

I. The meeting of the Bergen County Soil Conservation District was called to order at 6:15 P.M. on April 10, 2017 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
Raymond Cywinski
Herman Rohsler (Teleconference)
Geraldine Byrne

Staff and Representatives of
Cooperating Agencies Present

Angelo Caruso, District Manager
Roy Otto, Asst. District Manager
Scott Howard, Resource Assistant
Larry Lewis, Erosion Control Inspector
Dan Mull, NRCS
Kara Hasko, North Jersey RC&D

II. MINUTES

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

III. TREASURER'S REPORT- none

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 month of March by Mr. Binaghi on behalf of the Board Supervisors.

Mr. Cywinski recused himself from voting on plans 17-656 and 17-668 as these projects are in the Borough of Demarest where he is Mayor.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

1) Soil & Water Conservation Society – request for membership renewal. A motion was made Mr. Rohsler, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to renew our membership in the amount of \$115.00.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1) Mr. Caruso reported the following upcoming events for the BC Environmental Council:

- Municipal Invitational Meeting was held at the Bergen County Administrative Building in Hackensack on May 21, 2017.
- Spring Planting will be held at the Glen Rock Area of Saddle River County Park on May 12, 2017.
- The Council will be represented at the Bergen County Party for the Planet to be held at Van Saun County Park on April 23, 2017.

VII. OLD BUSINESS – con't.

- 2) Mr. Caruso reported that the District has chosen its winners for the 2017 Poster Contest and forwarded them to Trenton for State level judging.
- 3) Mr. Caruso reported that he has completed the reviews of the exempt municipalities of Saddle River and Englewood. Both municipalities received a satisfactory rating. A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to approve the Reports of Exempt Municipalities for Saddle River and Englewood for submission to the State Soil Conservation Committee.
- 4) Mr. Caruso distributed copies of the approved district audit for FY 2016 to the Board.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- 1) A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski and seconded by Mrs. Byrne to authorize the certified public accounting firm of Donohue, Gironda, Doria & Tomkins to conduct the District's FY 2017 audit for the fee of \$5200.
- 2) A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski and seconded by Mrs. Byrne to approve the District's FY 2018 Budget.
- 3) Mr. Caruso announced that the supervisor term of Mr. Binaghi will expire in June. A motion was made by Mr. Rohsler, seconded by Mr. Cywinski to approve the following members of the 2017 District Nominating Committee:

William Comery, Certified Tree Expert
Mark McCart, Bergen County Environmental Council
Harry Byrne, Bergen County Audubon Society
Joseph McElwain, B.C. Department of Health Services
Richard Lepre, Oakland Board of Adjustment

- 4) Draft copies of the proposed District Supervisor Performance Standards were distributed to the Board. Comments are due to the State by April 28th. Mr. Caruso reported that he planned on submitting his comments and recommendations and would copy the Board.
- 5) A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Mr. Rohsler to cancel the May District Meeting.

IX. DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

- 1) Mr. Caruso reported that the District had received a request for assistance from the Rockleigh Equestrian Centre in Bergen County and forwarded it to NRCS. A motion was made by Mrs. Byrne and seconded by Mr. Cywinski to approve the request.

At this time, Chairman Mecky presented Certificates of Appreciation for years of service to Herman Rohsler (30 Years as a District Supervisor), Roy Otto (30 Years as a District Employee) and Lawrence Lewis (10 Years as a District Employee).

X. NRCS REPORT

1) Mr. Mull reported that he and Ms. Hasko had visited Demarest Farm today to provide assistance. He also reported that NRCS NJ has had some personnel changes due to retirements and transfers. Replacements may be delayed due to a hiring freeze.

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

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Binaghi, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Geraldine Byrne". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Geraldine Byrne
Secretary-Treasurer