

I. The meeting of the Bergen County Soil Conservation District was called to order at 6:15 P.M. on September 10, 2012 at the District Office, 700 Kinderkamack Road, Oradell, NJ by Mr. Mecky, Chairman. In compliance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, notice of this meeting was filed with the NJ State Secretary of Agriculture, Bergen County Clerk's Office, The Bergen Record, and The Ridgewood News and posted at the Bergen County Administrative Building, 1 Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack, NJ.

Supervisors Present

Carl Mecky  
Ron Binaghi, Jr.  
Herman Rohsler  
Geraldine Byrne  
Raymond Cywinski

Staff and Representatives of

Cooperating Agencies Present

Angelo Caruso, District Manager  
Roy Otto, Asst. District Manager  
Scott Howard, Resource Assistant  
Lawrence Lewis, E.C. Inspector  
Dr. Ferdows Ali, NJDA  
Dan Mull, NRCS  
Robyn Roberts, Adm. Secretary

**II. MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Mr. Binaghi to approve the minutes of the June meeting as distributed.

**III. TREASURER'S REPORT**

A motion was made by Mrs. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Rohsler to approve the treasurer reports for the months of June, July & August.

**IV. SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL ACT**

A motion was made by Mr. Rohsler, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to approve all plans certified during the months of April and May by Mr. Binaghi in the name of the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Cywinski recused himself from voting on plan 11-B11239 as this project is in the Borough of Demarest where he is Mayor.

**Review of Violations**

Mr. Caruso gave an update and follow-up action on the letters of violation issued during the months of June & July 2012.

**V. CORRESPONDENCE**

1) NACD – A motion was made by Mr. Binaghi, seconded by Mr. Rohsler to approve \$550.00 as final payment of the NACD 2013 dues.

2) Frank Minch, NJDA – copy of list of district supervisors serving on the State Committee up for renomination. Voting will take place at the Annual Conference to be held in November.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS – con't.**

- 1) Mr. Caruso updated the Board regarding the progress of the Restructuring Report. Copies of the report were distributed to the Supervisors. Comments must be received by October 15, 2012.
- 2) Mr. Caruso reported that a Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between the Bergen District and the State Soil Conservation Committee regarding the entering of data into the H&H Data Base System. The Bergen District has received \$14,073 as 50% advance payment. Training for entering data has been scheduled for October 3, 2012 for district staff.
- 3) Mr. Caruso reported that a meeting between representatives of the Bergen District, HEP District, NJ Department of Agriculture and NJ Meadowlands Commission recently met to reach an understanding of projects that need to be submitted for Chapter 251 approval. A memorandum of understanding will be drafted by the State Deputy Attorney Generals for the NJDA and NJMC.
- 4) NJDA-SCC Request for Assistance – Since the Bergen District requested assistance from the State Engineer to review the drainage for the Metropolitan Farm in Closter, a form has been created to be used statewide so other districts can request similar assistance.
- 5) Mr. Caruso informed the Board that the revised NJ Standards are available for comment in the NJ Register. Comments must be received by October 5, 2012.
- 6) Mr. Caruso reported that Mr. Cywinski and Mrs. Byrne recently attend the NACD NE Conference held in Corning, NY. A motion was made by Mr. Binaghi, seconded by Mr. Rohsler to reimburse expenses incurred by Mr. Cywinski in the amount of \$586.90 (which includes \$65.44 for expenses incurred at NACD National Convention in January 2012) and Mrs. Byrne in the amount of \$200.00.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1) Mr. Caruso reported that he has contacted Donohue, Gironde & Doria to prepare our FY12 audit. A motion was made by Mr. Rohsler, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to have Donohue, Gironde & Doria prepare our FY12 audit at a cost of \$5,000.00.
- 2) A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to ratify the payment of the 251 Administrative Fee for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter FY12 in the amount of \$2,700.00.
- 3) A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to ratify the payment of the RFA reimbursement for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter FY12 in the amount of \$1,065.00.
- 4) Mr. Caruso reported that the State Committee has passed a resolution which would require Districts to return unused fees for future 251 applications that are denied by the District.
- 5) Mr. Caruso informed the Board that the Annual Conservation Conference will be held November 19, 2012 in East Windsor, NJ.

### **VIII. DISTRICT MANAGER's REPORT**

- 1) Mr. Caruso reported that at the request of NRCS, districts statewide have filled out a skills database form to help assist NRCS.
- 2) Mr. Caruso announced that the Morris SCD is conducting a forestry workshop on October 2, 2012 from 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM.
- 3) The Mr. Caruso reported that District staff and the State Engineer, John Showler, will be visiting the Ramapo River in Oakland to view erosion problems.
- 4) Mr. Caruso gave an update on the status of Right to Farm issues at the Metropolitan Farm in Closter.
- 5) Mr. Caruso reported to the Board that the district staff is currently working to conform to the provisions of Chapter 78. A summary of Chapter 78 was distributed to the Supervisors.
- 6) Mr. Caruso reported that the SSCC will be sending the District written confirmation that the Village of Ridgewood shall not issue fines for Chapter 251 violations.

### **IX. STATE SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

Dr. Ali reported the following:

- 1) October 15<sup>th</sup> deadline for comments on Restructuring Paper.
- 2) November 19<sup>th</sup> will be the Annual Conservation Conference
- 3) October 5<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for comments on the revised NJ Standard in the NJ Register.
- 4) Mr. Showler, State Engineer, will be visiting the site of the Ramapo River Bank Restoration in Oakland with district staff on September 11, 2012.

### **X. NRCS**

Mr. Mull reported:

- 1) Rick Simms is the new Northeast Regional Conservationist.
- 2) Tim Dunne has retired.
- 3) Energy Management Plan application in Allendale.

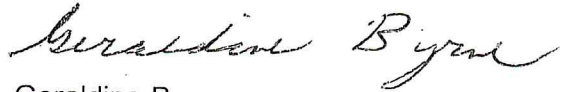
Unless otherwise noted, all actions were taken by unanimous vote of all members present.



**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Rohsler, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Geraldine Byrne". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Geraldine Byrne  
Secretary-Treasurer