

I. The meeting of the Bergen County Soil Conservation District was called to order at 5:31 P.M. on January 9, 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.
Geraldine Byrne
Raymond Cywinski

Staff and Representatives of
Cooperating Agencies Present

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

II. MINUTES

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

III. TREASURER'S REPORTS

A motion was made by Mr. Binaghi,, seconded by Mr. Cywinski to approve the treasurer reports for the months of November & December.

IV. SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL ACT/RFA's

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

Mr. Cywinski recused himself from voting on plan 11-B10984 as this project is owned by United Water NJ where he is employed.

Mr. Cywinski recused himself from voting on plans 11-B10951 and 07-B8969(D) as these projects are in the Borough of Demarest where he is Mayor.

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

V. CORRESPONDENCE

1) USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - Mr. Caruso reported that we have received a mandatory agricultural survey. He will complete and return it.

2) NJ Association of Conservation Districts:

a) A request for 2012 dues in the amount of \$300.00. A motion was made by Binaghi, seconded by Ms. Byrne to pay the 2012 dues in the amount of \$300.00.

b) A calendar of upcoming meetings and conferences, including the Supervisors Regional Meeting to be held on April 26, 2012.

3) Hackensack Riverkeeper – request for membership. Due to District cutbacks, the Board decided at this time not to send a membership donation to the Hackensack Riverkeeper.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Mr. Caruso reported that the District has transferred monies from the NJ Cash Management Fund to open (3) 24 month Certificates of Deposit, where interest rates are higher.
- 2) Mr. Caruso reported that the District FY11 audit is currently underway.
- 3) Mr. Caruso distributed to the Board copies of the results of a State Soil Conservation Committee survey regarding the statewide district audits.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Mr. Caruso reported that all district employees and supervisors are required to complete the on-line ethics training and forward the confirmation forms to the SSCC.
- 2) A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Mr. Binaghi to authorize the payment Chapter 251 Administrative Charge for the 1st Quarter FY12 to the NJ Department of Agriculture in the amount of \$2,225.00.
- 3) Mr. Caruso informed the Board that there has been a bill proposal by Senator Sarlo to extend the Permit Extension Act until 2014.
- 4) A motion was made by Mr. Binaghi, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to approve the 2012 Annual Plan of work, with the corrections requested.
- 5) Mr. Caruso reported that the an article has appeared in the UCC newsletter reminding construction officials not to issue demolition permits for projects which exceed 5,000 square feet of disturbance without a certification from the local district.
- 6) Mr. Caruso reported that Mr. Cywinski has been awarded a \$1,000.00 grant from NRCS to attend the 2012 NACD Annual Conference in Las Vegas, NV. A motion was made by Mrs. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Binaghi to have the District reimburse Mr. Cywinski for any expenses incurred over the \$1,000.00 grant.
- 7) A motion was made by Mr. Binaghi, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to close the District Office on Monday, February 13, 2012 (Lincoln's Birthday Observance).
- 8) A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Mr. Binaghi to cancel the February District Meeting,

VIII. DISTRICT MANAGER's REPORT

- 1) Mr. Caruso informed the Board that the meeting scheduled in January 2012 with representatives of the El Paso Gas Pipeline, was cancelled by El Paso.
- 2) Mr. Caruso reported that the Village of Ridgewood was notified, as per the Board's request, of the monies owed for extraordinary expenses and non compliance fees for the Habernickel Dam Project. The District has received full payment of the monies requested.

IX. STATE SOIL CONSERVATION REPORT

Dr. Ali reported:

- 1) Animal Waste Management Rules deadline is March 16, 2012.
- 2) Phase II Fertilizer Bill still in discussion.
- 3) Silt Sock erosion control product still in discussion.
- 4) SSCC will arrange a meeting with the NJ Meadowlands Commission and the Bergen and HEP Districts

X. NRCS REPORT

Mr. Mull reported the following:

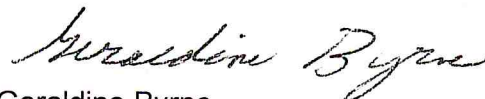
- 1) National Conservation sign up for farmers for ON-Farm Energy Initiatives, Organic Initiatives, and Seasonal High Tunnel Pilot Initiative.
- 2) The Village of Ridgewood has applied for Emergency Watershed Protection funding.

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

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Binaghi, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Geraldine Byrne
Secretary-Treasurer