

LEHIGH COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING HELD ON JUNE 10, 2021

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
Adele Bon-Shannon	Public Director
Bob Elbich	Commissioner Director
Bill Royer	Public Director
Paul Semmel	Treasurer/Secretary/Farmer Director

Associate Directors:

Staff:

Holly Kaplan	Assistant Manager
Marlene Mera	Executive Assistant
Louise Bugbee	Vector Borne Disease Control

Agencies:

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

Public:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS/AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

APPROVAL OF APRIL 08, 2021 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

It was on motion by Bill Royer and seconded by Bob Elbich to accept and approve the minutes from the April 08, 2021 Board of Directors' Meeting as written. All were in favor.

AGENCY REPORTS

Chris Strohler- Wildlands Conservancy reported it had been a busy spring. They are hoping to get into a hybrid situation, maybe towards the end of the summer. Chris mentioned it's a busy time of the year coming into the summer. New part-time staff and seasonal workers have joined to assist in the regional programs. They are currently expanding the nature preserves and working on a couple of parcels and future projects. Chris shared the nature preserves Brenner Pen Fields over in Macungie has opened. From the education perspective, bike and boat trips are going out almost every day throughout the summer. With that being said, Wildland Conservancy is looking forward to in-person summer camp starting soon.

Austin Drager, NRCS Representative, mentioned that there had been some positive progress in the last couple of months. Currently up to date with EQUIP program where they have done the majority of the work. Lehigh County initially received \$135,000. Assisted Amanda in Conservation Planning, followed by some field visits with some pre-approved contracts. Appreciates Bill McFadden for his assistance in the waterway installation and the oversight of an Ag waste storage concrete job. Overall it has been busy, and a lot is getting done.

COUNTY UPDATES

TREASURER'S REPORT

Update on Contingency Monitoring

Paul Semmel mentioned that the funding for the two months was similar.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS OF BILLS FOR APRIL & MAY 2021

It was on motion by Paul Semmel and seconded by Adele Bon-Shannon to approve and accept the Disbursement of Bills for April 2021 & May 2021. All were in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Vector-Borne Disease Control -

Louise Bugbee briefly introduced herself and discussed the upcoming goals for the program.

DIRECTOR ACTION ITEMS

Agricultural Conservation Technical Assistance Program- ACT Application FY 21-22

Bill Erdman explained that this document is an approval of the allocation of the funds for 2021/2022, which will be used for the Agricultural program. It was on motion by Bill Royer and seconded by Bob Elbich to approve and accept the Agricultural Conservation Technical Assistance Program- ACT Application FY 21-22. All were in favor.

NMMP Proposal and Budget FY21-22

Bill Erdman shared that this is a delegation agreement that gets updated every year and voted on. It was on motion by Paul Semmel and seconded by Bob Elbich to approve and accept the NMMP Proposal and Budget FY21-22. All were in favor.

LCCD Remote Work Policy Draft

Bill Royer shared that this document was created with the HR committee and staff. In recognition of the challenges employees may face in balancing the demands of the workplace with personal needs, it is the policy of LCCD to support the creation of alternative work site assignments. It was on motion by Bill Royer and seconded by Adele Bon-Shannon to approve and accept LCCD Remote Work Policy Draft. All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

OLD BUSINESS ITEMS

Iron Pigs Night Out 7/23/2021

Bill Erdman confirmed that the Iron Pigs night out event is still taking place.

PUBLIC COMMENT

CALENDAR

1. SCC Meetings – 1:00 PM Virtual Meeting July 13 & September 14
2. Agricultural Technician Training Boot Camp I – 'Basic' August 2-4, 2021 (Field)
3. PACD Executive Council Meeting (Virtual) July 29

NEXT MEETING DATE: Thursday, July 08, 2021 – 7:00 PM – Remotely

ADJOURNMENT – Bill Erdman adjourned the meeting at 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Semmel
Secretary/Treasurer

Marlene Mera
Recorder