

I. The meeting of the Bergen County Soil Conservation District was called to order at 6:30 P.M. on September 13, 2021 at the District Office, 700 Kinderkamack Road, Oradell, NJ by Mr. Cywinski, Vice-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

Raymond Cywinski
Geraldine Byrne
Kim Mitchell
Bruce Rohsler

Staff and Representatives of

Cooperating Agencies Present

Angelo Caruso, District Manager
Larry Lewis, Erosion Control Inspector
Robyn Roberts, Admin. Secretary

II. MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2021 meeting as distributed.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Mrs. Byrne, seconded by Ms. Mitchell to approve the treasurer's report for the months of June, July and August for audit.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT- none.

V. SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL ACT

A motion was made by Mr. Rohsler, seconded Ms. Mitchell to approve all plans certified or recertified during the months of June, July, and August by Mrs. Byrne on behalf of the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Cywinski recused himself from plans numbered 21-3169 and 21-3138 as these projects are owned by Suez Water NJ where he is employed.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

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

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Bergen County Environmental Council – Mr. Caruso reported the Council will assist with the Girl Scouts walking path planting on June 19th at Van Buskirk Island County Park. The plants will be donated by the BC Environmental Council.
- 2) Mr. Caruso reported the NJ Annual Conference is scheduled for November 10th and will be held at the Freehold Soil Conservation District.
- 3) Mr. Caruso announced the NACD Northeast Regional Meeting will be held in Portsmouth, New Hampshire from October 31 thru November 3, 2021.

VII. OLD BUSINESS con't.

- 4) Mr. Caruso announced that the District FY21 audit is on track and will be completed shortly.
- 5) Mr. Cywinski reported that the Bergen SCD had 2 winners in the State 2021 Poster Contest.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- 1) A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Ms. Mitchell to ratify payment of the 251 Surcharge Fee for the 4th Quarter FY21 in the amount of \$3,950.00
- 2) A motion was made by Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Rohsler to ratify payment of the RFA reimbursement for the 4th Quarter FY21 in the amount of \$1,965.00
- 3) Mr. Caruso informed that board that the District is in need of a new copier as some replacement parts are no longer available. A motion was made by Mrs. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Rohsler to purchase a new copier at a reasonable price in lieu of renewing the annual maintenance agreement.
- 4) Mr. Caruso reported that the NACD National Conference will be held from February 12 thru 16, 2022 in Orlando, FL.
- 5) 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 reported that NJ Dept. of Agriculture staff will be returning to the office full time as of October 18th.
- 2) Mr. Caruso reported that he has received resumes for the position of Erosion Control Inspector and hopes to hire inspectors soon.
- 3) Mr. Caruso reported that he received requests from State Assemblyman Robert Auth and Assemblywoman DeAnne DeFuccio to assist homeowner's with erosion problems in the Boroughs of Harrington Park and Oakland.
- 4) Mr. Caruso reported that he had forwarded the latest news to the Board regarding the State Dirty Dirt Law, the USDA Disaster Assistance Program, and the Emergency Watershed Protection Program. A report on recent rainfall totals prepared by Mr. John Showler, P.E., NJDA, was included.

X. NJ Department of Agriculture Report

Mr. Cywinski reported the following:

- 1) Monique Purcell, Division Director, NJDA, is retiring. Frank Minch, NJDA will be acting Director at this time.
- 2) The MOU between the Districts and NRCS is under legal review.
- 3) There may be an opportunity for the District to partnership with NRCS, municipalities and Suez to assist with the restoration of eroded stream and river banks as a result of hurricane Ida.

XI. NRCS – None.

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 7:14 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Geraldine Byrne". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Geraldine Byrne
Secretary-Treasurer