



Greene County Conservation District

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GREENE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES August 16, 2022

Lisa Snider led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Mr. James A. Cowell, Jr. called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. at Greene County Fair Grounds Building 10, 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; William Wentzel-Secretary; Dave Shipman and Glodenna Halstead. Associate Directors: George Scull; Sean Hilverding; Dan Bazzoli via phone; Keith Golden; Becky Salosky; Dominick Barbetta; Jim Willis; Doug Willis.

STAFF

Lisa Snider-District Director; Lindsay Kozlowski-District Office Manager; Jared Zinn – Watershed Specialist; Zack Basinger – Environmental Permitting Manager

GUESTS AND COOPERATING AGENCIES

Ryan Furrer- PA DEP

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dave Shipman to approve the July 19, 2022 minutes. William Wentzel seconded; motion passed

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by William Wentzel to approve the treasurer's report. Greg Hopkins seconded; motion passed

REQUEST OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

No Requests

CORRESPONDENCE AND UPCOMING EVENTS

PA Department of Agriculture "Transfer to the Conservation District Fund - \$ 2.669 million (last year the amount was \$869,000)

PA Department of Environmental Protection "Transfer to the Conservation District Fund - \$7.516 million (last year it was \$2.506 million)

House approves \$640M for Growing Greener 3

Ralph Bell Bird Club Scholarship Winners-Matthew Ankrom, Waynesburg; Taylor Burnfield, Jefferson REAP Guidelines update, information was emailed to the board and associate board members.

Dirt, Gravel, Low Volume Road 2022-2023 Allocations

STAFF REPORTS

Written reports were included in the meeting packets.

Lindsay Kozlowski- Ms. Kozlowski and Mr. Basinger received several complaints during the week of the fair and are working on site visits.

Zack Basinger- Mr. Basinger informed the board that the interns last day is August 19, no positives and mosquito numbers are down.

Jared Zinn- Mr. Zinn announced he received word at the fair that NRCS has completed contracting with Mr. Cree.

Lisa Snider- Ms. Snider gave an update on the status of the Aleppo Township DGR project on Jacobs and Hewitt Roads for two culvert installations.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. **PUC 2021 Reporting Year Funding \$67,123.03** – Ms. Snider still has not heard back from Community Bank.
- b. **Dirt, Gravel, Low Volume Road Updates** – planning to have a committee meeting before the October meeting to update current policies to meet new SCC Policies and before contracts are due for the October round of funding.

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Assistance- none

SW Project Grass- Grassland Evaluation Contest

Ms. Snider received an email from Kevin Willis with a request for a \$675 donation for transportation to the SWPG Grassland Evaluation competition.

A motion was made by Greg Hopkins to pay \$675 for transportation to the competition.

Mike Belding seconded; motion passed

Nutrient Management Delegation Agreement 2022-2027

Funding has gone from \$15,000 to \$17,500 for a quarter technician and will cover Jared's delegated duties through his certification and cover some cost for a second technician. The new agreement includes a requirement to write manure management plans or complete site visits based on actual delegation agreement level. Staff will be required to upload manure management plans into Practice Keeper. This year's funding application and delegation agreement will be submitted through DCED which will require board signatures.

Mike Belding made the motion that we enter into the Nutrient Management delegation agreement and apply for funding. Bill Wentzel seconded; motion passed.

2022 GRACE Contract Committee Review

Ms. Snider requested that the Ag committee be called to review the GRACE applications prior to the September meeting. Ms. Snider will send out an email with a date and time.

2022 GRACE cost share of automatic waterers

Mr. Hilverding requested a determination if automatic waterers could be included as part of the GRACE program. In order to allow for automatic waterers a pipeline would also be needed as part of the system. The waterer will be the responsibility of the landowner to source and ensure that proper water and pressure is supplied to the watering system according to manufacturers specs.

A motion was made by Mike Belding to add automatic waterers to the GRACE program allowing up to \$500 cost share for the waterer itself and along with the installation of a pipeline along the other restrictions as already in place. Greg Hopkins seconded; motion passed.

2022-2023 UGWF Allocation Worksheet Cost Share

This year's UGWF funding increased to \$317,206.00, this is a significant increase from previous years. Ms. Snider requested that the board consider applying for a special project that would include costs for the GRACE program. Currently, both the ACT and Fiscal staff positions are not filled and if they are not filled soon there is a potential to lose funding for the FY. If \$35,989.06 was submitted for potential GRACE reimbursements and also includes increasing the Easement support to \$10,000 funding should be able to be used by staff and administrative expenses to spend down the \$317K. The funds for district easement support can help cover the cost of the work completed for the Farmland Preservation program which is not covered by any other program.

A motion was made by Mike Belding for Ms. Snider to submit the application for funding as discussed. Dave Shipman seconded; motion passed.

2022-2023 ACT funding request update

Ms. Snider updated the board from last meeting to let them know she had submitted the ACT application for funding in the amount of \$38,239.64.

Appoint WCO Dorian Seibel to the DGLVR QAB as a voting member

Letter was received from WCO Seibel's commanding officer to replace Brian Guenin on DGLVR QAB as a voting member.

A motion was made by David Shipman and seconded by Bill Wentzel; motion passed.

Fiscal Administrative position posting

The board reviewed a job posting for the union position of the financial officer and the nonunion posting for the fiscal manager. Ms. Snider went through both job descriptions and explained what was different in both job descriptions. She requested that the board recommend submitting to Human Resources the fiscal manager job description and remove any and all portions of the job description that gives total oversight on financial matters. Human Resources will have to assign the posting the correct pay grade according to work requested. The members seemed to be pleased as to the changes to the position and agreed to submit to Human Resources.

General discussion took place concerning the new ACAP program as proposed by the state. A committee meeting should be called very soon to discuss what is learned about the program. There will be many decisions that the board will need to make soon concerning entering into a delegation agreement for the new program.

CONSERVATION DISTRICT OUTREACH

Discussion took place regarding the fair.

Director nomination packets went out to Chief Clerk, Jeff Marshall and Ms. Snider stated that Mr. Cowell's term is up this year. Mr. Cowell should let Mr. Marshall know if he would like to remain on the board.

REPORTS FROM COOPERATING AGENCIES

Mr. Furrer did not have anything additional to add from his talking points.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive session not needed.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

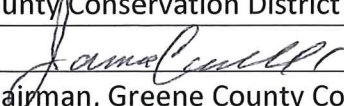
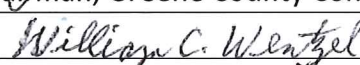
The next regular meeting will be September 20, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dave Shipman to adjourn the meeting at 10:59 a.m. Greg Hopkins seconded; motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Snider
District Director

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

Chairman, Greene County Conservation District

Secretary, Greene County Conservation District