

I. The meeting of the Bergen County Soil Conservation District was called to order at 5:41 P.M. on January 10, 2022 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

Staff and Representatives of
Cooperating Agencies Present

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

II. MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Cywinski to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2021 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 November and December for audit.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT- none.

V. SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL ACT

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

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

1) Mr. Caruso informed the Board that the 2022 NJ State Agricultural Convention will be held February 8-10, 2022 at Harrah's Casino in Atlantic City.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1) Bergen County Environmental Council – Mr. Caruso reported the Council has not met since the covid outbreak but a spring planting maybe considered.

2) NJACD Partnership Meeting – Mr. Caruso announced the meeting will be held at the Freehold SCD on Monday, March 28, 2022.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Mr. Caruso reported that the District has renewed its postage meter contract with Pitney Bowes. We have downsized the machine resulting in a \$150.00 decrease in our quarterly fee.
- 2) A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Ms. Mitchell to pay the Annual Employer Pension Contribution payment in the amount of \$64,103.00.
- 3) A motion was made by Mrs. Byrne, seconded by Ms. Mitchell to approve the 2022 Annual Plan of Work.
- 4) A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Ms. Mitchell to ratify the payment of the Chapter 251 Surcharge 1st Q FY2022 in the amount of \$4,075.00.
- 5) Mr. Caruso reported the District is awaiting the invoice for the 1st Q FY 22 RFA Reimbursement.
- 6) A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Ms. Mitchell to cancel the February 2022 District Meeting.
- 7) Mr. Caruso announced the 2022 poster contest theme is "Healthy Soil – Healthy Life."

IX. DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

- 1) Mr. Caruso reported that as of 1/1/22, Paychex is handling the payroll for the District.
- 2) Mr. Caruso announced that the District has hired (2) Erosion Control Inspectors as of 1/3/22.
- 3) The Supervisors were informed that Mr. Frank Minch has been promoted to the NJDA Division Director.

X. NJ Department of Agriculture Report

Mr. Cywinski expressed interest in attending the 2022 NACD Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida, February 12 thru 16.

XI. NRCS – None.

Unless otherwise noted, all actions were taken by unanimous vote of all members present.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Cywinski to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Geraldine Byrne".

Geraldine Byrne
Secretary-Treasurer