

LEHIGH COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING HELD ON MARCH 10TH, 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
Daniel Hunsicker	Vice-Chairman/Farmer 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

Agencies:

Linda Mackey	DEP/SCC Conservation District Field Representative
Austin Drager	NRCS Representative

Public:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS/AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

Swearing in

Linda Mackey, DEP/SCC Conservation District Field Representative, read the Oath of Office and conducted the swearing-in to appoint and elect Paul Semmel as Secretary/Treasurer/Farmer Director for LCCD. Paul Semmel accepted the position.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 10TH, 2022 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

It was on motion by Bill Royer and seconded by Dan Hunsicker to accept and approve the minutes from the February 10th, 2022 Board of Directors' Meeting as written. All were in favor.

AGENCY REPORTS

Austin Drager, NRCS Representative, Austin, highlighted that they successfully got eight applications funded in Northampton County in February. As a result, the Cover Crop pilot initiative rolled out \$1million in PA. Overall, Austin continues to assist Amanda in conservation planning,

Linda Mackey, DEP/SECC Conservation District Field, highlighted that the Growing Greener Grant awardees could be found on the DEP Growing Greener website. Also, meaningful information about the Avian Influenza Biosecurity Guidance can be found on the state conservation commission website or the PA Department of Agriculture. Linda Mackey mentioned that we are up to date with the 2022 budget and our 2021 annual report.

COUNTY UPDATES

TREASURER'S REPORT

Paul Semmel reported that both months of Liability and Equity are at 10k from one another; Currently showing as outstanding.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS OF BILLS FEBRUARY 2022

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Environmental Education

Laura Hopek briefly introduced details about the upcoming 2022 Envirothon event scheduled to be held on April 19th and, April 21st. The Envirothon will be held in person at the Trexler Environmental Center with the participation of 27 middle school teams and ten high school teams. One of the highest amount of kids yet! There was much discussion and positive feedback amongst directors and staff.

Water Quality

Holly Kaplan briefly mentioned that the department remains busy and is also looking to set up a committee meeting referencing the fee schedule. JohnRyan continues to be a big help with assisting with backed-up NOTs. But, overall, the staff is doing an excellent job working hybrid.

DIRECTOR ACTION ITEMS

Lauren Petre Nutrient & Manure Management Plan

Holly Kaplan shared that the Management plan is currently being extended.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

OLD BUSINESS ITEMS

PUBLIC COMMENT

CALENDAR

1. 102/105 Topic-based Technical Training, Harrisburg **March 29-31**
2. Lehigh County Envirothon, **April 19 & 20**
3. Iron Pigs Game **April 22nd, 2022**

NEXT MEETING DATE: **Thursday, April 14th, 2022 – 7:00 pm Virtual**

ADJOURNMENT – Paul Semmel adjourned the meeting at

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Semmel
Secretary/Treasurer

Marlene Mera
Recorder 7:43