

I. The meeting of the Bergen County Soil Conservation District was called to order at 5:40 P.M. on November 18, 2019, 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 W. Otto, Asst. District Manager  
Scott Howard, Environmental Resource Asst.  
Larry Lewis, Erosion Control Inspector

**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 Mrs. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Cywinski 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. Cywinski to approve all plans certified and re-certified during the months of September & October by Mrs. Byrne on behalf of the Board of Supervisors.

**VI. CORRESPONDENCE**

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

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

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

- 1) Bergen County Environmental Council – The fall planting at Overpeck County Park was successful.
- 2) Mr. Caruso reminded the Board of the upcoming NJ Annual Conference to be held on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Rutgers Eco-Complex.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1) A motion was made by Mrs. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Cywinski to renew and pay the annual service agreement for the District copier in the amount of \$604.95.
- 2) A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to approve the District Legal retainer in the amount of \$2,000.00.
- 3) A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to approve the District 2020 Meeting Schedule.
- 4) Mr. Caruso announced the theme of the 2020 Poster Contest is “Where Would We Bee Without Pollinators.”
- 5) 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 on Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

**IX. DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT**

- 1) Mr. Caruso informed the Board of the upcoming 2020 NACD Annual Conference will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada Feb. 7 – 12, 2020.
- 2) Mr. Caruso announced that Mr. Cywinski's term on the State Soil Committee is expiring at the end of the year.
- 3) Mr. Caruso reported that the District's certificate of deposit at the Atlantic Stewardship Bank (soon to be Columbia Savings) will be maturing and recommended that the funds be transferred to a CD at Oritani Savings for a better rate. A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to close the Atlantic Stewardship CD and open a new CD at Oritani Savings unless Columbia Savings offers a better rate.
- 4) Mr. Caruso reported that the District's Supervisor Nominating Committee approved the nominations of Bruce Rohsler and Kimberly Mitchell to fill the Board of Supervisor vacancies. We are awaiting approval from the State Soil Conservation Committee.

**X. NJ DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

No report

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 Mrs. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Cywinski to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Geraldine Byrne  
Secretary-Treasurer

