



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

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### **SOMERSET-UNION S.C.D. DISTRICT MEETING June 27, 2018**

**PRESENT:** Mark Kirby, Bob Amberg, Jim Laine, Steve Needle, Matt Loper, Jill Ott, Frank Calo

**ABSENT:**

**CALL to ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 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 MINUTES**

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. Matt Loper made a motion to approve the report. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Frank Calo reported on new legislation, cleared by the state senate, authorizing NJ municipalities, counties, and certain authorities to establish stormwater utilities.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

New District Supervisor – Frank Calo informed the Board that the District had received confirmation from the State Committee of the appointment of Mr. Ed Dec as a new District Supervisor. Mr. Dec will be replacing Steve Needle who is stepping down from the Board. Mr. Dec's term will start with the July District meeting.

District Vehicle – The Board was informed that a notice had been sent out to local automotive dealers requesting a bid for the new District vehicle. The District had received only one bid as of the deadline date. This bid was from Ditschman/Flemington Ford. The bid was reviewed by the Board and after some discussion a motion was made by Steve Needle to except the Ditschman/Flemington Ford bid. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the Board. Frank Calo was instructed to move forward with the purchase of the vehicle.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Erosion Control Specialist Position – Frank Calo reported to the Board that a requisition for a new employee had been submitted to Paul McCall, Director of Public Works, for the position of erosion control specialist. Once reviewed, the requisition will be presented to the County Management Team for their review and approval. The Board was informed that the District was complying with all the requirements set forth by Somerset County in this hiring process.

Election of Officers – After some discussion by the Board, Bob Amberg made a motion to continue to have Mark Kirby act as District Chairman, Jim Laine as Vice Chairman and Frank Calo as District Secretary. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the Board.

Conservation Plans – Jill Ott presented to the Board, 3 conservation plans for three farms, two in Hillsborough Township and one in Montgomery Township. A motion was made by Steve Needle to enter into closed session. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed. The board entered into closed session at 7:47p.m. The regular meeting resumed at 7:58 p.m. A motion was made by Jim Laine to approve the conservation plans as presented. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed by the Board.

District Action on Chapter 251 – After a review by the Board, 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. Matt Loper recused himself from voting on application 2018-3209 on the certified list.

**REPORTS:**

NRCS – Jill Ott reported on NRCS obligations. The Frenchtown office will have a new planner on staff. Also, on a new waste storage facility at Duke Farms.

SCD – Frank Calo reported on his chapter 251 activities. Frank thanked Steve Needle for his past service on the Board and along with the rest of the Board members wished him all the best in the future.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 25, 2018, at 7:30 p.m. 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 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Calo  
District Manager