

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:

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| 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:

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| Kevin Frederick | Manager |
| Marlene Mera | Executive Assistant |
| Laura Hopek | Environmental Education & Outreach Coordinator |
| Amanda Bunn | Agricultural Resource Conservationist |

Agencies:

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| Austin Drager | NRCS |
| Janet Creegen | Conservation District Field Representative |

Public: Madeline Will
Trish Will
Dickie Will

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS/AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

APPROVAL OF JUNE 9, 2022, BOARD MEETING MINUTES

It was on motion by Adele Bon-Shannon and seconded by Bill Royer to accept and approve the minutes from the June 9, 2022 Board of Directors' Meeting as written. All were in favor

AGENCY REPORTS

Austin Dragger, NRCS Representative, highlighted in his report that six eligible applications, three of which have been selected for funding, are in progress. These applications include funding for a grazing system and Livestock Manure. Austin also shared his great experience with the Light Hawk conservation flight, which is partners with Northampton farmland Preservation.

Janet Creegan- Conservation District Field Representative, highlighted from her report that the budget has passed and funding has jumped up 300%. DEP is currently working on allocating the monies, and answers should be expected at the commission meeting on the 20th of this month. Also, reminders on several topics were discussed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Paul Semmel reported that our monthly comparison of the Equity/Liabilities statement is similar.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS OF BILLS JUNE 2022

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

DIRECTOR ACTION ITEMS

Schuylkill River Greenway Association grant

Amanda Bunn provided an overview of the amount awarded and explained the history of this grant. This grant will be used for: a roofed heavy use area (HUA), a manure storage facility, stream exclusion using streambank fencing, and improved cropping practices such as cover cropping. It was a motion by Paul Semmel and seconded by Bill Royer to accept and approve the Schuylkill River Greenway Association grant. All were in favor.

LCCD Bid Policy revisions

Kevin Frederick shared that this policy is a revision that eliminates the monetary amounts in our policy for bidding and replaces it with a policy that the 'District will follow the State requirements.' This way, whenever the State changes the monetary amounts, we will not have to. It was a motion by Adele Bon-Shannon and seconded by Bill Royer to accept and approve the LCCD Bid Policy revisions by adding additional citation findings. All were in favor.

Draft ACT Application

The Act application is an annual application that is filled out and submitted to the State to receive funding toward the Ag position for technical assistance. These funds will be utilized in conformity with the Commission's Guidelines for Agricultural Conservation Technical Assistance Program and the Commission's Conservation District Fund Allocation Program provisions for 2022-2023. It was a motion by Adele Bon-Shannon and seconded by Bill Royer to approve the signing of the Draft ACT Application. All were in favor.

LCCD Mini Grant Policy revisions

These revisions propose that education programs that are in line and consistent with the District's mission can apply for our mini-grant. Royer It was in motion by Adele-Bon Shannon and seconded by Bill Royer to accept and approve the LCCD Mini Grant Policy revisions. All in favor.

Groendal LCCD Mini Grant Application

The applicant is requesting \$1500 to start a program at Southern Lehigh Library that would lend out backpacks filled with outdoor environmental activities to children of a certain age. The purpose of this program is to contribute to wildlife and conservation education by providing elementary school students the opportunity to explore hands-on. It was in motion by Adele Bon-Shannon and seconded by Bill Royer to accept and approve the LCCD Mini Grant Policy revisions. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

Scholarship Recipients: Madeline Will & Holden Brown

Kevin Frederick introduced the winning recipients and awarded the winners with their scholarship checks.

OLD BUSINESS ITEMS

PUBLIC COMMENT

CALENDAR

1. **PACD & SCC Joint Annual Conference** – July 20-21 (Red Lion Inn, Harrisburg)
2. **Penn State's Ag Progress Days** – August 9-11, (State College)
3. **SCC Conference Calls** – 8:30 – 10:00 am Conference Call, August 16
4. **NEXT MEETING DATE: Thursday, August 11, 2022 – 7:00 pm**

ADJOURNMENT – Paul Semmel adjourned the meeting at

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Semmel
Secretary/Treasurer

Marlene Mera
Recorder 8:02