

I. The meeting of the Bergen County Soil Conservation District was called to order at 5:25 P.M. on January 12, 2015 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.
Herman Rohsler (via telecommunication)
Geraldine Byrne
Raymond Cywinski

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 November meeting as distributed.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

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 November and December by Mr. Binaghi in the name of the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Cywinski recused himself from voting on plans 14-B12319, 14-B12327, 14-B12332, 14-B12358, and 84-B1964 as these projects are in the Borough of Demarest where he is Mayor.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) NJ Farm Bureau – Thank you for 2015 dues.
- 2) Imus Ranch – Thank you for donation.
- 3) NJACD – A motion was made by Mrs. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Binaghi to approve \$750.00 as payment of the 2015 NJACD dues.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1) Mr. Caruso reported on the State Soil Conservation Committee approved Chapter 251 Administrative Policies Bulletin 2015-01 regarding Single Family Dwelling Unit Lots and Clearing/Grading Activities. The District will notify municipal construction officials via mail and will post the notice on the District's website.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1) Mr. Caruso reported that all District staff have completed and signed "Outside Activity/ Employment Forms" for the NJDA. Mr. Mecky signed Mr. Caruso's form as immediate supervisor.

2) A motion was made by Mr. Binaghi, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to approve the 2015 Annual Plan of Work.

3) Mr. Caruso reported that 2015 Conservation Poster Contest theme is "Local Heroes: Your Hard Working Pollinators." Contest brochures will be sent out shortly.

4) Mr. Caruso announced that Governor Christie has extended The Permit Extension Act until 12/31/15 (6/30/16 with tolling).

5) Mr. Caruso announced that Pinelands Nursery will donate \$200.00 worth of pollinator plants to each district for conservation demonstration projects.

6) A motion was made by Mr. Binaghi, seconded by Mr. Cywinski to cancel the February District Meeting.

7) Mrs. Byrne asked the Board if the District could encourage lawn care companies to use best management practices to protect topsoil. Mr. Caruso suggested this may be a good topic for the Bergen County Environmental Council.

VIII. DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

1) Mr. Caruso reported the current status of the Golden Orchards project in the Borough of Hillsdale.

IX. NJ DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Dr. Ali reported the following:

- 1) Permit Extension Act
- 2) Soil Restoration Committee
- 3) Supervisor Regional Meeting scheduled for March
- 4) Somerset/Union SCD fee schedule approval
- 5) Single Family Dwelling Administrative Bulletin

Mr. Cywinski reported about the following:

- 1) Apple Ridge Golf Course Development
- 2) NJ Flower Show 2/12/15 in Edison
- 3) 2015 Envirothon to be held in Cape May on 5/2/15
- 4) Supervisor Regional Meeting to be held 3/18/15
- 5) NJ will be hosting the 2016 NACD Northeast Conference
- 6) NRCS – funding available for districts.

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 Mr. Cywinski to adjourn the meeting at 6:06 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Geraldine Byrne
Secretary-Treasurer