

I. The meeting of the Bergen County Soil Conservation District was called to order at 6:15 P.M. on January 12, 2026, at the District Office, 700 Kinderkamack Road, Oradell, NJ by Mr. Cywinski, 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

Ray 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
Timothy Fjermestad, Erosion Control Inspector
Kerrie Davidson, Administrative Assistant

II. MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Rohsler to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2025, meeting as distributed.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Mr. Onello, seconded by Mr. Rohsler, to approve the treasurer's report for the month of December 2025, as distributed.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Onello, to open the meeting for public comment. There being none, a motion was made by Mr. Rohsler, seconded by Mr. Onello, to close the meeting for public comment.

V. SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL ACT

A motion was made by Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Rohsler, to approve all plans certified or recertified during the month of December 2025 by Mr. Cywinski on behalf of the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Onello abstained from voting on plan #'s 23-4185 & 25-6235 as he is a professional engineer.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) NJCDEA – Thank you for the District's donation.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Mr. Caruso reported that the District website has been successfully transferred to GoDaddy as website host.
- 2) Mr. Caruso reported that the District has subscribed to QuickBooks Online.
- 3) Mr. Cywinski reported on the upcoming NACD National Conference to be held in February.
- 4) Mr. Caruso reported on the status of the District records disposal.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- 1) The 2026 District Plan of Work was discussed. Revisions were proposed.
- 2) Chapter 251 Surcharge Fee - Not requested yet.
- 3) A motion was made by Mr. Rohsler, and seconded by Ms. Mitchell, to approve payment of the RFA fee reimbursement for the 2nd quarter of FY26 in the amount of \$2,175.00.
- 4) Mr. Caruso announced the theme of the 2026 State Poster Contest is, "Soil. Where It All Begins."
- 5) A motion was made by Mr. Rohsler, and seconded by Mr. Onello, to approve payment of the District legal retainer for 2026 in the amounts of \$2000.00.
- 6) A motion was made by Mr. Rohsler, and seconded by Ms. Mitchell, to approve payment of the District legal omnibus bill for services from April through December 2025 in the amount of \$3,500.00.

IX. DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

- 1) Mr. Caruso reported on the status of the Districts Certificates of Deposit. A copy of the report was distributed to the Board.

X. NJ DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE REPORT

Mr. Cywinski reported on the following:

- NRCS concerns that encouraging wildlife habitat may adversely impact farms.
- The State is forming an invasive species committee.
- Delatlantic, Freehold and Morris SCD's have started a pilot program for conservation planning.
- The State is working with the Board of Public Utilities regarding solar arrays on agricultural land.

XI. NJACD REPORT

Mr. Cywinski reported on the following:

- Regional Supervisor meetings are being planned for April.

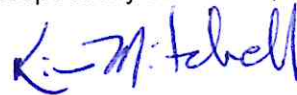
XII. NRCS REPORT - none

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 Mr. Onello, seconded by Mr. Rohsler to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Kimberly Mitchell
Secretary-Treasurer