



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

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### **SOMERSET-UNION S.C.D. DISTRICT MEETING June 26, 2019**

**PRESENT:** Mark Kirby, Bob Amberg, Jim Laine, Ed Dec, 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 MNUTES**

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. Bob Amberg made a motion to approve the report. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

The District received a notice from the Somerset County Public Information concerning the EPA commending Somerset County and other local partners for efforts to transform the American Cyanamid Co. Superfund site in Bridgewater into a job and revenue generating success story.

The District received an email notice from Frank Minch, Executive Secretary NJDOA, concerning the possible state shutdown on Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup>. The notice explained the non-permitted supervisory obligations of the Board members if a shutdown should take place.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

2019 NJ Envirothon – Frank Calo presented to the Board the final scores for all teams at this year's NJ Envirothon which was held in Camden County. Two teams from New Providence H.S. in Union County, placed in the top ten and 1 team from Montgomery H.S. in Somerset County, placed in the top 15 of the standings.

Supervisor Performance Standards – Frank Calo reported that he had attended a liaison meeting with all the District managers and NJDOA. There was some discussion as to the possibility of revising the current supervisor performance standards. The Board was reminded, again about the importance of attending meetings, either District or State, and keeping track of any other training credits, to fulfill their performance standards requirements.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Election of Officers – After some discussion by the Board, Matt Loper 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.

2019 Annual Conservation Partnership Meeting – The Board was informed that this year's Annual Conservation Partnership meeting is going to be held on Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the Rutgers EcoComplex in Bordentown. The District Manager reminded the Board that their attendance was required in fulfilling the District Supervisor performance standards.

DEP Stormwater Activity Permit (5G3) Coordination – Frank Calo reported that the District was working towards implementing initial and follow up construction stormwater inspections as required in the DEP/SSCC/SCD Memorandum of Agreement, signed and approved by the District Board, in September of 2009. The District's requirements in the 2009 MOA and how the inspection process will be carried out were reviewed by the Board.

Ethics – Outside Activities – The Board was notified that the District had received an outside activities questionnaire for the District employees from the NJ State Ethics Commission. Frank Calo reported that he had reviewed and approved the completed questionnaires for the District employees. Frank Calo's questionnaire was submitted to the Board for their review. The questionnaire was approved and signed by Mark Kirby, District Chairman. The completed questionnaires will be forwarded to the State Committee as required.

Soil Restoration – Frank Calo informed the Board that the District was now required to include the amount of soil restoration acres in its quarterly report to the State Committee. A new project application form is being implemented which includes site acres to be restored. A memo as to this effect has been sent to local engineering firms.

FY 2019 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Chapter 251 Surcharge Fee – The Board was presented with an invoice for the application surcharge fee for FY 2019's 3rd Quarter. Ed Dec made a motion to pay the invoice. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed by the Board.

Conservation Plans – Jill Ott, NRCS, presented to the Board, 1 conservation plan for a tract in Hillsborough Township and a request for assistance in Bernards Township, both in Somerset County. 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 7:56 p.m. The regular meeting resumed at 8:02 p.m. A motion was made by Bob Amberg to approve the conservation plan and RFA as presented. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed. Jim Laine recused himself from voting on the conservation plan in Hillsborough Twp.

District Action on Chapter 251 – Ed Dec made a motion to approve the plans on the attached certified and completed list. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board. Ed Dec recused himself from voting on application 2019-3799 and 2019-3792 of the certified list and application 2018-3271 on the completed list. Jim Laine recused himself from voting on application 2018-3301 on the completed list. Matt Loper recused himself from voting on applications 2019-3834, and 2019-3801, on the certified list and application 2018-3115 on the completed list.

## **REPORTS:**

NRCS – Jill Ott reported on NRCS activities which included a new earlier sign up for EQIP and a Black River restoration project in Bedminster.

SCD – Frank Calo reported on his chapter 251 activities.

## **NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 24, 2019, at 7:30 pm at the District office.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Calo  
District Manager