

LEHIGH COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING HELD ON APRIL 14TH, 2022

Chairman Bill Erdman called a regular meeting of the Lehigh County Conservation District Directors to order at 7:00 pm at the Lehigh County Conservation District Office, 4184 Dorney Park Rd., Allentown, PA 18104

Present were:

Directors:

Bill Erdman	Chairman/Public Director
Bill Royer	Public Director
Daniel Hunsicker	Vice-Chairman/Farmer Director
Adele Bon-Shannon	Public Director
Paul Semmel	Treasurer/Secretary/Farmer Director
Arland Schantz	Farmer Director

Associate Directors:

Staff:

Kevin Frederick	District Manager
Holly Kaplan	Assistant Manager
Marlene Mera	Executive Assistant
Amanda Bunn	Agricultural Resource Conservationist
Louise Bugbee	Vector Borne Disease Control

Agencies:

Linda Mackey	DEP/SCC Conservation District Field Representative
Austin Drager	NRCS Representative

Public:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS/AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

APPROVAL OF MARCH 10, 2022 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

It was on motion by Paul Semmel and seconded by Bill Royer to accept and approve the minutes from the March 10, 2022 Board of Directors' Meeting as written. All were in favor. Adele Bon-Shannon abstained from voting.

AGENCY REPORTS

Linda Mackey, DEP/SECC Conservation District Field, reminded all members that any committee meeting or meeting that requires a vote must be Sunshine. In addition, Pennsylvania requires that agencies provide advance notice of specific meetings that must be open to the public. Linda mentioned that these meetings must be publicly advertised with the date and location where a quorum of the organization's members will be deliberating or voting. However, much discussion and questions were conducted and answered on the topic.

Austin Dragger, DEP/SECC Conservation District Field, shared that the month of March and April has been a continued preparation for the EQIP rollout. Austin mentioned that he and Amanda have been planning on most of the Lehigh county projects for EQIP. For the month of May, there is a possibility of 8 eligible projects/participants for funding. Also, a successful Cover Crop walk and talk was hosted by Northampton Ag Pres, NCCD & NRCS.

COUNTY UPDATES

TREASURER'S REPORT

Paul Semmel reported that both months of Liability and Assets are at 80k different from one another. Paul suggested that Kevin Frederick review the new items on the vendor balance according to what they are.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS OF BILLS MARCH 2022

It was on motion by Adele Bon-Shannon and seconded by Arland Schantz to accept and approve the Disbursement of Bills for March 2022. All were in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Human Environmental

Louise Bugbee reintroduced herself to the board, briefly described the Vector-Borne disease control program, and shared fascinating information about common invasive diseases.

DIRECTOR ACTION ITEMS

Lauren Petre Nutrient & Manure Management Plan

Amanda Bunn shared that the NMP is at the current state recommendation and approval stage. It was on motion by Paul Semmel and seconded by Adele Bon-Shannon to accept and approve the Lauren Petre Nutrient & Manure Management Plan. All were in favor.

Hungaski Mini-Grant Application

Amanda Bunn briefly described how the landowner decided to end the rental relationship with the farmer and sought help from LCCD for technical assistance and in-kind contributions for her upcoming project. This mini-grant will cover landowner labor, potential Berks Nature volunteers, and farmer assistance in oat cover. It was on motion by Bill Royer and seconded by Adele Bon-Shannon to accept and approve the Hungaski Mini-Grant Application. All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

OLD BUSINESS ITEMS

PUBLIC COMMENT

CALENDAR

1. Lehigh County Envirothon, **April 19 & 21**, Trexler Environmental Center, 4931 Orchard Rd, Schnecksville, PA 18078
2. Iron Pigs Game **April 22, 2022**

NEXT MEETING DATE: **Thursday, May 12, 2022 – 7:00 pm**

ADJOURNMENT – Paul Semmel adjourned the meeting at

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Semmel
Secretary/Treasurer

Marlene Mera
Recorder 8:15