



SOMERSET - UNION SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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SOMERSET-UNION S.C.D. DISTRICT MEETING July 24, 2024

PRESENT: Mark Kirby, Bob Amberg, Jim Laine, Matthew D'Alessandro,
Matthew Loper

ABSENT: Ed Dec, Christian Bench, District Conservationist (NRCS)

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 MINUTES

The minutes of the June 2024 meeting were reviewed by the Board. A motion was made by Jim Laine to approve the June 2024 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Bob Amberg and unanimously passed. The June 2024 Executive Minutes were reviewed by the Board. A motion was made by Jim Laine to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Bob Amberg and unanimously passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's Report for June 2024 was reviewed by the Board. Bob Amberg made a motion to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Jim Laine and unanimously passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

OLD BUSINESS:**NEW BUSINESS:**

District Action on Ch. 251- The SUSCD Board reviewed the certified and completed projects for the dates from 6/26/24 to 7/24/24. Jim Laine recused himself from SUSCD File#2024-6589 from the certified list. Jim Laine made a motion to approve the plans on the certified and completed list for the period of 6/26/24 to 7/24/24. The motion was seconded by Bob Amberg and unanimously passed.

NJACD Annual Dues-Matthew D'Alessandro presented a request from the NJACD for annual dues in the amount of \$850.00. A motion was made by Bob Amberg to provide the annual dues in the amount of \$850.00. The motion was seconded by Jim Laine and unanimously passed.

Supervisor Nomination-Matthew D'Alessandro informed the Board that he received nominations for the open SUSCD Supervisor position. He will work towards convening the Nominating Committee soon.

Partnership Training Events with NRCS- Matthew D'Alessandro reported that SUSCD is continuing to hold site investigations with Somerset and Union counties through the partnership with the NRCS. The purpose of the site investigations is to study the health of the soil on county park grounds to save time and money on the purchase of plants and resources in the future.

NJDEP/Employees Association 5G3 Training Seminar-Matthew D'Alessandro reported that he coordinated a statewide virtual meeting and presentation on 6/26/24 with the NJDEP regarding the NJDEP 5G3 Authorization. The NJ soil conservation districts handle the administrative aspect and the NJDEP are the enforcing agency. Many supervisors and staff attended the training session.

Stop Work Order-Matthew D'Alessandro informed the Board that a Stop Work Order was issued for a project in Westfield, NJ that holds a SESC certification but received numerous violations for offsite sediment loss and other issues over the past year.

Executive Session: none

REPORTS:

NRCS – none

SCD – Matthew D'Alessandro reported that he is coordinating trainings and events as President of the NJ Employee's Association for the state program. He is working with Frank Minch, Division Director to coordinate a manager's meeting scheduled for 7/29/24.

ADJOURNMENT:

Jim Laine made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Bob Amberg and unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 25, 2024, at 7:30 pm at the district office.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew D'Alessandro
District Manager