

I. The meeting of the Bergen County Soil Conservation District was called to order at 6:21 P.M. on April 15, 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
Ronald Binaghi, Jr.
Geraldine Byrne

Supervisors Absent

Herman Rohsler
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
Dr. Ferdows Ali, NJDA
Dan Mull, NRCS
Robyn Roberts, Adm. Secretary

II. MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Binaghi, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to approve the minutes of the March meeting as distributed.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Mr. Binaghi, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to approve the treasurer's report for the month of March.

IV. SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL ACT

A motion was made by Mr. Binaghi, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to approve all plans certified during the month of March by Mr. Binaghi in the name of the Board of Supervisors.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

1) Soil & Water Conservation Society – request for membership renewal. A motion was made by Mrs. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Binaghi to renew our membership in the amount of \$90.00.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1) Mr. Caruso reported the District has opened a Certificate of Deposit at the Atlantic Stewardship Bank.

2) Mr. Caruso reported that he has completed reviews of the exempt municipalities of Saddle River and Englewood. Both municipalities received a satisfactory rating. A motion was made by Mr. Binaghi, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to approve the Reports of Exempt Municipalities for Saddle River and Englewood for submission to the State Soil Conservation Committee.

VI. OLD BUSINESS – con't.

3) Bergen County Environmental Council – Mr. Caruso reported that the Council's Earth Day planting will be held this upcoming Friday, April 19th at Overpeck County Park. Approximately 50 volunteers and Council members will be planting 400 plants.

4) Mr. Caruso reported that the NJ Standards for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control have been approved by the State, except for the Land Grading and Topsoil Standards due to issues with soil restoration.

5) Mr. Caruso reported that the Soil Restoration Committee will be meeting to discuss remaining unresolved issues.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1) A motion was made by Mr. Binaghi, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to cancel the May District Meeting.

VIII. DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

1) Mr. Caruso reported Metropolitan Farm in Closter is very close to obtaining Right To Farm status. All approvals and requested information have been submitted to the SADC for their final review.

2) Mr. Caruso reported that the Cape May Plant Materials Center may be closed due to Federal cutbacks. A motion was made by Mrs. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Binaghi to send letters of support to keep the PMC in operation.

IX. NJ DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE REPORT

Dr. Ali suggested the Board members think about what they see as the future of the districts and advise the SSCC of any helpful ideas they may have.

X. NRCS

Mr. Mull presented a Conservation Plan for Mr. Mecky's signature.

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. Binaghi, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Geraldine Byrne
Secretary-Treasurer