



## **Greene County Conservation District**

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### **GREENE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES April 19, 2022**

Commissioner Belding led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Mr. James A. Cowell, Jr. called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. at Greene County Fairgrounds, Building 10, Upstairs, 107 Fairgrounds Road, Waynesburg, PA.

Those in attendance were as follows:

#### **GREENE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT DIRECTORS**

James A. Cowell, Jr.-Chairman; Commissioner Belding-Vice Chairman; Greg Hopkins-Treasurer; and Glodenna Halstead. Associate Directors: George Scull; Keith Golden; Dominick Barbetta; Jerry Day; Lewis Crouse; Kevin White; Sean Hilverding; Dan Bazzoli; and Carol Adamson.

#### **STAFF**

Lisa Snider-District Director; Lindsay Kozlowski-District Office Manager; Zack Basinger-Environmental Permitting Manager; and April Morris-Fiscal Manager.

#### **GUESTS AND COOPERATING AGENCIES**

Mr. Cowell introduced Mr. Kevin White as a new associate member and Ms. Dulcie Christman, Educator and Animal Science, Penn State Extension.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*A motion was made by Greg Hopkins to approve the March 15, 2022 minutes.  
Commissioner Belding seconded. (Motion Passed)*

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Ms. Morris noted additions to the treasurer's report for checks written after the report was printed: Dirt and Gravel Roads, check 1171, Jackson Township \$19,743.97. First National Bank, check 298, William Birks \$800.00. Low Volume Roads, check 1059, Jefferson Township \$50,250.00

*A motion was made by Glodenna Halstead to approve the updated treasurer's report.  
Greg Hopkins seconded. (Motion Passed)*

### **REQUEST OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS**

No additions requested.

### **CORRESPONDENCE AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Reminder: Envirothon April 27, 2022-Hunting Hills-Dilliner, PA**

#### **Ethics Forms and Contact Sheets due by April 30, 2022**

Anyone that has not turned in the forms received another copy in the April meeting packet. Please turn in by April 30, 2022 to district staff.

#### **House Bills-2404, 2405, 2406, 2407, 2408, 2409, 2410, 2411**

Ms. Snider received an email from Ms. Brenda Shambaugh, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts (PACD), regarding above listed House Bills. These House Bills put Conservation Districts in charge of permitting for flooding issues and stream maintenance.

#### **West Greene FFA Banquet**

May 6, 2022, 6:00 p.m., at Valley View Farm. RSVP by April 28, 2022 to 724-499-5191 x 2281.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

Written reports were included in the meeting packets.

**Lindsay Kozlowski-** Ms. Kozlowski held voting for the coloring and poster contests with over 80 posters and 106 coloring contests. All winners received the prizes last week and the 1<sup>st</sup> place posters will be submitted to National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD).

**Zack Basinger-** Mr. Basinger began tick surveillance last week and will continue through August. The order for West Nile Virus items is on backorder. West Nile Virus kick off meeting May 2 at Westmoreland County Conservation District. Zack along with Lisa and Lindsay are working towards the tire cleanup being held May 11, 2022 at the Greene County Fairgrounds.

**Jared Zinn-** Mr. Zinn is at training for the Nutrient Management Program.

**April Morris-** Ms. Morris nothing additional to add.

**Lisa Snider-** Ms. Snider stated Conservation District week was April 10-16, 2022 and worked on road cleanup with staff. Thirty-eight bags were collected and a quarter of the road still needs cleaned up once the weather breaks. Press releases were sent for the poster and coloring contests winners. Lisa sent the Greenesaver a write up about the Conservation District along with application information on Farmland Preservation and GRACE to be included in the farm addition.

Ms. Snider added that almost all of the old Dirt and Gravel Road contracts have been completed. Gilmore Township completed the work and received about half of the contracted

amount and owe the district \$568.33 for an overpayment of the 50% upfront funding that is issued to the township to start the project.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Request for Assistance-** No Request for Assistance

#### **Nutrient Management Program**

Included in the meeting packet were the committee meeting minutes and based on that discussion Ms. Snider asked the board for approval of Mr. Jared Zinn obtaining the Nutrient Management Certificate on behalf of the Greene County Conservation District.

Ms. Snider will conduct interviews the first week of May for the Conservation Technician position and next week the West Nile Virus intern interviews will begin.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Belding to approve Mr. Jared Zinn obtain the Nutrient Management Certification with a position title change. Glodenna Halstead seconded. (Motion Passed)***

#### **GRACE Program Ranking Forms**

Ms. Snider met with Ms. Karlie Wright, former employee, to discuss the GRACE ranking forms. Lisa would like to update the forms per practice and utilize when visiting locations to obtain a better understanding of the farm and practices involved.

