I. The meeting of the Bergen County Soil Conservation District was called to order at 6:30 P.M. on June 13, 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 (via telephone)
Geraldine Byrne
Kim Mitchell
Bruce Rohsler

Staff and Representatives of
Cooperating Agencies Present
Angelo Caruso, District Manager
Roy W. Otto, Asst. District Manager
Lawrence Lewis, Erosion Control Inspector
Dan Brusa, Erosion Control Inspector
Robyn Roberts, Administrative Secretary

#### II. MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Byrne, seconded by Ms. Mitchell to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2022 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 March and April 2022 for audit.

#### IV. PUBLIC COMMENT- none.

## V. SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL ACT

A motion was made by Mrs. Byrne, seconded by Ms. Mitchell to approve all plans certified or recertified during the month of April & May 2022 by Mrs. Byrne on behalf of the Board of Supervisors.

#### VI. CORRESPONDENCE

The District received a request from the NE NACD Employee Association – After some discussion, the Board decided to table the request.

### VII. OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Bergen County Environmental Council Mr. Caruso informed the Board of the passing of the Council's Chairman, Mr. John DeRienzo. Mr. Caruso reported the Spring Planting was a success. Approximately 600 plants were planted by Master Gardeners, Council members, and District staff along the Hackensack River adjacent to Van Buskirk Island.
- 2) State Poster Contest Mr. Caruso reported that the State poster contest winners were chosen recently by virtual judging.
- 3) Mr. Caruso announced that Mr. Mecky and Mrs. Byrne's District Supervisor renomination forms were submitted to the State.

#### VII. OLD BUSINESS con't.

**4)** A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to purchase 5 tablets for use by District staff with a budget of \$5,000.00.

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- 1) A motion was made by Mrs. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Cywinski to approve payment to Donohue, Gironda, Doria & Tomkins, LLC in the amount of \$6,000.00 to conduct our FY2022 audit.
- **2)** A motion was made by Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Cywinski to have the Bergen County SCD Board of Supervisors Officer positions remain the same as follows:

Carl Mecky, Chairman Raymond Cywinski, Vice Chairman Geraldine Byrne, Secretary-Treasurer

**3)** A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Ms. Mitchell to cancel the July and August District Meetings.

#### IX. DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

- 1) Mr. Caruso reported the District recent hired Timothy Fjermestad to fill the position of Erosion Control Inspector.
- 2) The State of NJ is promoting the use of solar arrays for farmland. A new erosion control standard is being considered to address this.
- 3) A Senate Bill (S2639) has been proposed to open the option for any municipality to apply for exempt status with regards to the Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Program.
- 4) The NJDEP has proposed new flood hazard rules that will affect new construction.
- 5) Governor Murphy has signed into law a cost share program for deer fencing.

# X. NJ Department of Agriculture Report

- Mr. Cywinski announced plans to attend the NACD Summer Meeting in Puerto Rico.
- XI. NRCS None.

At this time, Mr. Mecky called an Executive Session.

### XI. OTHER BUSINESS

A motion was made by Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to ratify the motions made at the Executive Session. Mr. Cywinski voted no regarding the executive session motions.

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 7:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Geraldine Byrne Secretary-Treasurer An Executive Session of the Bergen County Soil Conservation District's Board of Supervisors was called to order on June 13, 2022 at the District Office, 700 Kinderkamack Road, Oradell, NJ by Mr. Mecky, Chairman.

Supervisors Present Carl Mecky Raymond Cywinski (via telephone) Geraldine Byrne Kim Mitchell Bruce Rohsler

Staff and Representatives of Cooperating Agencies Present Angelo Caruso, District Manager

Any motions made at this meeting will be ratified when the Open Public Meeting reconvenes.

The Board reviewed District employee job performance evaluations and salaries.

A motion was made by Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Mrs. Byrne to approve the following District staff salary increases:

> Angelo Caruso – 4.5% Roy W. Otto - 4.5% Robyn Roberts - 4.5% Lawrence Lewis – 4.5% Dan Brusa - \$5000 increase & a \$2000 Bonus

> > Respectfully submitted,

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