

I. The meeting of the Bergen County Soil Conservation District was called to order at 6:19 P.M. on June 10, 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  
Herman Rohsler (via teleconference)  
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

**II. MINUTES**

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

**III. TREASURER'S REPORT**

A motion was made by Mr. Binaghi, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to approve the treasurer's reports for the months of April and May.

**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 months of April and May by Mr. Binaghi in the name of the Board of Supervisors.

**Review of Violations**

Mr. Caruso gave an update and follow-up action on the letters of violation issued during the month of April 2013.

**V. CORRESPONDENCE**

- 1) Frank Minch, NJDA – a copy of the Bio Security Policy for visiting farms.
- 2) NJACD – request for 2013 dues in the amount of \$500.00. A motion was made by Mr. Binaghi, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to pay the NJACD 2013 dues in the amount of \$500.00.
- 3) State Ag. Development Board – notice regarding new rules for solar panels installed on preserved farms.
- 4) Thomas J. Vilsack, Secretary, USDA - Thank you for the district's letter of support regarding the possible closure of the Cape May Plants Material Center.

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

- 1) Mr. Caruso reported that the Soil Restoration Committee will be reconvening very soon to revisit the cost benefits of the proposed affected Standards.
- 2) Mr. Caruso reported that the District Review Subcommittee is moving forward with updating the existing district review manual.
- 3) Mr. Caruso reported that the Revised NJ Standards will only be available electronically. The proposed cover shows pictures of the nearly complete Ramapo River Bank Stabilization Project in Oakland and the existing Bear Swamp Dam in Mahwah.
- 4) Mr. Caruso announced that the State Committee has reappointed Mr. Mecky and Mrs. Byrne as District Supervisors.
- 5) Mr. Caruso reported that there were 151 entries in the 2013 Poster Contest. 3 schools participated as well as 11 independent entries. The District had a 1<sup>st</sup> place winner in the 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> grade category: Lillian Hong from Ramsey.
- 6) Mr. Caruso reported that the Bergen County Environmental Council held their annual spring planting on April 19<sup>th</sup>. 45 volunteers planted 400 plants. Another planting of 100 milkweed plugs will be taking place on Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1) A motion was made by Mr. Binaghi, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to cancel the July and August District Meetings.
- 2) A motion was made to ratify the payment of the Public Official's Liability Insurance policy renewal in the amount of \$2,194.58.
- 3) A motion was made by Mrs. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Binaghi to ratify payment of the 251 Surcharge Fee for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter FY13 in the amount of \$2,075.00.
- 4) A motion was made by Mr. Rohsler, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to ratify payment of the RFA reimbursement for the 3rd Quarter FY13 in the amount of \$2,985.00.
- 5) Mr. Caruso stated that all District staff have completed and signed "Outside Activity/ Employment Forms". Mr. Mecky signed the forms for submittal to the State Soil Conservation Committee.
- 6) Election of Officers - A motion was made by Mr. Binaghi, seconded by Mr. Rohsler to have the Bergen County SCD Board of Supervisors Officer positions remain as follows:

Carl Mecky, Chairman  
Ronald Binaghi, Jr., Vice Chairman  
Geraldine Byrne, Secretary-Treasurer

**VIII. DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT**

1) Mr. Caruso reported that new signatures forms were required for the recently opened Atlantic Stewardship Bank CD.

2) Mr. Caruso reported that work is progressing on resolving the problem with the H&H Data Base Server.

At this time, Mr. Cywinski joined the meeting.

3) Mr. Caruso presented each of the District Supervisors with an attendance folder which they will review regularly to keep track of their district related activities and training points earned.

**IX. NRCS**

Mr. Mull reported:

1) 2013 contracts being finalized.

2) Jim Wick's position is not being replaced in the proposed budget.

3) Whip program- Cresskill site.

At this time, Mr. Mecky called an Executive Session to discuss district staff job performance evaluations and salaries.

**X. OTHER BUSINESS**

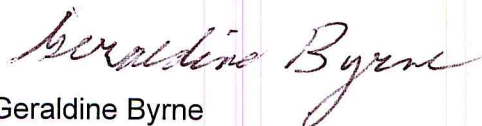
A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to ratify the motions made at the Executive Session.

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 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Geraldine Byrne  
Secretary-Treasurer



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Supervisors Present

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Geraldine Byrne  
Herman Rohsler (via telephone)  
Raymond Cywinski

Staff and Representatives of  
Cooperating Agencies Present  
Angelo Caruso, District Manager

Any motions made at this meeting will be ratified when the Open Public Meeting reconvenes.

The Board reviewed District employee job performance evaluations and salaries.

A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to approve the following District staff salary increases:

Angelo Caruso – 2.5%  
Roy W. Otto – 2.5%  
Robyn Roberts – 2.5%  
Scott Howard – 3.5%  
Lawrence Lewis – 3.75%

Respectfully submitted,

  
Geraldine Byrne  
Secretary-Treasurer