

I. The meeting of the Bergen County Soil Conservation District was called to order at 5:19 P.M. on November 9, 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  
Geraldine Byrne  
Raymond Cywinski

Staff and Representatives of

Cooperating Agencies Present

Angelo Caruso, District Manager  
Scott Howard, Resource Assistant  
Larry Lewis, Erosion Control Inspector  
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 September meeting as distributed.

**III. TREASURER'S REPORT**

A motion was made by Mrs. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Binaghi to approve the treasurer's report for the month of September.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT- none.**

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Rohsler to approve all plans certified or recertified during the months of September and October by Mr. Binaghi on behalf of the Board Supervisors.

Mr. Cywinski recused himself from voting on plans B12768 and B12842 as these projects are in the Borough of Demarest where he is Mayor.

**VI. CORRESPONDENCE**

1) NACD – A motion was made by Mr. Binaghi, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to approve \$600.00 as final payment of the NACD 2016 dues.

2) NJ Farm Bureau – A motion was made by Mrs. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Cywinski to approve \$150.00 as payment of the 2016 annual dues.

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

**1) Bergen County Environmental Council -**

\* Mr. Caruso reported that the Council has received a \$500 Clean Communities Grant for their Van Saun Park cleanup conducted on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

\* The Council's fall planting was held on October 30<sup>th</sup> with approximately 40 volunteers who planted 370 plants at the Saddle River County Park – Glen Rock Area.

**2) Mr. Caruso reported that the NJACD Annual Conference was held on October 27<sup>th</sup> at the Rutgers Eco-Complex. Robyn Roberts and Angelo Caruso received Service Awards for 35 and 30 years of employment with the Bergen SCD.**

**3) Updated bank signature cards were completed by District supervisors to continue the process of making the Oritani Savings Bank the District's primary checking account.**

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**1) A motion was made by Mr. Binaghi, seconded by Mr. Cywinski to pay the service agreement for the District copier in the amount of \$490.50.**

**2) A motion was made Mr. Binaghi, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to approve the 2016 District Meeting Schedule.**

**3) A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Mr. Binaghi to approve the District 2016 Holiday Schedule.**

**4) A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to approve the District's 2016 Unreimbursed Medical FSA Plan Amendment.**

**5) A motion was made by Mrs. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Binaghi to cancel the December District meeting and to hold a year end dinner for supervisors and staff at Lieto Italia Ristorante at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, December 15, 2015.**

**6) A motion was made Mr. Binaghi, seconded by Mr. Cywinski to approve payment of the Chapter 251 surcharge for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY16 in the amount of \$3,775.00.**

**7) Mr. Caruso reported that Mr. Robert Gray, Esq., has given notice of his retirement as District Council. He has agreed to provide a recommendation for his replacement.**

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

Mr. Caruso reported that the District had recently received an OPRA request for district vendor purchases going back to 2010. Since many of the Districts were sent the same request, Mr. Frank Minch, NJDA, provided guidance from the NJDA's Deputy Attorney General with a written response. The District used a similar response for another recent OPRA request from a different source which targeted a smaller range of vendors.

**X. NRCS REPORT**

Mr. Mull reported NRCS personnel changes for New Jersey. He also provided information sheets on the availability and use of round penetrating radar and the delta handheld XRF soil analyzer.

**XI. NJ DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

Mr. Cywinski reported the following:

The 2016 NACD NE Regional Meeting will be held in Absecon, NJ, at the Seaview Hotel, 8/14-16, 2016. Suggestions for speakers, tours, etc., are welcome.

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

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Binaghi, seconded by Mr. Cywinski to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Geraldine Byrne  
Secretary-Treasurer