



SOMERSET - UNION SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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SOMERSET-UNION S.C.D. DISTRICT MEETING December 11, 2019

PRESENT: Mark Kirby, Matt Loper, Jim Laine, Ed Dec, Bob Amberg, Jill Ott, Bill Laskowski, Vincent Serafino, Jennifer Saunders, Frank Calo

ABSENT:

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.

Mark Kirby gave the invocation.

BUSINESS MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 1:38 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 Jim Laine 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 Jim Laine to approve the treasurer's report as submitted. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the Board.

OLD BUSINESS:

4-H Rental Lease – Frank Calo informed the Board that the District had received a response from the 4-H Association as to the terms of the rental lease agreement. The District's rent will be increased to \$24,000.00 per year, for 3 years, starting January 1st 2020. The Association will have the ceilings lowered, in the rear office space, to a standard 8' height as requested by the District. After some discussion by the Board, Jim Laine made a motion to accept the lease terms as submitted. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Mark Kirby recused himself from voting.

NEW BUSINESS:

District FY 2019 Audit – The Board was presented with an invoice for the District's FY 2019 Audit from the auditor. Matt Loper made a motion to pay the invoice amount of \$6,300.00. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

1st Qtr. FY 2020 Chapter 251 Surcharge Fee – Frank Calo reported that the District had received an invoice from the Department of Agriculture for the first quarter Chapter 251 Surcharge Fee for FY 2020. The invoice was for the amount of \$2,700.00. Matt Loper made a motion to pay the Surcharge Fee invoice. The motion was seconded and the Board unanimously voted in favor of paying the invoice.

1st Qtr. FY 2020 RFA Reimbursement – Frank Calo reported that the District had received an invoice from the Department of Agriculture for the first quarter RFA Reimbursement for FY 2020. The invoice was for the amount of \$4,125.00. Ed Dec made a motion to pay the RFA reimbursement invoice. The motion was seconded and the Board unanimously voted in favor of paying the invoice.

Action on Chapter 251 – (a) A motion was made by Matt Loper 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. Ed Dec recused himself from voting on applications 2019-4026 and 2019-4041 on the certified list, and application 2018-3248 on the completed list. Jim Laine recused himself from voting on application 2004-8054 on the completed list.

REPORTS:

NRCS – Jill Ott, NRCS District Conservationist, presented a summary of conservation plans, contracts, and practices planned and applied, in FY2019 for the District.

SCD – Frank Calo thanked the Conservation Partners for their help in 2019. He thanked the Board for volunteering their time in supporting the Districts mission.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 22, 2019, at 12 noon at the District office.

The meeting adjourned at 1:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Calo
District Manager

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