

I. The meeting of the Bergen County Soil Conservation District was called to order at 6:30 P.M. on April 14, 2025, 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
Kim Mitchell
Bruce Rohsler
Angelo Onello

Staff and Representatives of
Cooperating Agencies Present

Angelo Caruso, District Manager
Roy W. Otto, Asst. District Manager
Lawrence Lewis, Erosion Control Inspector
Tim Fjermestad, Erosion Control Inspector
Robyn Roberts, Administrative Secretary
Kerrie Davidson, Administrative Assistant
Jill Ott, District Conservationist, NRCS

II. MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Ms. Mitchell to approve the minutes of the March 2025 meeting as distributed.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Cywinski to approve the treasurer's reports for the months of February and March 2025.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT - none.

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 month of March 2025.

Mr. Onello abstained from voting on plan #25-5684 as he is the project design engineer.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE – none

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1) Mr. Caruso reported that he has completed the reviews of the exempt municipalities of Saddle River and Englewood. Both municipalities received satisfactory ratings. A motion was made by Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Rohsler to approve the Reports of Exempt Municipalities for Saddle River and Englewood for submission to the State Soil Conservation Committee.

2) Mr. Caruso reminded the Board of the upcoming Northern Supervisor Regional Meeting to be held on April 29th, 2025.

3) Mr. Caruso reported that the winners in the 2025 Poster Contest have been selected and forwarded to the State for judging. The District received 53 entries. District winners will be awarded \$50.00 and posted on the District website.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Mr. Caruso distributed copies of the 2026 Budget for Supervisor approval. The motion has been tabled until the next District Meeting.
- 2) A motion was made by Mr. Rohsler, seconded by Mr. Cywinski to approve payment of the 251 Surcharge Fee for the 2nd Quarter FY25 in the amount of \$4,375.00.
- 3) A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Mr. Rohsler to approve payment of the RFA reimbursement for the 3rd Quarter FY25 in the amount of \$2,130.00.
- 4) A motion was made by Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Onello to cancel the May District Meeting.

IX. DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT –

1. A District policy for reimbursement of supervisor travel expenses was discussed.

X. NJ Department of Agriculture/NJACD Report -

Mr. Cywinski reported the following:

1. Supervisor renomination forms must be submitted to the State by May 30th.
2. State Erosion Control Engineer, John Showler, is retiring and will be replaced by John Matos-Ramos.
3. The Cape Atlantic and Camden SCD's are merging. The appointment of additional supervisors will be approved.
4. The NJ Envirothon is on May 17th at the Burlington County SCD campus.

XI. NRCS REPORT-

Jill Ott, District Conservationist, reported the following:

1. The Hackettstown Office will be relocating to 350 Clark Dr., in Mt. Olive, NJ
2. Status of IRA funding programs.
3. Executive orders have resulted in the cancellation of training, and travel restrictions have been imposed. Funding and staffing levels have been reduced to 2015 levels. There is a backlog of vacancies in engineering.
4. There is a focus on bird flu research.

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

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

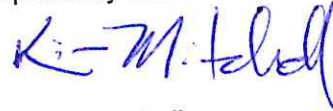
A motion was made by Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Rohsler to return to the public session of the meeting.

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

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Rohsler to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Kimberly Mitchell
Secretary-Treasurer