

I. The meeting of the Bergen County Soil Conservation District was called to order at 5:30 P.M. on March 14, 2016 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 (Teleconference)
Geraldine Byrne
Raymond Cywinski

Staff and Representatives of

Cooperating Agencies Present

Angelo Caruso, District Manager
Roy Otto, Asst. District Manager
Larry Lewis, Erosion Control Inspector
Dan Mull, NRCS
Robyn Roberts, Adm. Secretary

II. MINUTES

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

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Mrs. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Cywinski to approve the treasurer's reports for the months of January and February for audit.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT- none.

V. SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL ACT

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

Mr. Cywinski recused himself from voting on plans 16-012, 16-017, and 16-020 as these projects are in the Borough of Demarest where he is Mayor.

Mr. Cywinski recused himself from voting on plan 16-022 as this project is under his review as a Suez employee.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

1) NJACD – request for annual dues. A motion was made by Mr. Rohsler, seconded by Mr. Binaghi to approve \$750.00 as payment of the 2016 NJACD dues.

2) NJ Envirothon – request for 2016 NJ Envirothon donation. A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to donate \$500.00 to the 2016 NJ Envirothon.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Mr. Caruso announced that the Bergen County Environmental Council has received 2015 Budget funding from the County of Bergen in the amount of \$6,900.00 and a BC Clean Communities Grant in the amount of \$500.00 for the Van Saun Park Cleanup. The Council's spring planting will be held at the Wild Duck Pond Area of Saddle River County Park in Ridgewood on May 6, 2016. The Council's Municipal Invitational Meeting will be held May 19, 2016 at the Bergen County Administrative Building in Hackensack.
- 2) Mr. Caruso reported that the Oritani Bank check scanner process for making deposits is working very well.
- 3) Mr. Caruso reported that the District has received the final payment of the balance owed for the H & H Data Entry Agreement in the amount of \$13,933.00.
- 4) Mr. Caruso informed the Board that our audit should be ready for review and approval at the April District Meeting.
- 5) Mr. Caruso reported that the District received 264 entries from 17 schools and 26 individuals who participated in the 2016 Poster Contest.
- 6) Mr. Caruso reported that the owner of the Golden Orchards project in Hillsdale informed him that he had reached an agreement with the neighboring residential development that was opposed to the project. Entec Engineering has made some minor revisions to the drainage system as part of this agreement. Revised plans and supporting computations have been submitted to the District for review.
- 7) Mr. Cywinski gave an update report on the preparations for the NACD NE Regional Meeting.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Mr. Caruso reported that he will be meeting with the municipal engineers for the City of Englewood and the Borough of Saddle River to conduct annual Exempt Municipality reviews.
- 2) A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to ratify payment of the Chapter 251 Surcharge Fee for the 2nd Quarter FY16 in the amount of \$3,825.00.
- 3) A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to ratify payment of the RFA Reimbursement Fee for the 2nd Quarter FY16 in the amount of \$2,580.00.
- 4) Mr. Caruso reported that the Supervisor Regional Meeting will be held on April 7, 2016 at the Barnyard and Carriage House in Totowa at 6:30 PM.
- 5) Mrs. Byrne suggested that the District consider purchasing a color printer for the office. After some discussion, it was decided that the purchase of a color printer would be considered when the current aged printers are replaced.

IX. DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

- 1) Mr. Caruso discussed with the Board the purchase of "windbreaker" type jackets with the District's logo. A motion was made by Mr. Binaghi, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to purchase said jackets for the District staff and supervisors.
- 2) After some discussion regarding the poor condition of the District's refrigerator and microwave, a motion was made by Mrs. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Cywinski to purchase a new refrigerator and microwave, and replace the cabinet/countertop with a budget of \$1,200.00.

X. NRCS

Mr. Mull reported:

- ** The deadline to sign up for 2016 EQIP is March 19, 2016.
- ** There are 4 active EQIP plans in Bergen County.

XI. NJ DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Mr. Cywinski reported the following:

The plans for the Northeast NACD Regional Conference are coming along. The Conference will be held August 14-16, 2016.

Mr. Cywinski reported that the State Soil Conservation Committee adopted a resolution to develop a NJ Standard for the uniform inspection of stormwater detention/retention and infiltration basins. Districts will then have the option of assisting municipalities fulfill their NJDEP stormwater infrastructure maintenance requirements.

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 Mrs. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Binaghi to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Geraldine Byrne
Secretary-Treasurer