

I. The meeting of the Bergen County Soil Conservation District was called to order at 6:45 P.M. on March 11, 2024, 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 (Phone)
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
Robyn Roberts, Administrative Secretary
Kerrie Davidson, Administrative Assistant

II. MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Rohsler seconded by Ms. Mitchell, to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2024, meeting as distributed.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT – none.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT- none

V. SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL ACT

A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded Mr. Rohsler by to approve all plans certified or recertified during the months of January and February 2024 by Mr. Cywinski on behalf of the Board of Supervisors. Ms. Mitchell recused herself from voting on plan 20-2355(Resub), 20-2346(Resub), and 20-2356(Resub).

VI. CORRESPONDENCE - none

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Mr. Cywinski reported on his attendance at the NACD National Conference in San Diego.
- 2) Mr. Caruso reported that the new computers were delivered and installation is in progress.
- 3) The District FY 2022 Audit was submitted to the Board for review and approval at the April District Meeting.
- 4) Mr. Caruso reported that the 2024 Poster Contest Brochure was distributed to Bergen County Schools.
- 5) State responses to the District Self-Assessment Manual were discussed. Deficiencies at the District will be addressed.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Mr. Cywinski reported on the availability of Urban Agriculture Grants through NRCS.
- 2) Mr. Caruso announced that he will be conducting exempt municipality reviews for the City of Englewood and the Borough of Saddle River.
- 3) 251 Surcharge Fee - none
- 4) A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Ms. Mitchell to approve payment of the 2nd Q FY24 RFA Reimbursement in the amount of \$3,270.00.
- 5) A motion was made by Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Rohsler to approve payment of the 2023 Employer Pension Contribution in the amount of \$69,758.00.
- 6) Mr. Caruso announced that supervisor regional meetings will be held in late April. The Northern Regional Meeting will be held at the Barka Restaurant in Mountain Lakes on April 30th at 6:30PM.

IX. DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

- 1) Mr. Caruso reported that the District's Valley CD is due to mature on Friday, March 15. Mr. Cywinski and Mr. Caruso will contact the bank to check current rates for renewal.

X. NJ Department of Agriculture Report

- 1) Mr. Cywinski announced that the N Envirothon will be held in Marlboro, on May 18th. The National Envirothon will be held in NY State. The NENACD Summer Meeting will be held in Boston.

XI. NRCS - none

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Rohsler to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Kimberly Mitchell
Secretary-Treasurer