



## **Greene County Conservation District**

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### **GREENE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES February 21, 2023**

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

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

Those in attendance were as follows:

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

James A. Cowell, Jr.-Chairman; Commissioner Mike Belding-Vice Chairman; William Wentzel-Secretary; Greg Hopkins-Treasurer; Dave Shipman, Dan Bazzoli, Lewis Crouse and Glodenna Halstead. Associate Directors: Keith Golden, Jim Willis, Jerry Day, Doug Willis, Kevin White and George Scull. Potential Associate Directors: Ryan Wise, Rebecca Trigger and Matt Robison.

#### **STAFF**

Lisa Snider-District Director; Lindsay Kozlowski-District Office Manager; Zachary Basinger-Environmental Permitting Manager; Jared Zinn – Watershed Specialist, Tiffany Stewart-Conservation Technician and Heather Yorke-Fiscal Officer.

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

Ryan Furrer - Regional District Rep Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP).

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Mr. Cowell requested that everyone in attendance introduce themselves to the new associate board members.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*A motion was made by Dave Shipman to approve the January 17, 2023 minutes. Glodenna Halstead seconded. (Motion Passed)*

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

The January's reconciliation statements were provided to the board for review. The board was provided with an updated treasurer's report.

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

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Heather Yorke-trying to learn her job and all of the board members.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Request for Assistance**

No request for assistance

### **Approval of new Associate Directors**

Ryan Wise, Rebecca Trigger and Matt Robison were invited to attend GCCD Board Meeting if they were interested in becoming an Associate Board Member for 2023. Ms. Snider explained that Associate Directors serve a one-year term, participate in discussion, but do not vote. Ms. Snider explained the contact information sheet purpose, explained that attendance is encouraged, but not required at every meeting and that in January of next year GCCD would reach out to see if they wished to continue as Associate Directors. Mr. Bazzoli explained that voting members count on associate directors for feedback and other ideas to assist them in decision-making.

***A motion was made by Bill Wentzel to approve Ryan Wise, Rebecca Trigger and Matt Robison as Associate Board members for 2023. Dave Shipman seconded. (Motion Passed)***

### **2023 DGLVR Application Deadline Adjustment**

Mrs. Snider is requesting an end of April deadline for DGLVR applications for 2023 to allow time for townships a month or so to get application submitted allow time for QAB review and get application approved. This allows time for Mrs. Snider a month or two to do quick rounds if needed.

***A motion was made by Bill Wentzel to move deadline for DGLVR Application to the end of April. Dave Shipman seconded. (Motion Passed)***

### **Penn's Corner RC&D Dissolution**

Penn's Corner is discussing the possibility of dissolving the organization. While looking into that possibility, Penn's Corner RC&D reached out to districts that have funds being held to see what the Conservation Districts plan to do with the funds in their accounts if the organization is dissolved. The Grigsby fund is a fund that was opened approximately 23 years ago for operation and maintenance of an AMD facility that is to be built on the Grigsby property located on Creek Road in Monongahela Township. The accounts current balance as of December 31, 2022 was \$94,736. Ms. Snider would like to ask the state if the funds could be deposited into a passbook savings account to hold funds until a decision can be made. The Acid Mine Drainage (AMD) Treatment System that was to be built in 2000 was designed Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) and the district was the sponsor that received OSM funds to build the system. After GCCD completed the Good Samaritan Act It was discovered that Twilight Industries had been released from a bond by DEP when there was still acid mine drainage/aluminum discharge on the site. Through a Consent Order and Agreement that was between PADEP and Twilight Industries the shortfall of funds for the project was placed into an account at Penn's Corner RC&D to use as operation and maintenance of a facility that the Conservation District would build. The consent order and agreement put the onus on GCCD to build this facility even though the OSM money was returned, because it was not an abandon mine.

***A motion was made to send a letter to the State with request to transfer funds to a passbook savings account with ideas as to how to spend the funds by Greg Hopkins. Dave Shipman seconded. (Motion Passed)***

**REPORTS FROM COOPERATING AGENCIES**

Ryan Furrer -- DEP

ACAP – covered in discussion

State Ethics Forms, which were discussed early in the meeting

Wanted to let us know that the Nutrient Manure Management Delegation Agreement has finally been approved. Mrs. Snider stated that we had received payment.

District Law Seminars are being held – one in Pittsburgh today and one in State College tomorrow.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Executive session not needed.

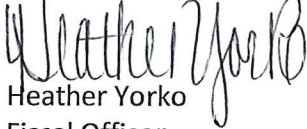
**NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

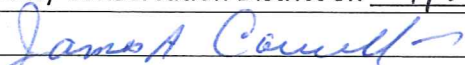
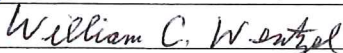
The next regular meeting will be March 21, 2023.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*A motion was made by Dan Bazzoli to adjourn the meeting at 11:03 a.m. Greg Hopkins seconded. (Motion Passed)*

Respectfully submitted,

  
Heather Yorko  
Fiscal Officer

<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>4/18/2023</u> , 2023.	
	
Chairman, Greene County Conservation District	
	
Secretary, Greene County Conservation District	