



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

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### **SOMERSET-UNION S.C.D. DISTRICT MEETING June 21, 2017**

**PRESENT:** Mark Kirby, Jim Laine, Bob Amberg, John Kluthe, Frank Calo

**ABSENT:** Matt Loper, Steve Needle

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:36p.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 May meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

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

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- The District received a news release from NRCS concerning the convening of local work groups this summer in an effort to gather input about how the NRCS can more effectively deliver conservation assistance in NJ.
- The District received a notice from the National Association of Conservation District's Northeast Regional meeting to be held August 13-15, in Burlington Vermont.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

H & H Basin Database Update – The Board was informed that the Hydrologic Modeling Database was accessible to everyone, and of the website where it could be found. The NJ Department of Agriculture and State Soil Conservation Committee are moving ahead with the NJHMD basin inspection process. Training for District personnel in the required inspection procedures will be taking place in the near future. Frank Calo gave the Board members a demonstration on how to access the database, what basin information is recorded, and how the new basin inspection process will be carried out.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

OPRA Request – Canal Walk II – The Board was informed that the District had received an OPRA request for various field notes for the Canal Walk II project. The District had been informed that the request was in relation to any injury which had occurred at this site. The District is in the process of complying with the request. The Board will be kept abreast of any further developments.

Permit Extension Act - Termination– Frank Calo distributed to the Board members a copy of the NJ DOA, SSSC, Administrative Bulletin concerning the termination of the Permit Extension Act. All projects, in either county which have had their certifications extended because of the act, would now be expiring and would have to recertify the original certification to remain in compliance with the NJ SE&SC Act Chapter 251. The District will begin the process of notifying the affected applicants in July as per the requirements.

Election of Officers – After some discussion by the Board, Jim Laine 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. A motion was made by Bob Amberg to elect Jim Laine to serve as District Vice-Chairman. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the Board.

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. Jim Laine made a motion to approve the plans on the attached completed list. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board. Bob Amberg recused himself from voting on application 2015-1624.

## **REPORTS:**

NRCS – John Kluthe reported on the aforementioned NRCS local work groups to be convened this summer. John informed the Board about some stream stabilization and some possible future dam work being done on the Somerset Lake and Game property. John notified the Board that the NRCS was doing a quality assurance review of the Pittstown office and that the District would be contacted for their input.

SCD – Frank Calo reported on his chapter 251 activities. The Board was informed that the District had received an application for the Northeast Supply Compressor Station in Franklin Township. This project has already been in the news and was being opposed by numerous entities including the Somerset County Board of Freeholders. Frank informed the Board that the District was enlisting the assistance of the NJ State Soil Erosion Engineer, John Showler in the review process.

## **NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 18, 2017, 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 adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Calo  
District Manager