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GREENE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

August 21, 2018

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Chairman Eisiminger called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. at the Greene County Conservation District Conference Room, 22 West High St., Waynesburg, PA. Those in attendance were as follows:

Greene County Conservation District Directors and Associate Directors

Bradley Eisiminger-Chairman; Jim Cowell-Vice Chairman; Archie Trader-Commissioner Representative; Mike Belding-Secretary; Tom Headlee-Treasurer; Jim Jones-Farm Director; Bill Wentzel-Public Director; Gay Thistle-Associate Director; Glodenna Halstead- Associate Director; Jerry Day-Associate Director and Dave Shipman-Associate Director.

Staff

Lisa Snider-District Manager; Lindsay Kozlowski-Assistant Manager/Environmental Program Specialist; Jared Zinn-Watershed Specialist; Michaela Hildreth-Conservation Technician; Ben Schweiger- Conservation Technician and Lauren Weaver-Fiscal Officer

Guests and Cooperating Agencies

Mike Hamilton-NRCS; Phil Evans NRCS

Public Comments- None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Tom Headlee to approve the minutes of the July 17th, 2018 meeting. Bill Wentzel seconded. (Motion Passed)

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Jim Cowell to accept the treasurer's report. Mike Belding seconded. (Motion Passed)

CORRESPONDENCE AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Invasive Asian Longhorn Tick Confirmed in Pennsylvania

National Veterinary Services Laboratory in Ames, Iowa confirmed the presence of Asian, or longhorn tick, in Pennsylvania. This tick can cause anemia in livestock the tick was discovered on a wild deer in Centre County.

STAFF REPORTS

Lindsay Kozlowski – Ms. Kozlowski added that they have received a new pipeline project, that extend from Franklin Township near the anchor compressor station through Whitley Township and Wayne Township to West Virginia State Line. EQT paid \$77,200.00 in E&S fees and an accelerated fee, \$35,225.00 Chapter 105 Fees, and \$500.00 Chapter 102 Fees. This is one of the largest projects that Ms. Kozlowski has received to date. Ms. Snider added that district employees do a great job and many companies are willing to pay an accelerated fee to get their permits and understand the district could use the help and are appreciative of the help and common sense applied to reviews by Conservation District staff.

Mr. Belding added that Ms. Wrights letter to the board talked about the professionalism and leadership of the Conservation board office. Mr. Wentzel added that it was great that she was carrying this information into the classroom.

Jared Zinn - Mr. Zinn stated that August has been a huge month for his outreach/education events. Also Mr. Zinn added that he did a third rain barrel work shop and he had 34 total participants.

Ben Schweiger- Mr. Schweiger mentioned that he had 29 new applications for the GRACE program, they have visited 23 of those farms and 2 of the applications are potential forestry plans.

Michaela Hildreth- Ms. Hildreth added to her report that she worked the fair to get more GRACE applications and it was a success. She has been working with other staff to learn about the permitting process with the Chapter 102 & 105 permitting.

Lisa Snider – Ms. Snider added that Peyton the West Nile Virus intern that she is trapping high numbers of mosquitos and more positives than normal. Peyton has been working with Zach and Brian from DEP to do barrier controls. Ms. Snider added that she wouldn't be surprised if we would need to do a spraying before the first frost. Peyton's last day is Friday and we will be going back to 3 shipments a week and other staff will take over what she is doing.

OLD BUSINESS

Burwell Cemetery – Bald Hill Church Road

None

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Assistance

This meeting we had five people request for assistance as cooperators, Carl Biddle-Cumberland Township 536.65 acres, Carl Graham-Whitley Township 185.61 acres, Chris Eisiminger-Whiteley Township 199.8 acres, Greg Kime-Dunkard Township 29.32 acres, Charles Ralph Adamson-Wayne Township 381.16 acres.

A motion was made by Jim Cowell approve the 5 people that requested for assistance. Archie Trader seconded. (Motion Passed)

Mobile Environmental Display for 2019 Greene County Fair

Mr. Zinn is requesting to purchase a mobile environmental display for the 2019 Greene County Fair the cost to rent the mobile unit for one week is \$125 plus mileage from and to Armstrong County. The trailer has water demonstrations and was developed in Armstrong County by the Carnegie Science Center and would teach the public about watersheds and water systems. It contains water quiz games, waveform tank, see like a fish activity along with other educational activities. GCCD would advertise the display ahead of time and man it once it has arrived. There is a lot of demand for this trailer that is why we need to request it a year in advance. Mr. Cowell mentioned that we have it arrive the Saturday before the fair starts so it can be delivered.

