

LEHIGH COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING HELD ON JULY 13, 2023

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:

Dan Hunsicker	Vice-Chairman/Farmer Director
Bill Royer	Public Director
Paul Semmel	Treasurer/Secretary/Farmer Director
Antonio Pineda	Commissioner Director
Arland Schantz	Farmer Director
Adele Bon-Shannon	Public Director

Associate Directors:

Staff:

Kevin Frederick	District Manager
Holly Kaplan	Assistant Manager

Agencies:

Austin Drager	NRCS
Janet Creegran	Conservation District Field Representative

Public:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS –

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS/AGENDA MODIFICATIONS -

APPROVAL OF JUNE 08, 2023, BOARD MEETING MINUTES

It was on motion by Antonio Pineda and seconded by Bill Royer to accept and approve the minutes from the June 08, 2023, Board of Directors Meeting as written. All were in favor.

AGENCY REPORTS

Austin Drager, NRCS Representative, highlighted and shared several topics from his report.

Janet Creegan, Conservation District Field Representative, provided important updates from her report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS OF BILLS FOR JUNE 2023

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water Quality-Holly Kaplan briefly shared Cammy Keichel's retirement and shared the Water Quality department remains busy.

Outreach/Education – Holly Kaplan provided details on our first annual 5k mile walk/run held on September 16 at Leaser Lake.

DIRECTOR ACTION ITEMS

Butters ACAP Application

Chad has been considering beginning to operate his farmland (which was previously rented to another farmer) for a few years. He had contacted Austin a few times and discussed ideas before contacting Amanda in early October 2022. Chad formalized his ideas through the autumn and winter and began to act.

The ACAP funds applied will allow Chad to implement a refined grazing system. Chad wants to become a "demonstration farm" for rotational grazing and other conservation practices. It was on motion by Adele Bon-Shannon and seconded by Dan Hunsicker to accept the Butters ACAP application. All were in favor.

Schuylkill River Restoration Grant SRRF

This Schuylkill River Restoration Fund grant was awarded to partner with NRCS in implementing a roofed HUA and Manure storage facility on Last Chance Angus farm in New Tripoli. This grant has recently been awarded to us; the LCCD Board needs to take action to accept the grant. It was on motion by Dan Hunsicker and seconded by Bill Royer to accept the Schuylkill River Restoration Grant SRRF. All were in favor.

ACT Application FY 23/24 Funding Request

This is the annual application we fill out and send to the State Conservation Commission to continue part of the funding for our agriculture staff (\$20,000). It was on motion by Dan Hunsicker and seconded by Antonio Pineda to accept the ACT Application FY 23/24 Funding_Request. All were in favor.

Jaindl NMP

This NMP was amended due to the changes to manure application rates necessary due to HPAI quarantine. The amended NMP is consistent with NMTM regulations. It was on motion by Dan Hunsicker and seconded by Bill Royer to accept the Jaindle NMP. All were in favor.

Pappy's Orchard NMP

This is the triennial amendment for a turkey CAFO. All manure is exported to known landowners. The NMP is consistent with NMTM regulations. It was on motion by Bill Royer and seconded by Adele Bon-Shannon to accept Pappy's Orchard NMP.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS - None

OLD BUSINESS ITEMS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

CALENDAR

1. SCC Meetings – 1 pm, July 19, September 12
2. SCC Conference Calls 8:30 – 10:00 am, August 15, October 10
3. PACD/SCC Joint Annual Conference, July 19-20, 2023, Grantville PA
4. Ag Progress Days August 8-10, Penn State College
5. Leadership Development Spring Webinar

NEXT MEETING DATE: **Thursday, August 10, 2023 – 7:00 pm**

ADJOURNMENT_– Dan Hunsicker adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Semmel

Secretary/Treasurer

Marlene Mera