



## **Greene County Conservation District**

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### **GREENE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES April 30, 2024**

#### **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, 107 Fairgrounds Road, Waynesburg, PA.

Those in attendance were as follows:

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

James A. Cowell, Jr.-Chairman; Greg Hopkins-Vice Chairman; Dan Bazzoli-Treasurer; Glodenna Halstead-Secretary; Jared Edgreen-Commissioner Representative, Dave Shipman-Director and Rebecca Trigger-Director. Associate Directors: Jim Willis, Doug Willis, Becky Salosky, Ryan Wise, Dominick Barbetta, George Scull, Jerry Day and Kevin White.

#### **STAFF**

Lisa Snider-District Director; Lindsay Kozlowski-District Office Manager; Zachary Basinger-Environmental Permitting Manager; Tiffany Stewart-Watershed Specialist; Theresa Prochaska-Agricultural Conservation Specialist; Heather Yoroko-Fiscal Officer.

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

None

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*A motion was made by Dave Shipman to approve March 19, 2024 meeting minutes.  
Greg Hopkins seconded. (Motion Passed)*

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

Ms. Yoroko apologized that she had no access to QuickBooks at the time that the meeting packets were mailed out; additionally, an updated Treasurer's Report was distributed before the start of the meeting today.

*A motion was made by Dan Bazzoli to approve the Treasurer's Report. Glodenna Halstead seconded. (Motion Passed)*

## **REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS**

Ms. Snider requested that Kevin Willis Carmichaels Envirothon team funds and Wildlife Leadership Academy be added to the agenda.

***A motion was made by Greg Hopkins to add Carmichaels Envirothon team and Wildlife Leadership Academy to the agenda. Dan Bazzoli seconded. (Motion Passed)***

## **CORRESPONDENCES AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

West Greene FFA Banquet-May 10<sup>th</sup> at WGHS 6pm RSVP due April 30<sup>th</sup>

Waynesburg FFA Banquet -April 30<sup>th</sup> at WCHS 6:30pm in the auditorium

Road Cleanup Day is scheduled for tomorrow as long as the weather cooperates. We will meet at the Game Lands Food and Cover Headquarters with gloves, bags and vests for anyone who would like to join us.

PADEP notification North Fork Dunkard Evaluation Report for Public Comment – new stream evaluation to upgrade to an EV stream. An Exceptional Value Stream is the highest classification of stream in the state, which includes a lot of restrictions on these types of streams.

PACD Statement from the PACD Executive Board March 5, 2024 Ms. Snider stated that they are having funding issues so our dues may be increased. PADEP has changed their reimbursement policies that are affected their salaries and benefits.

Proposed changes for the FY 2024 REAP Program

Proclamation Conservation District Week 2024 from the Commissioners Meeting in April

Tire Recycling event is May 15<sup>th</sup> 2-6. This event had sold out in just a few days so Ms. Kozlowski had to add more tickets because the event had sold out in two days; an additional third dumpster has been ordered.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

Written reports were included in the meeting packets.

**Lindsay Kozlowski** – Ms. Kozlowski stated that the Envirothon was two weeks ago, it went well other than some rain.

The EQT grant was awarded and Ms. Kozlowski will be ordering supplies to make the five new Envirothon boxes once the monies are received.

**Zack Basinger** – Mr. Basinger stated that he had started his tick drags last week, he hasn't gotten any yet, but is trying to find new spots.

He has been working the tire recycling event and permits.

**Tiffany Stewart** – Ms. Stewart stated that she just submitted her Growing Greener quarterly report and April Watershed reports.

Ms. Stewart went to Carmichaels on April 4<sup>th</sup> and spend the day with 8<sup>th</sup> grades conducting a stream table lab which went very well.

Penn State Extension asked Ms. Stewart to share that they are doing a workshop on May 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at Waynesburg University for private well and spring drinking water testing. There are still some spots available if anyone is interested.

NRCS is conducting a rapid survey of Western Pa Flooding from the April 2024 rainfall. The survey results will be used determine properties eligible for Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWP) grant to relieve imminent hazard to life and property due to a significant rainfall event. This program is open to property owners, information and the application due by May 17<sup>th</sup> can be found on the Greene County Commissioners' Facebook page.

**Tess Prochaska**—Ms. Prochaska spoke about the Hay Meeting feedback and areas of interest for future events, which included increased feeding efficiency and waste reduction, weed control and herbicide use, field days, pasture walks and gazing plans. Ms. Prochaska stated that the Bellicini ACAP contract was completed and signed.

**Heather Yorko** – Ms. Yorko stated that everyone is trying to get settle after the office and deal with the ongoing construction in the building due to the elevator being added.

**Lisa Snider**- Ms. Snider explained that several staff member had to move offices to accommodate the shared elevator installation for our building and the Silvas building; additional moving may be needed once everything is finalized. The Silvas building is being completely remodeled for a business incubator space in the near future. This week is Conservation District week so we are doing the Poster and Coloring Contest to vote on before you leave today so that we can get awards distributed and photos taken for the newspaper and Facebook page by the end of this week. Tomorrow is the road clean up at 10am.

