

I. The meeting of the Bergen County Soil Conservation District was called to order at 6:16 P.M. on June 8, 2015 at the District Office, 700 Kinderkamack Road, Oradell, NJ by Mr. Binaghi, Vice-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

Ronald Binaghi, Jr.
Herman Rohsler
Geraldine Byrne
Raymond Cywinski

Staff and Representatives of

Cooperating Agencies Present

Angelo Caruso, District Manager
Scott Howard, Resource Assistant
Larry Lewis, Erosion Control Insp.
Dan Mull, NRCS
Robyn Roberts, Adm. Secretary

II. MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, 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. PUBLIC COMMENT- none.

V. SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL ACT

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

Mr. Cywinski recused himself from voting on plan 15-B12577 as this project is in the Borough of Demarest where he is Mayor.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

1) Douglas H. Fisher – Secretary of Agriculture – Request that the Districts complete their H&H data entry by June 30, 2015.

2) NJ Conservation Foundation – Thank you for our \$200.00 donation.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1) Bergen County Environmental Council -

* Annual spring planting was held at the Saddle River County Park in Glen Rock on May 8th. BC Environmental Council members and Rutgers Master Gardener volunteers planted 350 native trees and shrubs and 200 pollinator plant plugs (donated by Pinelands Nursery).

* The Bergen County Freeholders approved the BCEC 2014 budget for payment in the amount of \$7615.00

* "Backyard Conservation" brochures were printed as handouts for public events.

2) Mr. Caruso reported that the Bergen District did not have a winner at the State level judging of the 2015 Poster Contest.

3) Mr. Caruso gave an update on the status of the Golden Orchards project in Washington Twp. – Borough of Hillsdale. The District issued a "part of" approval for Phase I in the Borough of Hillsdale. Additionally, the SSCC, in consultation with the Office of the Attorney General, concluded that the Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Act does not grant statutory hearing rights to third party objectors.

4) Mr. Caruso reported that the District Supervisor Nominating Committee met on May 1, 2015 and recommended that the State Soil Conservation Committee reappoint Mr. Herman Rohsler and Mr. Raymond Cywinski.

5) A motion was made by Mr. Rohsler, seconded by Mr. Cywinski to approve the District's FY14 audit.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1) A motion was made Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to have the accounting firm of Donohue, Gironda & Doria prepare the District's FY15 audit and to approve payment of their fee in the amount of \$5,000.00.

2) Mr. Caruso reported the District has received a copy of the draft 251 Policies and Procedures Manual Appendices. Comments are due by July 13, 2015.

3) A motion was made by Mr. Rohsler, seconded by Mr. Cywinski to cancel the July and August District Meetings.

4) A motion was made by Mrs. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Cywinski to ratify payment of the RFA reimbursement for the 3rd Quarter FY15 in the amount of \$1,860.00.

5) A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to authorize payment of the 251 Surcharge Fee for the 3rd Quarter FY15 in the amount of \$2,950.00.

IX. DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Caruso reported that Garden Homes Development has agreed to pay \$225,000 in fines issued by the EPA and to preserve more than 100 acres of land in Morris County, NJ to compensate for its alleged failure to prevent pollution-laden stormwater from flowing off construction sites state-wide.

X. NJ DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Mr. Cywinski reported the following:

- ** 2016 NACD Northeast Conference is looking for a host district.
- ** Winners at the State level of the 2015 Poster Contest.
- ** Annual Conference to be held at the Rutgers Eco-Complex in October.

XI. NRCS REPORT

A motion was made by Mrs. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Rohsler to approve two (2) Conservation Forest Stewardship Plans for Bergen County.

XII. 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.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Rohsler, seconded by Mr. Cywinski to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Geraldine Byrne
Secretary-Treasurer

An Executive Session of the Bergen County Soil Conservation District's Board of Supervisors was called to order on June 8, 2015 at the District Office, 700 Kinderkamack Road, Oradell, NJ by Mr. Binaghi, Vice Chairman.

Supervisors Present

Ron Binaghi, Jr.
Herman Rohsler
Geraldine Byrne
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%
Roy W. Otto – 2%
Robyn Roberts – 2%
Scott Howard – 2%
Lawrence Lewis – 2% +\$1,500.00

Respectfully submitted,



Geraldine Byrne
Secretary-Treasurer