



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

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### **SOMERSET-UNION S.C.D. DISTRICT MEETING March 22, 2017**

**PRESENT:** Mark Kirby, Matt Loper, Jim Laine, Steve Needle, Bob Amberg, John Kluthe, Paul McCall, Frank Calo

**ABSENT:**

**CALL to ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 12:13 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 MNUTES**

A motion was made by Jim Laine 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. Steve Needle made a motion to approve the report. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- The District received a new procedural manual for dealing with NJ DOT projects, from the SSCC.

- The District received a news release from the NJ DEP concerning water quality improvements in NJ.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Supervisor Regional Meetings – The Board was notified that the central Supervisor’s Regional Meeting will be held on Monday March 27th, at the same venue as last year, the Villa Mannino Restaurant in Bordentown. The Board reviewed the draft agenda for the meeting and instructed Frank Calo, the District Manager, to register the Board members who will be attending, as required.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

2017 NJACD Association Dues – The Board was presented with an invoice for the NJ Association of Conservation District 2017 dues. The dues amount for 2017 is \$750.00. The Board was reminded that the District had an allocation for this amount in the 2017 District Budget. A motion was made by Matt Loper and seconded to pay the NJACD dues. The Board unanimously approved the payment of the 2017 dues to the NJACD.

NJACD Memorial Conservation Scholarship - Frank Calo informed the Board that the District had received the announcement for this year’s NJACD Memorial Scholarship. The establishment of the scholarship and the eligibility requirements were discussed.

Somerset/Union Counties Budget Update – Union County has submitted their 2017 Executive Budget Appropriation Schedule. A contribution to the District is included but does not include the 5% increase from last year’s amount. The 2017 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 no cuts to the District’s contribution.

Conservation Plans – John Kluthe presented to the Board, 2 requests for assistance. 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 12:30 p.m. The regular meeting resumed at 12:35 p.m. A motion was made by Matt Loper to approve the requests for assistance presented. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed. John Kluthe presented to the Board, 3 conservation plans. A motion was made by Bob Amberg to enter into closed session. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed. The regular meeting resumed at 12:44 p.m. A motion was made by Jim Laine to approve the requests for assistance presented. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

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

## **REPORTS:**

NRCS – John Kluthe reported on a RCCP workshop to be held in Maryland and the possibility of holding such a workshop here. Also the opportunities a workshop of this type would present to the District and the local farming community. The Board was also informed about the Burnt Mills Dam removal project on the Lamington River.

SCD – Frank Calo reported on his chapter 251 activities and on how the work being done by the computer consultant was progressing. The Board was informed that he would be working on the FY 2018 District Operating Budget and would hopefully have a draft copy ready for the April meeting. The Board was also informed that Bob Amberg had procured a seed donation from Lake Valley Seed for the District's poster contest. Frank and the rest of the Board thanked Bob for his efforts, and also Steve Needle, who initially presented the idea to the Board about the seed packet giveaway.

## **NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 26, 2017, 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 adjourned at 12:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Calo  
District Manager