

I. The meeting of the Bergen County Soil Conservation District was called to order at 5:21 P.M. on November 5, 2018 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
Geraldine Byrne

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

Others Present

Bruce Rohsler

II. MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to approve the minutes of the September 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 September and October for audit.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT- none.

V. SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL ACT

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

Mr. Cywinski recused himself from voting on plans 18-1576, 18-1512, 18-1607 and 18-1635 as these projects are in the Borough of Demarest where he is Mayor.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

1) NACD – A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to approve \$600.00 as final payment of the 2019 NACD dues.

2) New Jersey Farm Bureau – A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to approve \$150.00 as payment of the 2019 annual dues.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- 1) B.C. Environmental Council – Mr. Caruso reported that the Council’s fall planting was held on October 26th at Pascack Brook County Park in Westwood. Over 40 volunteers were present (Council members, Master Gardeners, District Staff) to help plant 625 plants. Mr. Caruso also reported that the Council has received 2018 funding from the County of Bergen in the amount of \$6,890.00.
- 2) Mr. Caruso reported that the Bergen District FY18 audit is still in progress.
- 3) Mr. Caruso reminded the Board of the upcoming NJ Annual Conference to be held on November 19th.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- 1) A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to renew and pay the annual service agreement for the District copier in the amount of \$539.55.
- 2) A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to authorize the payment of the RFA reimbursement for the 1st Quarter FY19 in the amount of \$3,240.00.
- 3) A motion was made by Mrs. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Cywinski to approve payment of the District’s legal retainer in the amount of \$2,000.00.
- 4) A motion was made by Mrs. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Cywinski to approve the 2019 District Meeting Schedule.
- 5) Mr. Caruso reported that the theme of the 2019 Conservation Poster Contest is: “Dig Deeper: Life in the Soil.”
- 6) A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to cancel the December District Meeting and hold a holiday dinner at the El Cid Restaurant.

IX. DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

- 1) Mr. Caruso welcomed Mr. Bruce Rohsler to the meeting.
- 2) Mr. Caruso reported on the status of the Toll Bros. subdivision in Mahwah/Upper Saddle River. NJDA and NJDEP staff met with District staff on Oct. 19th to tour the site and meet with concerned residents in the area.
- 3) Mr. Caruso reported on grant funding for deer fencing available to preserved farms.

X. NRCS

Mr. Mull reported that he has been working on 2019 EQIP applications for special initiatives like energy audits and farm transitions to organic. The Farm Bill has not yet been approved.

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. Cywinski, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to adjourn the meeting at 6:01 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Geraldine Byrne
Secretary-Treasurer