

LEHIGH COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING HELD ON JUNE 9TH, 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
Dan Hunsicker	Vice-Chairman/Farmer Director
Adele Bon-Shannon	Public Director
Paul Semmel	Treasurer/Secretary/Farmer Director
Arland Schantz	Farmer Director

Associate Directors:

Staff:

Holly Kaplan	Assistant Manager
Marlene Mera	Executive Assistant
Laura Hopek	Environmental Education & Outreach Coordinator
Caitlin Mercier	Resource Conservationist

Agencies:

Chris Strohler	Associate Director Wildlands Conservancy
Linda Mackey	SCC/DEP Conservation District Field Representative
Austin Drager	NRCS

Public:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS/AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

APPROVAL OF MAY 12, 2022 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

It was on motion by Paul Semmel and seconded by Bill Royer to accept and approve the minutes from the May 12, 2022 Board of Directors' Meeting as written. All were in favor

AGENCY REPORTS

Chris Strohler Wildlands Conservancy reported that it has been an interesting time of year, wrapping up spring planting to summer maintenance work. Wildlands has a lot going on, from summer classes to camping and activities. Chris shared unfortunate news about him leaving Wildlands at the end of the month. He has worked at Wildlands for nine years, appreciates the opportunity of being part of the team, and looks forward to collab in the future.

Austin Dragger, NRCS Representative, highlighted that they recently reviewed the LCCD-NRCS Agreement mid-year work plan with Bill McFadden and Amanda Bunn. In addition, PA NRCS Southeast 6 Field Team conducted a Local Workgroup meeting virtually. Also, there were six eligible EQIP applications, and two were selected for funding for a Grazing system and Livestock Manure. NRCS continues to remain busy with conservation planning.

Linda Mackey, SCC/DEP Conservation District Field Representative, shared that she has taken another position and will be leaving the company. Linda appreciates the wonderful work LCCD has done and will be keeping in touch.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Paul Semmel reported that our liability and assets statements were 40K less than the previous month's end.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS OF BILLS MAY 2022

It was on motion by Bill Royer and seconded by Dan Hunsicker to accept and approve the Disbursement of Bills for May 2022. All were in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Environmental Education & Outreach

Laura Hopek presented the Board with a brief presentation about the general aspects of the Environmental Education & Outreach Program, which consist of developing, coordinating, and implementing programs to promote and protect natural resources and stewardship.

Water Quality

Holly Kaplan briefly mentioned that the department continues to remain busy with work. Also, Kevin Castro is moving over as a full-time inspector. In addition, Water Quality conducted a successful training for Lower and Upper Macungie.

DIRECTOR ACTION ITEMS

Shady Lane Grant Resolution

Caitlin Mercier provided an overview and explained that we are working with North Whitehall Township and partnered with Wildland Conservancy to stabilize an eroded stormwater channel. The funding will be used for pipes and materials to reduce that grade slowly. It was a motion by Paul Semmel and seconded by Bill Royer to accept and approve the Shady Lane Grant Resolution. All were in favor.

PACD Proposed 3-Year Dues Schedule

Bill Erdman explained the items for consideration; an increase in the PACD Membership fee schedule for three years. It was a motion by Bill Royer and seconded by Adele Bon-Shannon to accept and approve the PACD Proposed 3-Year Dues Schedule. All were in favor.

PACD Nutrient Management Email to State Conservation Commission

The purpose of this letter is to express conservation districts' concerns with the proposed changes to the Nutrient Management and Manure Management Delegation Agreement, as well as with the current development and approval process, and support the letter against the change. It was a motion by Paul Semmel and seconded by Dan Hunsicker to approve the signing of the PACD Nutrient Management Email to the State Conservation Commission. All were in favor.

Action to open accounts with New Tripoli Bank & identify signatories

The Board briefly discussed opening a bank account at New Tripoli Bank and how signatures will be determined. Kevin Frederick, Holly Kaplan, Bill Erdman, and Paul Semmel will be signatories. It was in motion by Adele Bon-Shannon and seconded by Bill Royer to open accounts with New Tripoli Bank & identify signatories. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

OLD BUSINESS ITEMS

PUBLIC COMMENT

CALENDAR

1. **Leadership Development 2022 Spring Leadership Webinar Series**
 - i. Deep Dives for Directors Part 2 (DEP Programs) June 15, 12:00 – 2:00
2. **SCC Meetings** – 1:00 pm Hybrid Meeting (Red Lion Inn, Harrisburg) July 20
3. **SCC Conference Calls** – 8:30 – 10:00 am Conference Call June 14, Aug 16

NEXT MEETING DATE: **Thursday, June 9, 2022 – 7:00 pm**

ADJOURNMENT – Paul Semmel adjourned the meeting at

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Semmel
Secretary/Treasurer

Marlene Mera
Recorder 8:31