

I. The meeting of the Bergen County Soil Conservation District was called to order at 5:25 P.M. on March 14, 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
Bruce Rohsler
Kim Mitchell

Staff and Representatives of
Cooperating Agencies Present

Angelo Caruso, District Manager
Roy Otto, Asst. District Manager
Larry Lewis, Erosion Control Inspector
Daniel Brusa, 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 January 10, 2022 meeting as distributed.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT – none.

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 January and February by Mrs. Byrne on behalf of the Board of Supervisors.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Mr. Rohsler to approve payment of the NJACD Dues in the amount of \$850.00.
- 2) A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to donate \$500.00 to the NJ Envirothon.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Bergen County Environmental Council – Mr. Caruso reported that the Council may resume its Annual Spring Planting. Mr. Joel Flagler, Bergen County's Rutgers Cooperative Extension Agent, has approximately 40 Master Gardener Volunteers willing to participate.
- 2) Mr. Cywinski reported on the 2022 NACD National Conference, which he recently attended in Orlando, Fl.

VII. OLD BUSINESS – cont.

- 3) Mr. Caruso reminded everyone that the upcoming NJACD Partnership Meeting will be held at the Freehold SCD on Monday, March 28, 2022. Supervisors can attend in person or virtually.
- 4) Mr. Caruso informed the Board that the 2022 Poster Contest deadline for submitting entries to the District is March 18, 2022.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Mr. Cywinski reported that the HEP SCD expressed some interest in co-hosting the next NJACD Annual Conference. After some discussion it was decided that the District respectfully decline at this time.
- 2) A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Mr. Rohsler to approve the State Soil and Water Conservation Cost Share Tables.
- 3) Mr. Caruso reported the District is awaiting the invoice for the 2ndQ FY22 Chapter 251 Surcharge.
- 4) A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Ms. Mitchell to ratify the payment of the 1st Q FY22 RFA Reimbursement in the amount of \$2985.00.
- 5) A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Mr. Rohsler to approve payment of the 2nd Q FY22 RFA Reimbursement in the amount of \$1665.00.

IX. DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Caruso reported the following:

- 1) Paychex is working well in handling the District's payroll.
- 2) One of the District's recently hired Erosion Control Inspectors has resigned and a replacement is pending.
- 3) The District's computer consultant has restored our computer back up system.
- 4) The State's latest Covid -19 policies and procedures were discussed.
- 5) The District's council, Mr. Robert Gray, assisted Mr. Caruso with a virtual deposition regarding a subpoena served on the District in January.

X. NJ Department of Agriculture Report

Mr. Cywinski reported the following:

- 1) Supervisor re-nomination letters will be mailed to the Districts soon.
- 2) An exempt municipality in Sussex County has requested that the State rescind their exempt status.
- 3) Recent Green BMP's required by the NJDEP have increased the number of H & H Data Base entries for many large 251 projects. It has been proposed that only the basic data be entered on the forms and the rest can be accessed from the plans submitted as E-files.

XI. NRCS – No report.

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 6:14 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Geraldine Byrne
Secretary-Treasurer