



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

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### **SOMERSET-UNION S.C.D. DISTRICT MEETING February 21, 2018**

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

**ABSENT:** Steve Needle

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

The meeting was called to order at 12:08 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 January meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

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

The report for January 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 notice from the Sourlands Conservancy about a Deer Management Symposium being held on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Symposium will bring together stakeholders to identify possible solutions and create action plans for dealing with the ever increasing deer management problem.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Surety Bond – The Board was informed that the applications for the increased surety bond level had been completed by Frank Calo, the District Manager, and Jennifer Saunders, Administrative Assistant. The completed applications had been submitted to the District's insurance agent, LaFontaine & Budd. The Board will be updated once the new bond is approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

SE&SC Program Statistics – The Board reviewed the Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Program Statistics for the second quarter of FY 2018. The statistics showed that the Somerset-Union District was doing as well as the more active Districts. They also clearly reflected the disparity between some of the Districts in the eastern parts of the state compared to the western areas.

Chapter 251 Surcharge Fee FY 2018 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter – The Board was presented with an invoice for the Chapter 251 Surcharge fee for FY 2018 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. The invoice was in the amount of \$2,725.00. A motion was made by Matt Loper and seconded to pay the invoice. The Board unanimously approved the payment of the invoice to the NJDA-SSCC.

Supervisor Regional Meetings – The Board was notified that the District had received the official invitation for this year's Regional Supervisor Meetings. The central meeting, which is the meeting the District usually attends, is scheduled for March 20<sup>th</sup> which would be the day prior to the District's Supervisor meeting. After some discussion by the Board, it was decided that District would attend the northern meeting, which is scheduled to be held on March 6<sup>th</sup> in Mountain Lakes.

Exempt Municipalities Annual Report – Frank Calo reported to the Board that he had met with Bernards Township Engineer, Tom Timko, and Engineering Technician, Peter LaGola. At the meeting the Bernards Twp. policies and procedures of enforcing Chapter 251 were reviewed and found to be in compliance with the State requirements. The Board was reminded that due to a mutual agreement, the District only reviews and certifies plans; Bernards Twp. handles the inspection and enforcement of the erosion control. Bernards Twp. is the only exempt municipality doing erosion control on their own. A motion was made by Jim Laine to approve the annual review. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed. The Board directed the District Manager to submit the Report of Exempt Municipalities to the State Committee.

Supervisor Re-Nomination – The District received notice from the State Soil Conservation Committee that the terms of two of its Board members, Supervisors Matt Loper, and Steve Needle, would expire on June 30, 2018. Mr. Loper expressed his desire to remain a Board member for an additional term. Frank Calo was directed by the Board to proceed with the re-nomination process for Matt Loper and forward the appropriate documents to the State Committee. Frank Calo will contact Steve Needle to confirm his intentions as to continuing as a Board member.

Conservation Plans – Frank Calo presented to the Board, 1 conservation plan for a farm in Hillsborough Township. A motion was made by Bob Amberg to enter into closed session. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed. The board entered into closed session at 12:34 p.m. The regular meeting resumed at 12:38 p.m. A motion was made by Matt Loper to approve the conservation plan presented. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed. Jim Laine recused himself from voting.

District Action on Chapter 251 – Jim Laine made a motion to approve the plans on the attached certified and completed list. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board.

### **REPORTS:**

SCD – Frank Calo reported on his chapter 251 activities.

### **NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 21, 2018, at 12 noon 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 1:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Calo  
District Manager