

I. The meeting of the Bergen County Soil Conservation District was called to order at 6:13 P.M. on June 9, 2014 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.
Herman Rohsler (via teleconference)
Geraldine Byrne
Raymond Cywinski

Staff and Representatives of
Cooperating Agencies Present

Angelo Caruso, District Manager
Scott Howard, Resource Assistant
Larry Lewis, Erosion Control Insp.
Dr. Ferdows Ali, NJDA
Robyn Roberts, Adm. Secretary

II. MINUTES

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

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

IV. SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL ACT

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

Mr. Cywinski recused himself from voting on plans 14-B11986, 14-B12005, and 14-B12039 as these projects are in the Borough of Demarest where he is Mayor.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

1) Douglas H. Fisher, Secretary of Agriculture – copy of 2014 Soil and Water Stewardship Week Proclamation signed by Governor Christie.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Mr. Caruso reported that the Bergen District has two State Poster Contest Winners:
Mary Wang – 3rd Place – 10th - 12th grade category
Christopher Martone – 3rd Place – 2nd – 3rd grade category.
The District will forward \$50.00 checks and certificates from the NJACD to the winners.
- 2) Mr. Caruso reported that the current round of records disposal by the District has been completed.
- 3) Mr. Caruso reported that the Bergen County Environmental Council's annual spring planting was held on April 25th. 35 volunteer planted 350 plants. Another planting of milkweed plants will be taking place soon.
- 4) Mr. Caruso reported that the 2014 NJ Envirothon was held on May 3, 2014 in Branchville (Sussex County). The winning school was the Marine Academy of Technology and Environmental Sciences of Manahawkin, NJ.
- 5) Mr. Caruso reported that the District has received the final copy of our FY 2013 audit. Copies have been distributed to the Board of Supervisors, State Soil Conservation Committee, and posted on our website.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Election of Officers - A motion was made by Mr. Binaghi, seconded by Mr. Cywinski 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

- 2) A motion was made by Mr. Rohsler, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to ratify payment of the RFA reimbursement for the 3rd Quarter FY14 in the amount of \$1,470.00.
- 3) A motion was made by Mrs. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Binaghi to ratify payment of the 251 Surcharge Fee for the 3rd Quarter FY14 in the amount of \$2,225.00.
- 4) A motion was made by Mr. Binaghi, seconded by Mr. Rohsler to ratify the payment of the Public Official's Liability Insurance policy renewal in the amount of \$2,194.58.
- 5) A motion was made by Mrs. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Binaghi to cancel the July and August District Meetings.
- 6) Mr. Rohsler advised the Board that Rohsler's Nursery will be having a seminar on native plants later this week.

VIII. DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

- 1) Mr. Caruso reported that the Bergen SCD Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Notes have been updated to reflect the revised NJ Standards. The revised notes have been posted on our website.
- 2) Mr. Caruso reported that the District has purchased a new computer monitor at a cost of \$89.00.
- 3) Mr. Caruso requested that the District purchase the required State and Federal Labor Law Compliance Posters online at a cost of \$75.00. After some discussion, Mr. Cywinski announced he would contact the SSCC and see if they could provide the necessary compliance postings free of charge.

IX. NJDA Report

Dr. Ali reported the following:

- 1) Mr. Binaghi has been reappointed as District Supervisor.
- 2) The NJACD Annual conference will be held on November 24 and 25 in Morristown. Municipal engineers from Exempt Municipalities will be invited to attend training.
- 3) The Single Family Exemption proposed policy will be sent to all districts for their review and comments within 30 days.
- 4) The Policy and Procedures Manual will be sent to all districts soon for their review with a 60 day comment period.
- 5) Assemblyman Timothy Eustace has introduced Bill 3354 - "Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management Program."
- 6) Status of the Rockleigh Farm manure complaint.
- 7) Soil and Water Stewardship Week proclamation.
- 8) Status of Exempt Municipality Reviews.
- 9) Mr. Cywinski reported that NRCS will be addressing the new EPA regulations under the Clean Water Act. Many of their Agricultural practices are no longer exempt.

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 Mrs. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Binaghi to adjourn the meeting at 7:38P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Geraldine Byrne", is written in a cursive style.

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 – 2.5%
Lawrence Lewis – 2.5%

Respectfully submitted,

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

Geraldine Byrne
Secretary-Treasurer