

I. The meeting of the Bergen County Soil Conservation District was called to order at 5:31 P.M. on March 12, 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
Herman Rohsler (via telephone)
Raymond Cywinski

Staff and Representatives of
Cooperating Agencies Present

Angelo Caruso, District Manager
Roy Otto, Asst. District Manager
Scott Howard, Resource Assistant
Dr. Ferdows Ali, NJDA
Jim Wick, NRCS
Robyn Roberts, Adm. Secretary

II. MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Rohsler, seconded by Mr. Cywinski to approve the minutes of the January meeting as distributed. A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Mr. Binaghi to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Bergen County SCD Board of Supervisors on November 21, 2011. A motion was made by Cywinski, seconded by Mr. Binaghi to reapprove the minutes of 2011 to include the phrase " Unless otherwise noted, all actions were taken by unanimous vote of all members present."

III. TREASURER'S REPORTS

A motion was made by Mrs. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Binaghi to approve the treasurer reports for the months of January & February.

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

Mr. Cywinski recused himself from voting on plans 12-B11036 and 12-B11035 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 February by Mr. Binaghi in the name of the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Cywinski recused himself from voting on plans 12-B11062 and 12-B11065 as these projects are in the Borough of Demarest where he is Mayor.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

1) NJ Association of Conservation Districts – request to New Jersey SCD's to donate \$500.00 to the 2012 NJ Envirothon. A motion was made by Mrs. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Cywinski to donate \$500.00 to the 2012 NJ Envirothon.

2) Soil & Water Conservation Society – request for membership renewal. A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Mr. Rohsler to renew our membership in the amount of \$80.00.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Mr. Caruso informed the Board they should be receiving a copy of the FY11 audit shortly for their review and approval.
- 2) Mr. Caruso reported that the Bergen District is currently updating our website to be in compliance with the recently passed legislation signed by Governor Christie.
- 3) Mr. Caruso reported that he received a copy of a letter from Marcia Karrow, Executive Director of the NJ Meadowlands Commission to Secretary of Agriculture, Douglas H. Fisher, regarding NJMC compliance with Chapter 251 in the Bergen and HEP Districts.
- 4) Mr. Caruso informed the Board that the SSCC and Rutgers have developed a State H&H Data Base System. The NJ DEP will provide funding to the Districts to enter the data.
- 5) A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to ratify the payment of \$1,425.00 to the State for RFA reimbursements for the 2nd Quarter of FY 12, and to authorize the district staff to make future payments of RFA reimbursements and Chapter 251 Administrative Fees prior as necessary without the prior approval of the Board.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Mr. Caruso reported that he will be conducting the exempt municipality reviews of the Borough of Saddle River and the City of Englewood.
- 2) Bergen County Environmental Council:
 - a. Earth Day planting is scheduled for April 20th at Overpeck Park.
 - b. Environmental Commission Invitational is scheduled for April 30th at the Bergen County Administrative Building in Hackensack at 7:00 PM.
- 3) Mr. Caruso reported that the brochures for the 2012 Poster Contest have been sent out. The theme of this year's contest is "Soil to Spoon." Entries are due at the District on 4/3/12.
- 4) Mr. Caruso reported that the PERS Annual Employer Appropriation bill in the amount of \$38,151.00 is due by April 1, 2012.
- 5) Mr. Caruso discussed the SSCC White Paper with the Board. He and Mr. Cywinski will serve on a workgroup to respond to the SSCC.

VIII. DISTRICT MANAGER's REPORT

- 1) Mr. Caruso reported that he recently attended a meeting with representatives from PSE&G to discuss a future power line project that will run through both the Bergen and HEP Districts. Representatives of the HEP District and SSCC were also in attendance.
- 2) Mr. Caruso informed the Board that there have not been any updates on the project proposed by the El Paso Gas Pipeline Co.
- 3) Mr. Caruso informed the Board of the following dates:
5/17/12 – State Poster Contest Awards Ceremony, Trenton.
5/30/12 – Soil Health Conference, Toms River, NJ

IX. STATE SOIL CONSERVATION REPORT

Dr. Ali reported:

- 1) Animal Waste Management Rules deadline is March 16, 2012.
- 2) 38 teams have entered to participate in the 2012 NJ Envirothon.
- 3) The White Paper workgroups will have 90 days to respond to the SSCC.

X. NRCS REPORT

Mr. Wick reported the following:

- 1) Memorandums between NRCS and some SCD's have been established to conduct farmer workshops.
- 2) On-Farm audits for energy saving initiatives.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Cywinski reported:

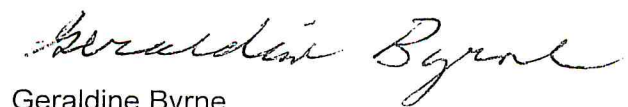
- 1) The status of the State fertilizer law.
- 2) His attendance at the NACD Annual Conference.

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

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Rohsler to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Geraldine Byrne
Secretary-Treasurer