

I. The meeting of the Bergen County Soil Conservation District was called to order at 5:57 P.M. on March 13, 2023, 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
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
Robyn Roberts, Admin. Secretary

II. MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Rohsler to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2023, meeting as distributed.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT – none.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT- Mr. Daniel Brusa addressed the Board to express his concerns regarding his prior employment with the District.

V. SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL ACT

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

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

1) A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Ms. Mitchell, to approve payment of the NJACD Dues in the amount of \$850.00.

2) A motion was made by Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Rohsler, to donate \$500.00 to the NJ Envirothon.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1) Bergen County Environmental Council – Mr. Caruso reported that He was contacted by Mr. Jared Lautz, Deputy to the BC Executive, to obtain member contact info to revive the Council.

2) Mr. Cywinski reported on the 2023 NACD National Conference, which he recently attended in New Orleans, LA.

3) Mr. Caruso announced that the District's Poster Contest deadline for entries is Friday, March 17th.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Mr. Caruso reported that Mr. Lewis and Mr. Fjermestad will be attending Soils Training at the Freehold SCD on March 24th, at a cost of \$18.00 per person.
- 2) Mr. Caruso announced that he will be preparing review reports for the Exempt Municipalities of Englewood and Saddle River.
- 3) A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Mr. Rohsler to approve payment of the 1st Q FY23 251 Surcharge Fee in the amount of \$4,150.00.
- 4) A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Ms. Mitchell to approve payment of the 2nd Q FY23 RFA Reimbursement in the amount of \$2,760.00.
- 5) Mr. Caruso reported that the MOA that was mailed to the Board for review has been put on hold by NRCS.
- 6) The Board discussed the possibility of moving the District Office to a larger space that has come available in the building as the District's lease is up for renewal. The Board requested that Mr. Caruso have the realtor prepare a lease renewal for review.
- 7) Mr. Cywinski reported that he was contacted by a member of the EPA who would like to coordinate with the NJACD and Districts on issues including forest management and water utilities. A tour is tentatively scheduled for May 17th.

IX. DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

- 1) A motion was made by Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Rohsler, to pay Gary Tomasella, District Council, for legal fees owed by the District in the amount of \$852.50.
- 2) A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Mr. Rohsler, to have Ms. Mitchell serve as the District's secretary treasurer.

X. NJ Department of Agriculture Report None.

XI. NRCS

Mr. Caruso distributed a written report submitted by Jill Ott, District Conservationist. FY 23 Grant status including EQUIP, RCPP & CSP as well as staffing issues were reported.

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

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 Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Cywinski to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "K. Mitchell", written in a cursive style.

Kimberly Mitchell
Secretary-Treasurer

An Executive Session of the Bergen County Soil Conservation District's Board of Supervisors was called to order on March 13, 2023, at the District Office, 700 Kinderkamack Road, Oradell, NJ by Mr. Mecky, Chairman.

Supervisors Present

Carl Mecky
Raymond Cywinski
Kim Michell
Bruce Rohsler

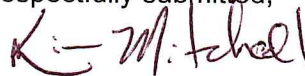
Staff and Representatives of
Cooperating Agencies Present

Angelo Caruso, District Manager

Mr. Caruso updated the Board regarding subpoenas that were served to the District to have District staff testify in NJ Superior Court regarding a lawsuit between a builder and a local resident. There were 5 court dates where District staff and ex-District staff were asked to testify. The District's attorney was present to provide counsel. Mr. Caruso also reported on personnel issues as discussed with the District's legal counsel, Gary Tomasella.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Kimberly Mitchell
Secretary-Treasurer