

I. The meeting of the Bergen County Soil Conservation District was called to order at 10:15 A.M. on April 23, 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 Otto, Asst. District Manager  
Scott Howard, Resource Assistant  
Larry Lewis, Erosion Control Inspector  
Robyn Roberts, Adm. Secretary

**II. MINUTES**

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

**III. TREASURER'S REPORT**

A motion was made by Mrs. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Cywinski to approve the treasurer's report for the month of March 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 month of March by Mrs. Byrne on behalf of the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Cywinski recused himself from voting on plan 19-1808 as this project is owned by Suez Water NJ where he is employed.

**VI. CORRESPONDENCE**

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

2) NACD – District has received a copy of the NACD Annual Report.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

- 1) Bergen County Environmental Council – Mr. Caruso reminded the Board of the upcoming spring planting on May 17<sup>th</sup> at Pascack Brook County Park. Mr. Caruso reported that the Council's Annual Invitational may be postponed.
- 2) Poster Contest – Mr. Caruso reported that the District received a total of 62 entries. Winners in each grade category have been submitted to the State for judging.
- 3) Mr. Caruso reported that the Regional Supervisors Meeting was well attended.
- 4) A motion was made by Mrs. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Cywinski to approve the 2018 District Annual Report.
- 5) A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to approve the FY18 District Audit.
- 6) 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 Mrs. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Cywinski to approve the Reports of Exempt Municipalities for Saddle River and Englewood for submission to the State Soil Conservation Committee.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1) Mr. Caruso presented the FY20 budget to the Board for approval. The budget includes the costs associated with updating our computer system. A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to approve the FY20 budget.
- 2) Mr. Caruso reported that the Board of Supervisors has two vacancies at this time. A motion was made by Mrs. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Cywinski to approve the following members of the 2019 District Nominating Committee:

William Comery, Certified Tree Expert  
Mark McCart, Bergen County Environmental Council  
Harry Byrne, Bergen County Audubon Society  
Joseph McElwain, Resource Recovery  
Richard Lepre, Oakland Board of Adjustment

- 3) A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to cancel the May District Meeting.
- 4) Mr. Caruso reported that the District received a copy of the 2019 Soil and Water Stewardship Week Proclamation signed by Governor Murphy.

**IX. DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT**

- 1) Mr. Caruso informed the Board that the Chapter 251 Application Form has been modified to include a box to record acres restored as per the Soil Restoration Act.
- 2) Mr. Caruso reported that he working to assist Senator Cardinale and Assemblyman Auth regarding complaints of soil erosion associated with the previous construction of I-287 in Oakland. He is awaiting further information from the Senator's office.
- 3) A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to renew our CD at Bank of NJ at a rate of 2.65% for 12 months.

**X. NJ Department of Agriculture Report**

Mr. Cywinski reported that the Warren and Sussex SCD's will share office space but maintain their separate Board of Supervisors.

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 10:35 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Geraldine Byrne  
Secretary-Treasurer