A motion was made by Mike Belding to move forward or reserving the Mobile Display for the 2019 Greene County Fair. Jim Cowell seconded. (Motion Passed)

GRACE Update

Mr. Schweiger brought forward a proposal that would allow compensation for lime purchased at 100% CCE. Many different supplies have CCE percentages that range from 80% (our minimum) to 110%. If a lime is purchased with CCE that is greater than 100 % then we would not pay them as much because they would not need as much lime and if the lime CCE is at 80% additional lime could be purchased and reimbursed.

A motion was made by Jim Cowell to change the formula for the lime reimbursement. Jim Jones seconded. (Motion Passed)

Support Letter West Greene FFA

Ms. Wright asked for approval to send a pre-drafted letter from the board to the West Greene FFA for local recommendation that the WG FFA program is supported by the Conservation District.

A motion was made by Mike Belding to send the letter to support the WG FFA. Jim Cowell seconded. (Motion Passed)

2018-2019 PUC & UGWF Funding Allocation

Ms. Snider presented a potential budget for the 2018-2019 UGWF funding use and ACT funding request, we will receive \$243,209.00. She budgeted for salaries, office supplies, administration, and special projects for the GRACE project. Ms. Snider had some money left over, she contacted the state and is going to use some of it toward the scholarships, and two winter interns. ACT funding is separate but included in the total from the UGWF funding.

A motion was made by Archie Trader to submit conservation district allocation worksheet as presented and the ACT funding request. Mike Belding seconded. (Motion Passed)

D&G Roads

Ms. Snider asked the board to consider an amendment to three of the current Dirt & Gravel Road projects. Greene Township, Woods Run Road the contract was signed approximately two years ago, the township realized that the project would require hiring a paving company to place the fill material in the road bed. This cost was not initially approved in their original contract and should add \$10,000.00 as an amendment to their contract.

Springhill Township's, Jobe Road project is lacking the permitting fees and engineering fees, Ms. Snider overlooked this needs to be added to the current project. The amendment to their contract will be approximately \$5,000.00.

Jackson Township is finished with a Low Volume road and they did road fill in a streambank stabilization and the top tar and chip was not added in the original contract. Additional expenditures will be approximately \$1,200.

A motion was made by Jim Cowell to approve the amendment to the three contracts. Tom Headlee seconded. (Motion Passed)

Cooperating Agencies

Phil Evans NRCS- Mr. Evans and Ms. Hildreth went out to visit with Mr. Headlee about a ram pump, Mr. Evans said he didn't think there was enough water flow, he mentioned that it could be a potential for a spring development. The local work meeting held at the conservation office went well Mr. Evans said and he was appreciative that we were able to hold the meeting at our office. Mr. Evans questioned about having someone go for training for writing Nutrient Management plans, Ms. Snider said that we had no one at this time. October is the deadline to sign up for Equip.

Mr. Cowell gave thanks to everyone who helped him get everything together he needed to apply for the Leopold Award, he will know something in the month of September.

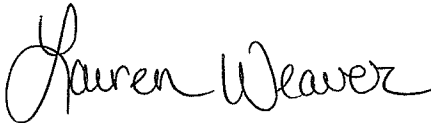
NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next regular meeting will be held on September 18th, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Tom Headlee to adjourn the meeting at 11:03 a.m. Mike Belding seconded. (Motion Passed)

Respectfully submitted,

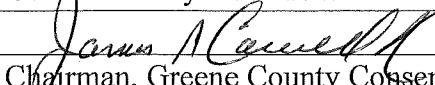


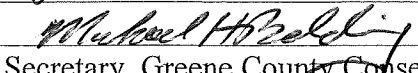
Lauren Weaver
Fiscal Officer

MEETING MINUTES CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned, agree that the minutes taken above were approved in their entirety by the Greene County Conservation District on Sept 25th, 2018.

Vice


Chairman, Greene County Conservation District


Secretary, Greene County Conservation District