



SOMERSET - UNION SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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SOMERSET-UNION S.C.D. DISTRICT MEETING February 19, 2020

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

ABSENT:

CALL to ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 12:06 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 at notice from the NJ-AWRA Water Leadership Forum concerning a presentation being held on microplastics in the environment.

OLD BUSINESS:

NJHMD Basin Inspections – Frank Calo informed the Board that the District had sent letters detailing the new inspection service to every municipality within the 2 counties. Four municipalities, two from Union County and two from Somerset County, have reached out to the District expressing interest in the new service. The next step would be an agreement between the District and a municipality. The District will continue to move forward in promoting this new program.

NEW BUSINESS:

Regional Supervisor Meetings – The Board was informed that the District had received a notice concerning this year's NJACD Regional Supervisor Meetings. The Board, decided that the District would attend the northern meeting, which is scheduled to be held on April 2nd in Mountain Lakes. All the Board members verified that they would be attending.

Business Auto & General Liability Insurance Renewal – The Board was informed that the District had received an invoice from La Fontaine & Budd Insurance for the District's 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 District had contacted the agent concerning the increase in the premium and also discussed the possibility of reaching out to another insurer. The invoice was reviewed by the Board and after some discussion; a motion was made by Matt Loper to pay the invoice. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved for payment.

2020 NJ Envirothon – Frank Calo informed the Board that this year's NJ Envirothon would be hosted by the Freehold District. 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 2020, does include a contribution of \$500 dollars for the NJ Envirothon. Jim Laine 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.

District Supervisor Reappointments – Frank Calo reported that the District had received a notice from the State Soil Conservation Committee that the term of Bob Amberg, as District Supervisor, would expire on June 30, 2020. Mr. Amberg 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 and forward the appropriate documents to the State Committee.

District Action on Chapter 251 – Jim Laine made a motion to approve the plans on the attached certified and completed lists. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board. Ed Dec recused himself from voting on application 2017-2727 on the completed list.

REPORTS:

NRCS – Frank Calo reported that the District had been notified that Carrie Lindig, the State Conservationist had taken a new position as Director of Easements in Washington DC. There will be an acting State Conservation for the next 120 days or until the position is filled.

SCD – Frank Calo reported on his chapter 251 activities. Also, that the District has moved forward with accessing the County's GIS system for the purpose of mapping new projects. Two of the District's computers are now capable of working with the county's GIS program.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 2020, at 12 noon at the District office.

Bob Amberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed by the Board. The meeting adjourned at 12:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Calo
District Manager