



SOMERSET - UNION SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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**SOMERSET-UNION S.C.D.
DISTRICT MEETING
December 29, 2021**

PRESENT: Mark Kirby, Robert Amberg, Ed Dec, Matthew Loper, Jim Laine, Matthew D'Alessandro

ABSENT: Bianca Diaz Deliz (NRCS)

CALL to ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 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 Robert Amberg to approve the November, 2021 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Matthew Loper and unanimously passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The treasurer's report for November, 2021 was reviewed by the Board. Ed Dec made a motion to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Robert Amberg and unanimously passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

District Action on Ch. 251- The SUSCD Board reviewed the certified and completed projects for the month of November, 2021. Ed Dec recused himself from SUSCD File #2021-4839 on the list of completed projects. Matthew Loper recused himself from SUSCD File#2021-5060 and SUSCD File #2021-4874 from the certified list. Jim Laine made a motion to approve the plans on the certified and completed list for the month of November, 2021. The motion was seconded by Ed Dec and was unanimously approved.

2022 Meeting Dates-Matthew D'Alessandro presented the proposed schedule of Board of Supervisor meeting dates for 2022. After some discussion, a calendar of dates was decided and approved with changes as discussed. A motion was made by Jim Laine to approve the proposed dates and times. The motion was seconded by Robert Amberg and unanimously passed. Matthew D'Alessandro will post the dates and times accordingly.

Audit-A draft copy of this year's audit was presented to the Board. A motion was made by Ed Dec to approve the draft copy. The motion was seconded by Robert Amberg and unanimously passed. Matthew D'Alessandro will continue to work with the auditor and will advise when all aspects of the audit are completed.

SSCC Invoices- The Board was presented with three invoices from the State Soil Conservation Committee. One invoice dated 8/24/21 was for RFA reimbursement for the FY 2021 4th Quarter in the amount of \$3,150.00. The second invoice dated 10/21/21 was for the Chapter 251 surcharge fee for the FY 2021 4th Quarter in the amount of \$3475.00. The third invoice dated 12/7/21 was for the Chapter 251 surcharge fee for FY 2022 1st quarter in the amount of \$2050.00. A motion was made by Jim Laine to submit payments for all three invoices. The motion was seconded by Ed Dec and unanimously passed.

Agenda item request- Matthew D'Alessandro reported that Mr. Frank Pinto recently contacted the District about attending a future SUSCD Board of Supervisors meeting to discuss a grant he was awarded from the RC&D about energy assessments for land and business owners in the area. Matthew will communicate with Mr. Pinto and will determine which meeting he will attend.

Request for assistance from HCSCD- Matthew D'Alessandro reported that the Hunterdon County SCD requested assistance for the review and issuance of a SESC certification for a project in their territory that could be considered a conflict of interest. Matthew reported that he will seek the assistance of Mr. John Showler, State Erosion Control Engineer from the NJ Department of Agriculture. The Board discussed the request. After the discussion, a motion was made by Jim Laine to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Matthew Loper and unanimously passed.

Conservation Plans- none

REPORTS:

NRCS – none

SCD – Matthew D’Alessandro reported that an ad is being placed for an intern and that he will contact Raritan Valley Community College when the ad is placed. Matthew reported that Nick Chaballa has taken on the role of the main plan reviewer in the office and is doing an excellent job. Matthew reported that the office will be painted in the month of January, 2022 and staff has been working hard to clean and make more room. The office continues to be very busy with numerous SESC applications in both counties.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at noon at the district office.

ADJOURNMENT:

Robert Amberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jim Laine and unanimously passed. The meeting adjourned at 12:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew D’Alessandro
District Manager