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GREENE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES
January 19, 2021

Mr. David Shipman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Ms. Lisa Snider called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. at Greene County Fairgrounds 107 Fairgrounds Road, Waynesburg, PA Building #10 upstairs.

Those in attendance were as follows:

GREENE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT DIRECTORS

James Cowell-Chairman; Commissioner Belding-Vice Chairman; Greg Hopkins-Treasurer; William Wentzel-Secretary; Glodenna Halstead; Dave Shipman; and Melissa Adamson. Associate Directors: George Scull; Dominic Barbetta; Becky Salosky; Jerry Day; Tim Neil; Sean Hilverding and Keith Golden.

STAFF

Lisa Snider-District Director; Sara Hlatky-Nutrient Management Specialist; and April Morris-Fiscal Manager (remaining staff stayed in the office to limit group to less than 25)

GUEST AND COOPERATING AGENCIES

None in attendance

OATH OF OFFICE

Commissioner Belding administered Oath of Office to Mr. David Shipman, Farmer Director, term to expire December 31, 2024.

REORGANIZATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The floor was open for the election of officers.

A motion was made by Greg Hopkins to nominate James Cowell as Chairman. Dave Shipman seconded. (Motion Passed)

Ms. Snider turned the meeting over to the newly appointed Chairman, Mr. James Cowell.

A motion was made by Greg Hopkins to nominate Commissioner Belding as Vice Chairman. Melissa Adamson seconded (Motion Passed)

A motion was made by Dave Shipman to nominate Greg Hopkins as Treasurer. Melissa Adamson seconded (Motion Passed)

A motion was made by Greg Hopkins to nominate Bill Wentzel as Secretary. Commissioner Belding seconded. (Motion Passed)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Belding to approve the November 24, 2020 minutes. Dave Shipman seconded. (Motion Passed)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ms. Morris noted additions to the treasurer's report. Interested earned for First Federal $9.28 and Watershed Specialist Reimbursement for July-September $10,218.52. Community Bank interest earned $65.81, Chapter 102 $12.66, Chapter 105 $52.29 Dirt and Gravel Roads $90.45 and Low Volume $8.74.

A motion was made by Bill Wentzel to approve the treasurer's report. Greg Hopkins seconded. (Motion Passed)

CORRESPONDENCE AND UPCOMING EVENTS

State Ethics Forms for Director Completion by April 30, 2021

PA State Ethics Forms were distributed to directors on the Greene County Conservation District (GCCD) Board and are required to be completed and returned to the office by May 1, 2021.

2021 District Directors and Associate Directors Contact Information and Envirothon Contribution

All board members received the contact information sheet that lists the Envirothon Contribution and if the board member would like to donate the mileage to the Envirothon. These forms are used to move mileage funds, from board members who donate, to the Envirothon Scholarship fund for ongoing scholarships.

Greene County Farm Bureau 2021 Twine and Silage Wrap Sale

Twine and Silage Wrap Sale was added for informational purposes.

Faith Willis "Pay It Forward"

Mr. Kevin Willis emailed information regarding PA Wildlife Leadership Academy and taking donations to help send students to the academy.

Miss Agriculture Thank You Letter

The district received a thank you letter from Miss Agriculture for providing a donation in support of Abigail and Becky Yenchik.

PACD 2021 Director Training & Resources

The 2021 director training series is available via webinar and training modules. The program is to help board members learn more about how the district works and why.

STAFF REPORTS

Written reports were included in the meeting packets.

Lindsay Kozlowski- Ms. Snider noted Ms. Kozlowski plans to work with the Community Foundation to use as a grant administrator for receiving funds from sources that will only donate to a 501(c)3. There will be a small administration fee imposed by the foundation for this service.

Zack Basinger- Ms. Snider stated Mr. Basinger received a huge permit to finish by Friday.

Ben Schweiger- Ms. Hlatky along with Mr. Schweiger have signed up for webinars to prepare for the upcoming GRACE program and working with rotational grazing and cover crops.

Sara Hlatky- Nothing additional to add to the above-mentioned items.

Jared Zinn- Nothing additional to add.

April Morris- Ms. Morris working on updating QuickBooks to issue 1099's for 2020 tax year.

Lisa Snider- Ms. Snider has not signed township contracts for Dirt and Gravel Road projects due to issues with DGR center and the state. Currently working on year-end reports for the state.

OLD BUSINESS

Fairgrounds Building

Commissioner Belding stated CARES Act funding was used towards engineering, design and spec work for the building and is moving forward.

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Assistance

There were no requests for assistance to present to the board.

Associate Board Members

These members would like to remain as Associate Board members for 2021:

Becky Salosky	Carol Adamson
Dominick Barbetta	George Scull
Jerry Day	Jim Willis
Keith Golden	Spencer Johnson
Raymond Stockdale	William Cree, Jr.

The following are potential new 2021 Associate Board members:

Sean Hilverding	Tim Neil

A motion was made by Dave Shipman to approve the above listed individuals as Associate Board Members. Bill Wentzel seconded. (Motion Passed)

2021 Greene County Conservation District Committees

A list of the committees and a brief description of what each committee would be involved in was provided. Anyone interested in becoming a member of a committee please let district office staff know before the next meeting for approval.

CONSERVATION DISTRICT OUTREACH

Ms. Snider stated the last quarter newsletter was mailed and the district will find a new printing company moving forward.

> ***A motion was made by Melissa Adamson to find a new printing company for newsletters and annual report. Bill Wentzel seconded. (Motion Passed)***

Mr. Hopkins talked about a conservation-based pocket planner with waterproof paper sporting the district logo for possible distribution to local participants with helpful information for farming.

REPORTS FROM COOPERATING AGENCIES

No cooperating agencies attended.

Commissioner Belding joined a South West PA Regional Agricultural Council meeting via zoom. An initiative to revitalize the sheep, goat and dairy industry in Greene County. The council is looking for farmers to participate in quarterly meetings. Commissioner Belding would like to represent Greene County by having agriculture be a bigger interest in the community. Three items were brought before the council. 1. The lack of USDA slaughter houses within the county. 2. Commercial biomass. 3. Science and technology. Anyone interested contact Commissioner Belding.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no need for an executive session.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The Next Regular Meeting will be February 16, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

> ***A motion was made by Dave Shipman to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m. Bill Wentzel seconded. (Motion Passed)***

Respectfully submitted,

April Morris

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Fiscal Manager

MEETING MINUTES CERTIFICATION
We, the undersigned, agree that the minutes taken above were approved in their entirety by the Greene County Conservation District on February 19, 2021.
James A Carnelly
Chairman, Greene County Conservation District
William C. Wentzel
Secretary, Greene County Conservation District