

SOMERSET - UNION SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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SOMERSET-UNION S.C.D. DISTRICT MEETING December 13, 2017

PRESENT: Mark Kirby, Matt Loper, Steve Needle, Bob Amberg, Evan Madlinger, Nick Polanin, Ernest Thurlow, Ken Marsh, Bill Laskowski, Vincent Serafino, Jennifer Saunders, Frank Calo

ABSENT: Jim Laine

Mark Kirby, the Board Chairman, welcomed everyone to the District Meeting Luncheon. He informed everyone present that there would be a brief business meeting following the luncheon.

Ken Marsh gave the invocation.

BUSINESS MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 1:44 p.m.

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 Matt Loper to approve the November meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The report for November was presented to the Board. A motion was made by Bob Amberg to approve the treasurer's report as submitted. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the Board.

OLD BUSINESS:

<u>Surety Bond</u> – Frank Calo informed the Board that the District had received the surety bond information from the insurance agent. The information was distributed to the Board members for their review. The matter will be addressed at the District's January meeting.

<u>District FY 2017 Audit</u> – The Board was presented with an invoice for the District's FY 2017 Audit from the auditor. Matt Loper made a motion to pay the invoice amount of \$5,800.00. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed. Frank Calo informed the Board that the final audit had been forwarded to the State Committee as required.

<u>Soil Restoration</u> – The Board was informed that the newly approved soil restoration measures became effective on December 7th 2017. The District has sent out a memo to the engineering community.

NEW BUSINESS:

<u>FY 2018 1st Quarter Chapter 251 Surcharge Fee</u> – The Board was presented with the invoice for the 1st quarter of FY 2018 surcharge fee. Matt Loper made a motion to pay the surcharge fee invoice of 1,025.00. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

Action on Chapter 251 – (a) A motion was made by Bob Amberg to approve the completed and certified plans on the attached lists. The motion was seconded and the Board unanimously approved the completed and certified plans on the attached lists. Matt Loper recused himself from voting on application 2017-2864 on the certified list.

REPORTS:

<u>NRCS</u> – Evan Madlinger reported that Jill Ott would be the acting conservationist in January unless the position is filled before then.

<u>SCD</u> – Frank Calo thanked the Conservation Partners for their help in 2017. He thanked the Board for volunteering their time in supporting the Districts mission. He also thanked the staff for all their hard work in the previous year.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 24, 2018, at 12 noon at the District office.

The meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Calo

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