

I. The meeting of the Bergen County Soil Conservation District was called to order at 5:18 P.M. on March 11, 2013 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
Herman Rohsler (via teleconference)
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, Erosion Control Inspector
Dan Mull, NRCS
Robyn Roberts, Adm. Secretary

Supervisors Absent

Ronald Binaghi, Jr.

Mr. Mecky acknowledged the recent passing of Mr. Ronald E. Binaghi, Sr. who served on the District Nominating Committee for many years. Mr. Binaghi was a great public servant who will be missed by all.

II. MINUTES

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

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Mrs. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Cywinski to approve the treasurer's report for the months of January and February.

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 January and February by Mr. Binaghi in the name of the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Cywinski recused himself from voting on plan 13-B11444 as this project is owned by United Water NJ where he is employed.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

1) Priscilla Hayes, President, NJACD – request for donation to 2013 NJ Envirothon. A motion was made by Mrs. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Cywinski to donate \$500.00 to the NJ Envirothon.

2) Douglas H. Fischer, Secretary of NJ Department of Agriculture – Confirmation of Mr. Rohsler's full three (3) year reappointment as District Supervisor.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Mr. Caruso reported that the District Work Group/Subcommittees are making progress.
- 2) Mr. Caruso informed the Board that the District's website is in compliance with the State requirements at this time.
- 3) Mr. Caruso reported that there is a problem with the H&H Data Base server. Once the problem has been fixed, the staff will resume entering the required data.
- 4) Bergen County Environmental Council – Mr. Caruso reported that the Council's Earth Day planting will be held on April 19th at Overpeck County Park. The Council will also unveil the completed envirosign at the planting.
- 5) A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to approve the FY12 Audit.
- 6) Mr. Caruso informed the Board that we received 151 entries for the 2013 Poster Contest. Participants included 3 Bergen County schools and 6 independent entries. Our winning posters have been forwarded to Trenton for State judging.
- 7) A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Mr. Rohsler to ratify payment of the RFA reimbursement for the 2nd Quarter FY13 in the amount of \$1,695.00.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- 1) A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to reschedule our April District Meeting to the 15th.
- 2) A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Mr. Rohsler to pay the PERS Annual Employer Appropriation bill in the amount of \$39,726.00.
- 3) Mr. Caruso announced that Mr. Mecky and Mrs. Byrne are up for renomination to the Board of Supervisors.

A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Mr. Rohsler to approve the following members of the 2013 District Nominating Committee:

Joseph McElwain, B.C. Department of Parks
Richard Lepre, Oakland Board of Adjustment
William Comery, Tree Expert
Mark McCart, Bergen County Environmental Council
G. Harry Byrne, Bergen County Audubon Society

- 4) Mr. Caruso announced the Regional Leadership Meeting will be held on April 10, 2013 at the Zeris Inn at 6:00 PM.

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- 5) Mr. Caruso informed the Board that he will be visiting the exempt municipalities of Saddle River and Englewood for their annual reviews.
- 6) Mr. Caruso reported that he will be attending a "Train the Trainer" presentation for contractor erosion control certification to be held at the Burlington County SCD.
- 7) A motion was made by Mrs. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Cywinski to have District staff attend the following training at a cost of \$25.00 per person/per course:
 - ** Hydrology Training – Advance H2
 - ** Hydrology Training – Advance Basic H1B
- 8) A motion was made by Mrs. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Cywinski to approve the District office space lease renewal.
- 9) A motion was made by Mr. Rohsler, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to approve the District 2012 Annual Report.

VIII. DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

- 1) Mr. Caruso reported that as per the Board's approval last meeting, a 20 month Certificate of Deposit will be opened at the Atlantic Stewardship Bank in the amount of \$150,000.00.
- 2) Mr. Caruso reported on the recent Right to Farm status of the Metropolitan Farm in Closter.
- 3) Mr. Caruso reported that there is no news regarding the PSE&G request for exemption to Chapter 251 as per the Governor's Executive Order #2.
- 4) Mr. Caruso informed the Board that he and Mr. Otto recently attended a safety training class for use in inspecting the Tennessee Gas Pipeline Project in Mahwah.

IX. NRCS

Mr. Mull reported that NRCS has prepared a Farm Conservation Plan in Closter and an EQIP Forest Stewardship Plan in Englewood.

X . OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Cywinski reported the following from the State Soil Conservation Committee meeting:

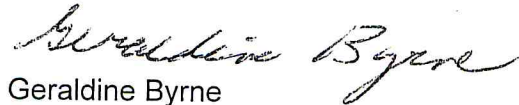
- 1) Regarding PSE&G's request for a linear utility installation waiver, the SSCC cannot issue a waiver for 251 applications.
- 2) Projects needing a 251 approval due to damage from Hurricane Sandy will submit a flat fee of \$200.00 for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan Certification.
- 3) The SSCC will be responding to comments received for the Chapter 251 Rules and NJ Standards for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control.

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 6:04 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Geraldine Byrne".

Geraldine Byrne
Secretary-Treasurer