



SOMERSET - UNION SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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SOMERSET-UNION S.C.D. DISTRICT MEETING October 25, 2017

PRESENT: Mark Kirby, Jim Laine, Bob Amberg, Matt Loper, Evan Madlinger, Frank Calo

ABSENT: Steve Needle

CALL to ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:32p.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 September meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The treasurer's report for September 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 memo release from NRCS concerning the combining of resources to increase assistance to protect resources on preserved farms.
- The District received an opinion piece from SWCS focusing on the 2018 Farm Bill.
- The District received a resignation email from John Kluthe, NRCS. The email thanked the District for its past support and assistance.

OLD BUSINESS:

FY 2017 Annual Audit - Draft – Frank Calo presented to the Board a draft of the Districts FY 2017 annual audit. The Board reviewed the draft audit and found no apparent discrepancies. Frank reported that the FY 2017 final audit should be completed before the District's next supervisor's meeting. At that time, the Board will have the opportunity to review the final draft and if approved, it will be forwarded as required to the State Soil Conservation Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

2018 NJ Conservation Poster Contest – Frank Calo informed the Board that the District had received the flyer for the 2018 NJ Conservation Poster Contest. This year's theme is "Watersheds: Our Water, Our Home". The flyer will be posted on the District's webpage. Copies will be sent to the School Superintendents of both counties so that they can be distributed to the various school districts.

2018 NACD Membership Dues – Frank Calo informed the Board that the District had received an invoice for the FY 2018 NACD dues. The Board was also given a copy of the NACD newsletter dated October 1st. Matt Loper made a motion to pay the \$501.00 dollar dues for FY 2018 to the NACD. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed by the Board.

Annual Conservation Partnership Meeting – The Board was reminded that the Annual Conservation Partnership meeting is being held next week, Thursday November 2nd at the Rutgers EcoComplex in Bordentown. A draft agenda for the meeting along with a copy of the NJACD proposed 2018 budget was distributed to the Board members. All the Board members present verified their attendance at the upcoming meeting.

December Luncheon Meeting – The Board after some discussion decided to return to last year's meeting venue of the Girasole Restaurant in Bound Brook. This year's luncheon meeting will be held on Wednesday December 13th at 12 noon.

Conservation Plans – Evan Madlinger, NRCS, presented to the Board, 1 conservation plan. 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 7:57 p.m. The regular meeting resumed at 8:06 p.m. A motion was made by Bob Amberg to approve the conservation plans presented. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

District Action on Chapter 251 – A motion was made by Jim Laine to approve the plans on the attached certified and completed lists. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board. Matt Loper recused himself from voting on application 2015-1604 on the completed list.

REPORTS:

NRCS – Evan Madlinger, NRCS, reported on the status of the soil conservationist position at the Frenchtown office and that Christine Hall is the current acting State conservationist. He also gave an update on the Burnt Mill Dam project in Bedminster and spoke about a soil quality workshop he attended in Lancaster PA.

SCD – Frank Calo reported on his chapter 251 activities.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at 12 noon at the District office.

A motion was made by Bob Amberg to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Calo
District Manager