

I. The meeting of the Bergen County Soil Conservation District was called to order at 6:10 P.M. on September 14, 2020, 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
Kim Mitchell
Bruce Rohsler

Staff and Representatives of

Cooperating Agencies Present

Angelo Caruso, District Manager

II. MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Mitchell, 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 reports for the months of December 2019, January, February, March, April, May, and June 2020 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 March, April, May, June, July & August by Mrs. Byrne on behalf of the Board of Supervisors.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

1) A motion was made by Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Rohsler to approve payment of the Soil and Water Conservation Society annual membership dues in the amount of \$115.00.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Mr. Caruso reported on the results of the 2020 State Poster Contest.
- 2) A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, and seconded by Ms. Mitchell to approve the Annual Reports of Exempt Municipalities for submission to the SSCC.
- 3) A motion was made by Ms. Mitchell and seconded by Mr. Rohsler to approve the District FY21 Budget.
- 4) Mr. Caruso reported that he had responded to the draft MOA with NRCS and indicated that the Board would be agreeable to signing upon review of the final document.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- 1) A motion was made by Mrs. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Cywinski to approve payment of the RFA reimbursements for the 3rd Quarter FY20 in the amount of \$2,805.00, and for the 4th Quarter FY20 in the amount of \$1,845.00.
- 2) A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to ratify the payment of the 251 Surcharge Fees for the 2nd Quarter FY20 in the amount of \$3,075.00, for the 3rd Quarter FY20 in the amount of 3,150.00, and for the 4th Quarter FY20 in the amount of \$2,850.00.
- 3) A motion was made by Mrs. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Cywinski to approve payment in the amount of \$5,400.00 to the certified public accounting firm of Donohue, Girona, Doria and Tomkins for the preparation of the District's FY20 audit.
- 4) Mr. Caruso reported that the Governor has signed a permit extension law to extend construction permits, including Chapter 251 approvals that expired after March 9th, 2020, through the Covid-19 crisis. The deadline for filing online with the NJDEP is October 8th, 2020.
- 5) Mr. Caruso reported that the State of NJ is requesting that all District Supervisors and staff receive online ethics training. Online instructions are forthcoming.
- 6) The NJDA has provided guidance for district coordination with the SSCC regarding stormwater rule compliance for agriculture development projects.
- 7) A motion was made by Mrs. Byrne, seconded by Ms. Mitchell, to cancel the October District Meeting.

IX. DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

- 1) Mr. Caruso informed the Board on the District office status and operating procedures during the Covid-19 crisis.
- 2) Mr. Caruso suggested that employee salary reviews be scheduled for the November Meeting. The Board was agreeable to this.
- 3) Mr. Caruso gave an update report on the State's recent "Dirty Dirt" Law.

X. NJ DEPARTMENT OF AGRICUTURE

Mr. Cywinski announced that the Annual Conference will be a one day virtual event held on Monday, November 16th, 2020. He also reported that Julie Hawkins is the new State Conservationist for NRCS.

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 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Geraldine Byrne
Secretary-Treasurer