

I. The meeting of the Bergen County Soil Conservation District was called to order at 6:11 P.M. on September 8, 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  
Ronald Binaghi, Jr.  
Geraldine Byrne  
Raymond Cywinski

Supervisors Absent

Herman Rohsler

Staff and Representatives of

Cooperating Agencies Present

Angelo Caruso, District Manager  
Roy W. Otto, Asst. Dist. Manager  
Scott Howard, Resource Asst.  
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. Cywinski to approve the minutes of the June 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 June and July.

**IV. SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL ACT**

A motion was made by Mrs. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Binaghi to approve plans 14-B12051 and 14-B12061 certified by Mr. Binaghi during the month of June in the name of the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Cywinski recused himself from voting as these plans are owned by United Water NJ where he is employed.

A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to approve plans 14-B12004, 14-B12151, 14-B12201 and 14-B12202 certified during the months of June, July and August by Mr. Rohsler in the name of the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Binaghi recused himself from voting as these plans are in the Borough of Old Tappan where he serves as a Councilman.

A motion was made by Mrs. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Binaghi to approve plans 14-B12078 , 14-B12075, 14-B12076, 14-B12162, and 14-B12180 certified during the months of June and August by Mr. Binaghi in the name of the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Cywinski recused himself from voting as these plans are in the Borough of Demarest where he is Mayor.

A motion was made by Mr. Binaghi, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to approve all other plans certified during the months of June, July and August by Mr. Binaghi and Mr. Rohsler in the name of the Board of Supervisors.

## **V. CORRESPONDENCE**

- 1) NJ Agricultural Society – request for membership.
- 2) Thank you from Allendale Ambulance Corps for donation in memory of Mrs. Rohsler.
- 3) B.C. Agriculture Development Board – Notice and CD copy of the Bergen County Comprehensive Farmland Preservation Plan. Mr. Binaghi, Jr. announced that Demarest Farm in Hillsdale is now completely preserved under the State Farmland Preservation Program.

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

- 1) NJ Hydrologic Modeling Database – Mr. Caruso informed the Board that the District has been reimbursed in the amount of \$140 by the State for lost data due to the power failure at the Rutgers CRSSA computer. The Board was also informed that the system is up and running again with March 2015 set as the target date for the districts to complete their H & H data entry.
- 2) Bergen County Environmental Council:
  - a. Mr. Caruso reported that District Staff and BCEC Members planted 50 milkweed plants at Overpeck Park on June 20.
  - b. The Council has tentatively scheduled a stream cleanup at Van Saun County Park on October 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. A fall planting has been tentatively scheduled for November 7<sup>th</sup>.
- 3) A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Mr. Binaghi to ratify payment of the RFA reimbursement for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY14 in the amount of \$2,940.00.
- 4) NACD NE Conference – A motion was made by Mr. Binaghi, seconded by Mr. Mecky to reimburse Mr. Cywinski and Mrs. Byrne for expenses incurred at the Northeast Conference. Mr. Cywinski and Mrs. Byrne gave a report on the conference.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1) Mr. Caruso reported that the SSCC has asked the Policies and Procedures Subcommittee to address district comments regarding the draft Chapter 251 Policies Manual.
- 2) Mr. Caruso informed the Board that the NJ Annual Conservation Conference will be held November 24<sup>th</sup> at the Rutgers Eco-Complex in Bordentown.
- 3) A motion was made by Mrs. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Binaghi to have Donohue, Gironda & Doria prepare the District's FY14 audit at a cost of \$5,000.00.
- 4) Mr. Caruso informed the Board that the District is in need of new computers and presented the Board with a quote for the purchase of equipment and installation/setup services prepared by Skyway Technologies. A motion was made by Mrs. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Binaghi to approve the purchase of new computers, monitors, hardware, software, and professional installation/setup services with a budget of \$13,000.00.

### **VIII. DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT**

- 1) Mr. Caruso informed the Board that the article he had written for the League of Municipalities Magazine regarding municipal partnerships with soil conservation districts has not yet been published but was featured in the last issue of the NJACD Newsletter.
- 2) A motion was made by Mr. Binaghi, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to cancel the October meeting.

### **IX. STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

Dr. Ali reported the following:

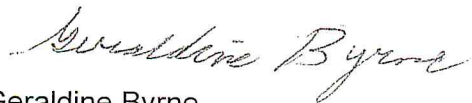
- 1) The NJACD Annual Conservation Conference will be held November 24<sup>th</sup> at the Rutgers Eco – Complex.
- 2) The State of New Jersey has a firewood quarantine in place due to the spread of the emerald ash borer beetle.
- 3) The NJ Meadowlands commission is planning a landfill expansion which may affect the HEP and Bergen Districts.
- 4) The SADC has a vacancy for a new CAP position.

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

### **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Binaghi, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Geraldine Byrne  
Secretary-Treasurer