District Supervisor Nomination Committee. After reviewing the District Supervisor Nominating Committee requirements a motion was made by Steve Needle to approve the committee membership. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Frank Calo was directed by the Board to proceed with the re-nomination process and forward the appropriate documents to the State Committee.

District Action on Chapter 251 – (a) A motion was made by Steve Needle and seconded, to approve the plans on the attached certified list. Matt Loper recused himself from voting on application #'s 2016-2133, 2016-2100, and 2016-2091. The Board unanimously approved the plans on the certified list. (b) A motion was made by Jim Laine and seconded, to approve the plans on the attached completed list. Matt Loper recused himself from voting on application #'s 2014-1291, 2012-0719, 2012-0426, and 2010-9926. The Board unanimously approved the completed plans on the attached list.

## **REPORTS:**

SCD – Frank Calo reported on his chapter 251 activities. He'll also be meeting this week with Mike Hill, Freehold SCD, to review possible updates for the District's soil database. Frank also reported that he had just been informed that the District's 7-9 grade poster contest winner had come in 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the state level.

## **NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 25, 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 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Calo  
District Manager

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