

I. The meeting of the Bergen County Soil Conservation District was called to order at 6:15 P.M. on February 9, 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
Robyn Roberts, Administrative Secretary
Kerrie Davidson, Administrative Assistant
Jill Ott, District Conservationist, NRCS

II. MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Rohsler to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2026, meeting as distributed.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Onello, to approve the treasurer's report for the month of January 2026, as distributed.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

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 January 2026 by Mr. Cywinski on behalf of the Board of Supervisors.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

1) NJACD – Thank you for payment of the 2026 dues and donation to the NJ Envirothon.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- 1) The 2026 Annual Plan of Work was discussed. Amendments were suggested and a revised copy will be presented at next District Meeting.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Chapter 251 Surcharge Fee – Not requested yet.
- 2) RFA Fee Reimbursement - Not requested yet.
- 3) A motion was made by Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Rohsler to approve payment of the copier service agreement in the amount of \$433.24.

IX. DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

- 1) Mr. Caruso distributed a report on the status of the District's certificates of deposit.
- 2) A motion was made by Mr. Rohsler and seconded by Ms. Mitchell to approve the purchase of a parting gift and plaque in the amount of \$500.00 to thank Mr. Mecky for his 45 years of service as District Chairman and supervisor.

X. NJ DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE REPORT none

XI. NJACD REPORT

Mr. Cywinski reported on the following:

- There are concerns that the NJACD is running on a deficit as there are currently thirteen districts paying dues.
- The NJACD is looking for supervisors to serve as officers.
- A fly-in to D.C. is scheduled for the end of March to meet with fourteen legislators. Districts have been asked to share success stories on special projects and accomplishments.
- A reminder of the upcoming NACD National Conference in San Antonio.
- A reminder of the upcoming NJ Envirothon on May 9th in Ocean County.

XII. NRCS REPORT

Jill Ott reported on the following:

- Lacking an MOU with the state to have SCD sign conservation plans
 - Can still get State Cost-share signed and HEL plans signed.

- FY26 Applications/ Funding
 - 390 applications Mt Olive
 - EQUIP \$9M
 - CAP \$750,000
 - North Jersey \$3M
 - CSP \$5.6M
 - AMA \$269,000
 - WRE \$1M

- FY26 Programs
 - Regenerative Ag Pilot Program (RPP)
 - Offering soil health testing
 - Must be implementing a priority practice.
 - No Tree Mortality Initiative this year
 - Program info is still trickling out.
 - Still have Engineering limitations
 - Have created standard drawings for some practices to use for better planning.

- Critical Vacancies are coming out soon.
 - Central Engineer retired
 - Irrigation Specialist retired
 - 2 DC vacancies (Frenchtown, Woodstown)

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. Cywinski, seconded by Ms. Mitchell to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Kimberly Mitchell
Secretary-Treasurer