



SOMERSET - UNION SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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SOMERSET-UNION S.C.D. DISTRICT MEETING July 27, 2016

PRESENT: Mark Kirby, Bob Amberg, Jim Laine, Frank Calo

ABSENT: Matt Loper, Steve Needle,

CALL to ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 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 Jim Laine to approve the June meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The report for June was reviewed by the Board. Bob Amberg made a motion to approve the report. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed by the Board.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- The District received a copy of a letter sent to State Assemblyman, Ronald Dancer, by Charles Buscaglia, Freehold Soil District Chairman, requesting that the State Assembly consider reinstating the per diem appropriations for District Supervisors.

OLD BUSINESS:

Union County Budget Update –The District Manager reported that the Union County budget donation to the District of \$31,124.00 had been received and deposited. This represents an increase of 5% over last year's donation.

FY 2017 Budget – Frank Calo presented to the Board a final draft of the FY 2017 District Budget. The proposed Budget draft, with updates, had been sent to all the Board members for review prior to the meeting. After some discussion, Jim Laine made a motion to approve the FY2017 District Budget as presented. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Mark Kirby, District Chairman, directed the District Manger to forward a copy of the approved budget to the State Soil Conservation Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

Permit Extension Act of 2008 – Frank Calo reported to the Board that Governor Christie, on June 30, 2016, signed another amendment to the Permit Extension Act of 2008. This amendment modified the current Act to extend approvals for an additional year for counties impacted by Superstorm Sandy. The County of Union was included in this amendment. This would mean that the District's certification for projects in Union County would automatically be extended for one additional year. Applicants who had previously applied for a recertification with the District will be extended for 4.5 years.

2016 Northeast NACD Conference Sponsorship – The District Manager informed the Board that he had been contacted by Raymond Cywinski, President of the NJACD. Mr. Cywinski explained that most of the other Districts in the State had donated sponsorship funds to support the upcoming Northeast NACD Conference. Frank Calo reported that there were donation funds dedicated to donations in the newly approved budget. Bob Amberg made a motion to have the District donate \$250.00 in support of the 2016 Northeast NACD Conference. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the Board. Mark Kirby, District Chairman, directed the manager to forward the donation to the NJACD.

Election of Officers – After some discussion by the Board, Bob Amberg made a motion to continue to have Mark Kirby act as District Chairman and Frank Calo as District Secretary. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the Board. It was also decided, that the position of District Vice Chairman will not be filled at this time.

Conservation Plans – Frank Calo presented to the Board, for their approval, 5 conservation plans. A motion was made by Jim Laine to enter into closed session. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed. The Board entered into closed session at 7:59 p.m. The regular meeting resumed at 8:14 p.m. A motion was made by Bob Amberg to approve the conservation plans with a conditional approval for the Raritan Headwaters plan until a clarification of the actual amount of land disturbance involved by John Kluthe, District Conservationist. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

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

REPORTS:

SCD – Frank Calo reported on his chapter 251 activities. The Auditor will be starting the District audit next week. The District is preparing for the upcoming Somerset County 4-H Fair.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 24, 2016, at 7:30 PM at the District office.

A motion was made by Jim Laine to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Calo
District Manager

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