

I. The meeting of the Bergen County Soil Conservation District was called to order at 6:10 P.M. on September 15, 2025, at the District Office, 700 Kinderkamack Road, Oradell, NJ by Mr. Cywinski, Vice-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
Robyn Roberts, Administrative Secretary
Kerrie Davidson, Administrative Assistant
Jill Ott, District Conservationist NRCS
Michael Rigolizzo, SSCC

At this time, Vice Chairman Cywinski welcomed and introduced State Soil Conservation Committee Member, Michael Rigolizzo. A motion was made by Mr. Onello, seconded by Ms. Mitchell, to amend the agenda to include a report by Mr. Rigolizzo.

II. MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Cywinski, seconded by Mr. Onello to approve the minutes of the June 30, 2025, meeting as distributed.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Onello to approve the treasurer's reports for the months of June, July and August 2025, as distributed.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT- none.

V. SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL ACT

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

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

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

Mr. Onello recused himself from discussion and voting on plans 25-5884 and 25-5941 as he is the project design engineer.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE -none

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Mr. Cywinski reported on his attendance at the NACD Summer Meeting held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- 2) Mr. Cywinski is planning to attend the NE NACD Regional Meeting to be held in East Syracuse, NY September 21 -24th. Other supervisors will consider attending.
- 3) The proposed District Travel Expense Reimbursement Policy was discussed.
- 4) Mr. Caruso reported that records disposal procedures are progressing.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- 1) The Annual Partnership Meeting will be held on November 24th at Mercer Community College in West Windsor.
- 2) Mr. Caruso informed the Board that the District's current website host will be shutting down its server at the end of 2025. They recommended a reliable replacement to meet our service needs.
- 3) A motion was made by Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Rohler to approve payment of the RFA Reimbursement fee for the 4th Quarter of FY25 in the amount of \$2,505.00.
- 4) Copies of the draft District FY 25 Audit were distributed to the Board. A motion was made by Mr. Onello, seconded by Ms. Mitchell to approve payment for the FY25 audit in the amount of \$9,000.00.
- 5) A motion was made by Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Rohsler to cancel the October District Meeting and to schedule a special Board meeting to discuss and approve the District FY25 Audit for submittal to the SSCC.

IX. DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Caruso reported that one of the District's Certificates of Deposit had matured and has been renewed at a favorable term and rate.

X. NJ DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE REPORT– none

XI. NJACD REPORT - none

XII. NRCS REPORT

Ms. Ott reported on the following programs:

Programs

- BBB
 - 36% increase CSP
 - 55% increase in EQIP
 - 49% increase RCPP
- FY25 EQIP Obligations- Statewide \$8,533,864 spent
 - Livestock- 5 contracts- \$1.3
 - Forestry- 6 contracts- \$185K
 - Grazing- 12 contracts- \$850K
 - Wildlife- 5 contracts- \$200K
 - High Tunnel- 10 contracts- \$750K
 - Tree Mortality- 9 contracts- \$772K
 - Soil Health- 13 contracts- \$1.4M
 - North LWG- 5 contracts- \$220K
 - CAPS- 126 contracts- \$766K
- October 17, 2025 deadline for applications for FY26 EQIP, AMA, CSP, WRE
- 372 Combustion System Improvement
- 376 Field Operations Emissions Reduction
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Outreach-

- 9/25/25 Hudson Farms Audubon Birds in the Balance
- 10/1/25 Open House in Mt Olive

At this time, Mr. Cywinski called an Executive Session. A motion was made by Mr. Onello, seconded by Ms. Mitchell, to move the meeting to a closed session.


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

At this time, a motion was made by Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Onello to reopen the meeting to the public.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,



Kimberly Mitchell
Secretary-Treasurer