



SOMERSET - UNION SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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SOMERSET-UNION S.C.D. DISTRICT MEETING July 22, 2020

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

ABSENT:

CALL to ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 12:01 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 Bob Amberg to approve the May and June meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The report for June was reviewed by the Board. Jim Laine made a motion to approve the report. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

FY 2020 Annual Audit – Frank Calo reported that the District had been in contact with the auditor, John Brewer, Vernioia, Enterline & Brewer. The district is working with Mr. Brewer to supply as much of the needed information electronically to complete the audit. Mr. Brewer will need to briefly visit the District office to verify some of the information. Special precautions will be in place prior and during his visit.

2020 Permit Extension Act – The Board was informed that the NJ State Legislature had authorized the 2020 Permit Extension Act to address economic impacts to residential and commercial construction sectors. The PEA automatically extends soil conservation certifications which have or are scheduled to expire on or after March 9, 2020. The PEA will remain in effect for the duration of the COVID-19 extension period.

FY 2020 3rd Quarter Chapter 251 Surcharge Fee – The Board was presented with an invoice for the application surcharge fee for FY 2020'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 presented to the Board 2 EQIP plans one in Montgomery and one in Bernards Townships. 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 12:11 p.m. The regular meeting resumed at 12:14 p.m. A motion was made by Jim Laine to approve the Conservation Plans presented. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

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 applications 2019-3792 and 2019-3764, on the completed list. Matt Loper recused himself from voting on application 2018-3255, on the completed list.

REPORTS:

NRCS – Jill Ott reported that the office status had not changed. The end of July would be the deadline for all NRCS programs. The State Conservationist position has been filled. The new Conservationist is Julie Hopkins.

SCD – Frank Calo reported on his chapter 251 activities. Also, that the District, as of July 6th, has been operating at regular staff hours.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 19, 2020, at 7:30 pm 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 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Calo
District Manager

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