



SOMERSET - UNION SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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SOMERSET-UNION S.C.D. DISTRICT MEETING January 24, 2018

PRESENT: Mark Kirby, Matt Loper, Steve Needle, Bob Amberg, Jim Laine, Frank Minch,
Frank Calo

ABSENT:

CALL to ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 12:18 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 December meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The report for December 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 an announcement from the NJACD concerning the NJACD's 2018 Memorial Conservation Scholarship.

OLD BUSINESS:

Surety Bond – The Board reviewed the surety bond options that the District had received from their insurance agent. These options had been previously distributed to the Board members at the December meeting. After some discussion the Board decided to increase the bond to the \$250,000.00 level. A motion was made by Jim Laine to increase the District's surety bond to \$250,000.00. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed. Frank Calo was directed by the Board to contact the District's insurance agent and complete the application for the new bond.

NEW BUSINESS:

2018 NJ Envirothon – Frank Calo informed the Board that this year's NJ Envirothon would be held in Salem County. It is also the time of year when the District makes its annual donation in support of the Envirothon. The District's budget, for FY 2018, does include a contribution of \$500 dollars for the Envirothon. Steve Needle made a motion for the District to make the \$500.00 donation to the NJ Envirothon. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the Board.

Business Auto & General Liability Insurance Renewal – The Board was informed that the District had received an invoice from La Fontaine & Budd Insurance for the Districts auto and general liability insurance. Frank Calo reported that the cost for both had increased by approximately \$500.00 dollars over last year's invoice. The invoice was reviewed by the Board and after some discussion, a motion was made by Bob Amberg to pay the invoice. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved for payment.

RFA Reimbursement for FY 2018 2nd Quarter – The Board was presented with the invoice for the RFA Reimbursement for FY 2018 2nd Quarter. Steve Needle made a motion to pay the invoice. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed by the Board.

ACEP Agricultural Land Easement - Frank Calo presented to the Board an agricultural land easement plan (ACEP) prepared by NRCS.

Soil & Water Conservation Project Cost Share – Frank Calo presented to the Board 2 conservation reserve enhancement program (CREP) applications.

Executive Session - 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 12:32 p.m. The regular meeting resumed at 12:44 p.m. A motion was made by Bob Amberg to approve the ACEP plan and CREP applications. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed. Frank Calo was directed to forward the signed ACEP plan to the Somerset County Planning Board and the CREP applications to the State Soil Conservation Committee as required.

District Action on Chapter 251 – (a) Steve Needle made a motion to approve the plans on the attached certified list. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board. Matt Loper recused himself from voting on applications: 2017-3002, 2017-2993, and 2017-2946. A motion was made by Jim Laine to approve the completed plans on the attached list. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board.

REPORTS:

NJ DOA – Frank Minch reported on the new soil restoration standards and various State level agricultural issues. There was also some discussion on the new EPA air quality regulations related to agriculture.

SCD – Frank Calo reported on his chapter 251 activities. Also, that he would be meeting with the Bernards Township engineer next week for their annual exempt municipality review.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 21, 2018, at 12 noon at the District office.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Calo
District Manager