



Greene County Conservation District

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GREENE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 18, 2025

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Mr. James A. Cowell, Jr. called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. at the 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; Rebecca Trigger-Director; Jared Edgreen-Commissioner Representative. Dave Shipman-Director and Rebecca Trigger-Director. Associate Directors: George Scull, Kevin White, Jerry Day, Dominick Barbetta, Becky Salosky and Doug Willis.

STAFF

Lisa Snider-District Director; Lindsay Kozlowski-District Office Manager; Tiffany Stewart-Watershed Specialist; Heather Yorke-Fiscal Officer.

GUESTS AND COOPERATING AGENCIES

Joe Walko—Greene Township; Ryan Furrer-Regional District Rep Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP).

OATH OF OFFICE

Commissioner Edgreen administered the Oath of Office to David Shipman, Farmer Director, term to expire December 31, 2028.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dan Bazzoli to approve January 21, 2025 meeting minutes. Dave Shipman seconded. (Motion Passed)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ms. Yorke stated that she had written several checks and entered deposits since the meeting packets were mailed. Two checks were written from the First Federal General Fund, one to the County of Greene for invoices in the amount of \$51,788.05 and a check to transfer ACAP funds deposited to the Community Bank ACAP account in the amount of \$76,093.39. There was the ACAP deposit in the amount of \$76,093.39 and two Envirothon donations deposits totaling \$350.00.

A check was written from the Community Bank Dirt and Gravel Road account to Monongahela Township for Leslie Road in the amount of \$49,320.00.

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

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests for additional agenda items.

CORRESPONDENCES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

PACD SW Region Meeting WCCD Greensburg, April 10th at 10AM.

Please register for the Manure Management Workshop presented by Fayette, Greene and Washington Counties, Greene County Fairgrounds, building # 10 March 20th at 6PM

Greene County Envirothon, Hunting Hills, April 23rd 9AM-12PM

Conservation District Week is April 20th-26th

STAFF REPORTS

Written reports were included in the meeting packets.

Lindsay Kozlowski – Ms. Kozlowski stated that she has received most of the resources that have been ordered for the Envirothon boxes, they should be completed and back in the school this week.

Ms. Kozlowski is working on an apparel sale that will be the same as last year with coupon codes to enter when ordering so watch for her email regarding this sale.

Zack Basinger – Mr. Basinger was unable to attend today's meeting. Ms. Kozlowski and Mr. Basinger are working on a tire recycling event at the fairgrounds the first week in June.

Tiffany Stewart – Ms. Stewart was at the Controller's office for the bid opening.

Heather Yorko – Ms. Yorko stated that she didn't have anything to add to her report unless there were questions.

Lisa Snider - Ms. Snider stated that the bid opening today will require so attention. She did receive notice that we received \$85,000 in for Farmland Preservation to help with our Easement; Farmland's Reorganization Meeting is tomorrow.

Please like and share our Greene County Conservation District Facebook page and watch for the GRACE application to be posted soon.

OLD BUSINESS

Please complete and return your 2025 Updated Contact Information Sheet and return to Ms. Yorko at your earliest convenience.

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Assistance

There were no requests for assistance.

Aerator Bid Opening

Mr. Cowell stated that RanchWorx sent their bid UPS last week.

Agricultural Conservation Specialist

Mr. Daniel Phillip is our new Agricultural Conservation Specialist, he attended Penn State University for Wildlife and Fishery Science and has worked in Idaho and Nebraska, but has return home to Waynesburg.

Nutrient Management Specialist

Ms. Snider stated that she had offered the job to a young lady that we interview but she had declined the position. It may be necessary to work with another county that might be able to handle the complaints, annual inspection and renewal of the county's nutrient management plan for our office.

2025 Greene County Conservation District Committees

Ms. Snider stated that Mr. Phillips would be added to the Agriculture/ACAP and Water Resource committees.

2025 Greene County Conservation District Delegates

Ms. Snider stated that Mr. Phillips had attended his first Project Grass meeting and needed to be added as the Project Grass delegate. There are alternate openings on the PACD Committee, they are having their annual convention at Seven Springs in July; they meet quarterly and you can call in if you are able to attend in person.

A motion was made by Greg Hopkins to add Mr. Phillips as the Project Grass delegate. Dan Bazzoli seconded. (Motion Passed)

Mr. Phillips will also be added to our internal Agriculture Complaint Response Team.

CONSERVATION DISTRICT OUTREACH

2024 Annual Report was sent to printers last week so it will hopefully be out in early March.

REPORTS FROM COOPERATING AGENCIES

Justin Brackenrich-Penn State Extension stated that 11 people had attended the pesticide license workshop.

Mr. Brackenrich wanted to make everyone aware of some changes with Dept of Ag and DEP, they are doing some reviews and audits regarding chemical laws and handling. There are general use and restricted use (requires a license to spray) pesticides, in the past one family member was able to complete the training and supervise others in spraying, however, that will no longer be the case. There is an open book, private applicator test for a pesticide application license until the end of 2025 with the minimum age to obtain license is 16. will be 18. Soon no one will be able to supervisor meaning every applicator will have to have their own license. Starting in 2026 the copen book test is going away, you will have to take a 70-question test without any assistance to obtain a license with the minimum age being 18. starting the beginning of 2026. Anyone taking the test 16 or older will be grandfather in with license going forward.

As a reference if you are growing hay, you probably don't need a license, however, if you are growing corn or beans you may want to consider a license.

Mr. Cowell asked for Mr. Brackenrich if he felt that the local crops were going to recover from the drought conditions last year; he encouraged everyone to do a simple test to see how their crops

were doing after the drought.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session needed.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next regular meeting is March 18, 2025.

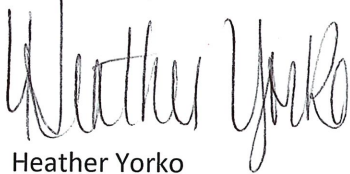
Ms. Snider will poll the board through email regarding the Aerator bids once they are located so that we can move forward with our purchase.

Mr. Cowell stated that he will be taking the No Till Drill to Kings for service and then both Lime Spreaders before the season starts.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dave Shipman to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 am. Rebecca Trigger seconded. (Motion Passed)

Respectfully submitted,



Heather Yorko
Fiscal Officer

<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 March 18, 2025.	
<i>Vice-</i> Chairman, Greene County Conservation District	<i>Shirley A. ...</i> <i>VICE-CHAIR</i>
<i>Treasurer</i> Secretary, Greene County Conservation District	<i>Paul D. ...</i>