

I. The meeting of the Bergen County Soil Conservation District was called to order at 6:25 P.M. on May 15, 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  
Tim Fjermestad, Erosion Control Inspector

**II. MINUTES**

A motion was made by Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Rohsler to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2023, meeting as corrected.

**III. TREASURER'S REPORT – none.**

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT- none**

**V. SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL ACT**

A List of plans certified and re-certified in the months of March, and April 2023 will be available at a future District Meeting.

**VI. CORRESPONDENCE**

1) Douglas Fisher, NJ Secretary of Agriculture – Original signed copy of the Soil and Water Stewardship Week Proclamation for 2023 by Governor Murphy.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

1) Mr. Caruso reported that the winners of the 2023 Poster Contest for Bergen County have been posted on the District's website. State judging has not taken place yet.

2) A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Ms. Mitchell to approve the signing of the 5 year lease renewal for the District's new office space.

3) A motion was made by Mr. Rohsler, seconded by Mr. Cywinski to approve the proposals submitted by Finest Phones Communications, LLC to install wiring and associated hardware for a new phone and data line system at a cost of \$4,645.00 and to purchase new phones at a cost of \$2,565.05 with a monthly service at a cost of \$239.18.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1) A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Mr. Rohsler to approve the District's FY24 Budget.
- 2) Mr. Caruso announced that Mr. Rohsler's term of office as District Supervisor will expire June 30, 2023. Mr. Rohsler will sign a completed re-nomination form for submission to the SSCC.
- 3) There were no Chapter 251 Surcharge or RFA Reimbursement Fees to be approved at this time.
- 4) A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Ms. Mitchell, to approve the New Bridge Farm's request for NRCS assistance.

**IX. DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT**

- 1) Mr. Caruso reported that Valley Bank has requested new signatures for the District's checking account.

**X. NJ Department of Agriculture Report**

- 1) Mr. Cywinski reported that NACD has changed committees and will no longer hold monthly meetings. Also, this year's congressional trip has been cancelled.

**XI. NRCS**

Mr. Caruso distributed the 5/15/23 NRCS report for Bergen County submitted by Jill Ott, District Conservationist.

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. Rohsler to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Kimberly Mitchell  
Secretary-Treasurer

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Supervisors Present

Carl Mecky  
Raymond Cywinski  
Kim Michell  
Bruce Rohsler

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

Mr. Caruso 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