

LEHIGH COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE DIRECTORS' BOARD MEETING HELD ON JULY 14th, 2016

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 located at 4184 Dorney Park Rd, Allentown, PA 18104

Present were:

Directors:

Bill Erdman	Chairman
Dan Hunsicker	Vice-Chairman
Bill Royer	Public Director
Paul Semmel	Farmer Director
Geoff Brace	Commissioner Director

Associate Directors:

Chris Strohler	Wildlands Conservancy
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Agencies:

Linda Mackey	SCC/DEP Conservation District Field Representative
Pete Zakanycz	NRCS
Andrea Tessier	Penn State Extension

Staff:

Bill McFadden	District Manager
Damian Painter	Agricultural Resource Conservationist
Holly Kaplan	Resource Conservationist

Public:

Alex Tamerler

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS -none

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS/AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

Lauren Petre's Cooperator's Agreement has been added to the list of Director Action Items.

APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S BOARD MEETING MINUTES

It was on motion by Paul Semmel & seconded by Bill Royer to accept & approve the minutes from the June 9, 2016 Board of Directors' Meeting as written. All were in favor.

AGENCY REPORTS

Linda Mackey, SCC/PADEP Conservation District Rep., reported that they are working on the Watershed Specialist grant agreement. There are ongoing meetings between DEP and Conservation Districts to discuss the agreement; they will unfold new agreements after the meeting. She noted that the joint annual conference is coming up in 2 weeks.

Andrea Tessier, Penn State Extension, reported that they are dealing with several invasive pests including the spotted lanternfly, allium leafminer, and gypsy moths, as well as monitoring mosquitos for the Zika virus. They have Ag Progress Days and several county fairs coming up.

Pete Zakanycz, NRCS, reported that they have been working on several projects in the past week, and have some more projects lined up and are awaiting money dispersals for them.

Chris Strohler, Wildlands Conservancy, noted that the Wildlands Conservancy has been working on many projects for trails & greenways, property stewardship, land preservation, ecological restoration, and education. He noted that they have been working on the Jordan Creek Greenway to close the gaps in the trail, and several other projects including within the Trexler Nature Preserve. Chris said that the Wildlands Conservancy has been having coordination meetings with the LCCD and Penn State Extension to collaborate, and to ensure that efforts are not being duplicated between the different agencies.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Update on Contingency Monitoring

Bill Erdman noted that the report shows a slight drop in incoming funds between May and June but that is typical for the time of year.

## Approval of Disbursement of Bills for June 2016

It was on motion by Geoff Brace & seconded by Bill Royer to accept & approve the Disbursement of Bills for June 2016. All were in favor.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Agricultural

Damian Painter said that there is a nutrient management plan that needs the Board's approval, and reported that he has ongoing projects that he is working on including a Growing Greener grant.

### Water Quality

Holly Kaplan said that Water Quality department is busy with plan reviews and inspections. She reported that they are working with the Wildlands Conservancy to put together a streamlined package for E&S plans for small stream restoration projects.

### Outreach and Education

Bill Royer reported that the Outreach and Education committee is working on a job description for the open position.

## DIRECTOR ACTION ITEMS

### PACD Dues

Bill McFadden reported that Districts throughout the state are deciding between three different systems for PACD dues. Bill Erdman noted that the first option would be slightly better for the LCCD, but overall the difference is negligible between all options. He asked for a motion to be made to allow Bill McFadden to endorse the first option, but have the authority to approve the other options if that would help the different Districts come to an agreement. A motion was made by Paul Semmel and seconded by Bill Royer. All were in favor.

### MOU with Penn State University

Bill McFadden reported that Penn State University is seeking an agreement with LCCD for the District to oversee their MS4 permit for their Lehigh Valley campuses. A motion to approve was made by Geoff Brace and seconded by Dan Hunsicker; all were in favor.

### Joel Loch Nutrient Management Plan

Bill Erdman asked for a motion to approve a nutrient management plan for Joel Loch's dairy farm. A motion was made by Geoff Brace to approve and seconded by Dan Hunsicker; all were in favor.

### Lauren Petre's Cooperator's Agreement

Damian Painter reported that Lauren Petre is seeking a Cooperator's Agreement to help with a new dairy farm in New Tripoli. A motion to approve was made by Geoff Brace, seconded by Bill Royer. All were in favor.

## NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

### Commissioner's Meeting

Bill Erdman noted that he and Bill McFadden did a presentation to the Commissioners last night. He said that the presentation went well; they presented the 'Legacy Costs' information to the Commissioners to provide insight to the District's financials.

## OLD BUSINESS ITEMS

### Capital Replacement Plan

Bill Erdman said that he has a draft to go over with Bill McFadden and they will continue to move forward on the Capital Replacement Plan.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Alex Tamerler noted that he believes there should be more public awareness of the spotted lanternfly quarantine. Andrea Tessier noted that Penn State has programs underway to increase public awareness and will continue the effort.

## CALENDAR ITEMS

July 27-28 PACD/SCC Joint Annual Conference – State College, PA. Agenda items will be sent to board members so they can provide input beforehand.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Thursday, August 11, 2016 – 7:00 PM – Classroom #108

ADJOURNMENT – Bill Erdman adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Souder

Secretary/Treasurer

Holly Kaplan

Recording Treasurer