#### **GRACE Program Forestry Practice Price Adjustments**

Practice	Component	Adjusted Rates	2020 Cost
Woody Vegetation Management	Chemical, Ground, Foliar Treatment	\$300.00	\$300.00
Woody Vegetation Management	Chemical Spot Herbicide Treatment	\$200.00	\$200.00
Woody Vegetation Management	Hand Tools, Chemical Treatment	\$400.00	\$400.00
Herbaceous Non-Woody Invasive Control	Forest Herbaceous Chemical Ground	\$150.00	\$150.00
Herbaceous Non-Woody Invasive Control	Chemical Spot Herbicide Treatment	\$80.00	\$100.00
Riparian Forest Buffer	Bareroot with Tree Tubes	\$2,900.00	\$2,700.00
Tree Establishment	High Density with Tree Shelters	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Forest Stand Improvement	Single Stem Treatment	\$250.00	\$300.00
Forest Stand Improvement	Grapevine Control	\$50.00	\$50.00
Forest Stand Improvement	Crop Tree Release	\$400.00	\$400.00
Forest Stand Improvement	Low Shade Removal, Thinning	\$250.00	\$500.00
Forest Stewardship Plan	10 -20 Ac	\$900.00	\$1,100.00
Forest Stewardship Plan	21 - 100 Ac	\$1,100.00	\$1,300.00
Forest Stewardship Plan	101 - 250 Ac	\$1,700.00	\$2,300.00
Forest Stewardship Plan	251 - 500 Ac	\$2,400.00	\$3,400.00
Forest Stewardship Plan	501 - 1000 Ac	\$2,900.00	\$4,000.00
Forest Stewardship Plan	1001+ Ac	\$3,600.00	\$5,000.00

Mr. Russ Gibbs, Service Forester, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), provided an updated list of forestry practice prices for 2022 contract year.

***A motion was made by Greg Hopkins to approve the new rates for GRACE Program Forestry practices for the 2022/2023 contract year. Glodenna Halstead seconded. (Motion Passed)***

#### **Dirt and Gravel Road New Contract-Springhill Township-Coon Run Road 2021 Project**

Ms. Snider stated the Coon Run stream crossing is complete but more stone is needed. A hump was created in the road due to the repair to the crossing. The township will do the labor as part of the 20% in kind match required. A request of \$26,927.10 will require a new contract be written. The total of the contract will be approximately \$121,007.00. Most of the stone originally purchased for the project was used under the structure because of soft ground. After discussion among the board and information provided it was decided to move forward with the project and create a new contract for the township. The board requested more information from the engineer and a township supervisor on why the project was over the requested funds.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Belding to approve the new contract for Springhill Township on Coon Run Road for approximately \$121,007.00. Glodenna Halstead seconded. (Motion Passed)***

#### **Wildlife Corridors Letter**

The Conservation District received a request from Sarah Hunkins to sign on to a letter for Wildlife Corridors. Commissioner Belding stated this initiative is to reduce the number of car accidents with wildlife in the area. The project creates road over and under passes, and ways to help connect habitats for safe migration for animals. The board appreciates the efforts of the organization but declined to sign the letter.

#### **Envirothon Donation EQT \$3,000**

Ms. Kozlowski reached out to EQT for the annual Envirothon donation and was approved for a \$3,000.00 donation from the Corporation.

***A motion was made by Greg Hopkins to accept the \$3,000.00 donation from EQT for the 2022 Envirothon. Commissioner Belding seconded. (Motion Passed)***

#### **Lime Spreader-Chicken Litter Use**

Mr. Cowell received a call from a farmer about using the lime spreader to spread lime and fertilizer. Mr. Cowell stated the spreader is not used to spread fertilizer was told it was chicken litter. The board agreed no corrosive materials should be used in the spreader.

***A motion was made by Glodenna Halstead to not allow the lime spreader be used with any type of corrosive material including but not limited to fertilizer, chicken litter or turkey litter. Greg Hopkins seconded. (Motion Passed)***

#### **CONSERVATION DISTRICT OUTREACH**

##### **Greene County Commissioner Proclamation of Conservation District Week April 10-16, 2022**

The Greene County Commissioners presented district staff and Mr. Cowell with a Proclamation for Conservation District Week.

**Poster Contest Winners 1<sup>st</sup> place \$100, 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$75 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$50**

1. Grades K-1 Elodie McGowan-1<sup>st</sup>
2. Grades 2-3 Julianna Kirsch-1<sup>st</sup>
3. Grades 4-6 Morgan Barnhart-1<sup>st</sup>, Zianna McDonnell 2<sup>nd</sup>, Joanna Harrison 3<sup>rd</sup>
4. Grades 7-9 Camryn Hawfield-1<sup>st</sup>, Cheyenne Pierson 2<sup>nd</sup>, Natalie Phillips 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Coloring Contest Winners received bicycles and helmets**

1. Brennan Bedilion age 3 the son of Eric and Meghan Bedilion
2. Harper Fraley age 4 the daughter of Scott and Bethany Fraley
3. Emery Pears age 5 the daughter of Brady and Kelly Pears

**2021 Annual Report**

Ms. Snider called to verify the annual report was mailed; the company had a paper shortage and were still working on sending out the 2021 Annual Report to cooperators.

**REPORTS FROM COOPERATING AGENCIES**

Dulcie Christman, Educator and Animal Science, Penn State Extension is the new Greene County 4H Coordinator. Ms. Christman, along with the 4H program, is the adult educator between Greene and Washington Counties.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Executive session not needed.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

The next regular meeting will be May 17, 2022.

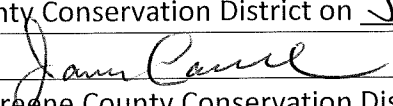
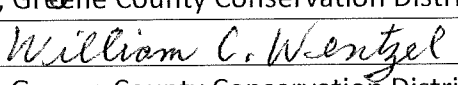
**ADJOURNMENT**

*A motion was made by Glodenna Halstead to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m.  
Commissioner Belding seconded. (Motion Passed)*

Respectfully submitted,



April Morris  
Fiscal Manager

<b><u>MEETING MINUTES CERTIFICATION</u></b>
We, the undersigned, agree that the minutes taken above were approved in their entirety by the Greene County Conservation District on <u>June 21</u> , 2022.
 Chairman, Greene County Conservation District
 Secretary, Greene County Conservation District