Ms. Snider wanted to update the board on the ACAP technical assistance funding through all the agreements that have been sent out, we have used \$115,000. The Galing site-application preparation which requires a scale back on the size of the building at Mr. Galing's request. The Saurborn, Bailey and Bellicini projects are to kick off on May 8<sup>th</sup> for kickoff meeting and HRG separated their projects by property boundaries. The Judy project bid process handled by HRG, project kickoff is scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup>; as well as two small trainings for manure management and Ag E&S with Ms. Prochaska.

Ms. Snider stopped to talk to Mr. Cree about the gutters and road finished to complete their ACAP project. Cree Farm did get all of the manure spread from the tanks which was very well organized with police, school district and township to coordinate the transportation to the fields being treated. They will need to do another spread before next winter to accommodate the storage structure capacity.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

## **AG COMPLAINT-UPDATE**

**Kovalcheck Road** – Ms. Snider stated that she had a conference call on Friday with PADEP and the State Conservation Commission from here on out any phone calls or correspondences with the landowner are to go to PADEP attorneys and our plan and permit reviews are also forwarded to DEP. They did issue the Notice of Violation (NOV) on April 3<sup>rd</sup> and the landowner immediately asked for an extension. The landowner did bring in updated information for the permit and manure management plan that he needs, it was just a few numbers inserted. He was given a 30-day extension.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Request for Assistance**

There were no requests for assistance.

### **DGLVR Contracting**

Ms. Snider explained that three projects are on the spreadsheet that was distributed to the board member, these projects are all Low Volume Road. The QAB went out last Friday with Ms. Trigger, Mr. Scull, Mr. Shipman, Dorian, Ms. Snider and Ms. Kozlowski to evaluate and rank these projects. Mr. Shipman, the only voting member of the QAB, stated that the townships work very hard to take care of these roads and he recommends that we help them with the funding that we have available.

Ms. Snider stated that Jefferson Township had a slide on the Sugar Camp Road project that we had funded a couple of years ago and just completed which was discussed and visited during the QAB, as well. Jefferson Township brought a proposal on a fix, this slide was caused by a old hand dug mine filling with water due to the ground water table being elevated due to recent flooding in this area causing water to spill over out of the mine. The proposal is to remove the material, put in a safe drainage channel to make sure that the water passes over the slope without causing any future slides and repair.

1. **Jackson Township**-Grinnage Run Road-\$12,426.70
2. **Greene Township**-Creek Road-\$19,140.00
3. **Washington Township**-Pisgah Ridge Road-\$19,993.22
4. **Jefferson Township**-Sugar Camp Road-slid repair-\$28,363.65.

*A motion was made by Rebecca Trigger to approve the three Low Volume Road applications and the Jefferson repair. Glodenna Halstead seconded. (Motion Passed)*

**Mr. Shipman abstained from voting because he lives in Washington Township.**

### **2024 Interns**

Ms. Snider stated that she has two summer interns that she wants to recommend to the County to hire, Mason McNett of Mather and Madelyn Simpson of Waynesburg are both Freshman who reached out to the district with interest in becoming summer interns.

### **PA Envirothon State Competition**

Mr. Willis has submitted a request for assistance with the costs of the State Envirothon costs. The total costs are \$4,100, Mr. Willis asked us to cover the transportation costs of \$1,500. The district did not have a lot of Envirothon related expenses this year, the food was donated other than us purchasing drinks, chips and breakfast foods so we would have additional monies that we had already budgeted to Envirothon for this year.

*A motion was made by Greg Hopkins to donate the \$1,500 and any savings from this year's budgeted funds to offset costs for State Envirothon. Dave Shipman seconded. (Motion Passed)*

### **Wildlife Leadership Academy**

Ms. Snider stated that there is a Greene County student that would like to attend the Wildlife Leadership Academy.

*A motion was made by Glodenna Halstead to sponsor the Greene County student that wants to attend the Wildlife Leadership Academy this year. Dan Bazzoli seconded. (Motion Passed)*

### **CONSERVATION DISTRICT OUTREACH**

Outreach was covered earlier in the meeting.

### **REPORTS FROM COOPERATING AGENCIES**

No cooperating agencies present.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No Executive Session needed.

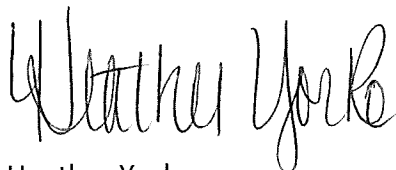
### **NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

The next regular meeting will be May 21, 2024 at 10:00am.

### **ADJOURNMENT**


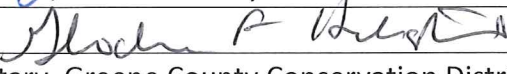
*A motion was made by Dave Shipman to adjourn the meeting at 10:57am. Rebecca Trigger seconded. (Motion Passed)*

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>May 21</u> , 2024.

Chairman, Greene County Conservation District

Secretary, Greene County Conservation District