



Greene County Conservation District

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GREENE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES March 18, 2025

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Mr. Greg Hopkins 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

Greg Hopkins-Vice Chairman; Dan Bazzoli-Treasurer; Jared Edgreen-Commissioner Representative; David Shipman- Director; Rebecca Trigger-Director. Associate Directors: George Scull, Kevin White, Jerry Day, Dominick Barbetta, Becky Salosky, Lewis Crouse, Ryan Wise and Carol Adamson.

STAFF

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

GUESTS AND COOPERATING AGENCIES

Matt Heffner and Calvin Livengood-NRCS; Jeff Sholtis-Morgan Township Supervisor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*A motion was made by Dave Shipman to approve February 18, 2025 meeting minutes.
Dan Bazzoli seconded. (Motion Passed)*

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ms. Yorke stated that since she had sent out the meeting packets, she had written checks from the following accounts.

ACAP online Cardmember Services payment in the amount of \$76.82 for travel meal and registration for training.

Chapter 105 check to the County of Greene in the amount of \$71.12 to cover our intern's salary and benefits for January 2025. Additionally, check will be ordered this week for this account.

Dirt and Gravel Roads check to Lisa Snider for mileage in the amount of \$37.10.

First Federal General Fund online Cardmember Services payment in the amount of \$3,666.18 for Envirothon box supplies. A check to Greene County Fair in the amount of \$100.00 and a check to Stuck Enterprises, Inc. for a laser car wash in the amount of \$12.00. One of the poster contest participants from last year lost their check, we reached out, stopped payment and reissued their check in the amount of \$50.00 and a check to the County of Greene in the amount of \$20,012.24

for January Invoices.

There was a check sent to RanchWorx for a 20% deposit on our Aerators that had not cleared the account so I called to verify that they had received and processed payment, Jarrod sent me updated invoices showing that the deposit was received. There is a part that is on backorder which could cause a one-week delay in the shipping of our Aerators.

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

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Kozlowski requested that Farmers Roundtable Dinner be added to the agenda as an action item.

A motion was made by Dan Bazzoli to add the Farmers Roundtable Dinner to the agenda. Dave Shipman seconded. (Motion Passed)

CORRESPONDENCES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

PACD SW Region Meeting, WCCD, Greensburg, April 10 @ 10 AM

Fayette, Greene and Washington Manure Management Workshop, Greene County Fairgrounds, building #10, 6 PM March 20th

Greene County Envirothon-Hunting Hills-April 23rd, 9 to Noon

Conservation District Week-April 20-26th Proclamation to be made at 10 am at the Thursday, April 17th Commissioners Meeting—if any board members would like to attend some staff will be there

Farmers Roundtable Dinner—April 8th @ 6 PM, Greene County CTC, 60 Zimmerman Drive, Waynesburg, PA 15370. RSVPs are required to attend this event because there will be a charge to attend. This forum is to discuss needs and things that the district may be able to assist farmers in Greene County.

Road Clean-Up April 25th 10 to 2 Garards Fort Road—will need to be changed due staff being out of the office. The clean-up date will have to be changed due to staff being out of the office.

An email will be sent with an updated date if any board members would like to participate.

NRCS Local Work Group Meeting—March 19th @ 10AM, Fayette County Conservation District, 1359 Connellsville Road, Lemont Furnace, PA 15456. Ms. Snider and Mr. Phillips will be attending the work group tomorrow.

Ralph K. Bell Bird Club sent a Thank you letter for the district's 2025 Scholarship Donation.

STAFF REPORTS

Written reports were included in the meeting packets.

Lindsay Kozlowski – Ms. Kozlowski stated that Envirothon donations are on the agenda to be approved by the board later in the meeting. Found out yesterday that we were awarded EQT Foundation Grant for Envirothon expenses, because Ms. Kozlowski hasn't been notified on the amount that we will receive yet.

Zack Basinger – Mr. Basinger stated permits are steadily picking up. Tick drags start next month and the Tire Recycling Event is scheduled for June 11th this year. The district received the executed West Nile Virus Grant earlier in the month.

Mr. Hopkins asked about the Bat Hibernators and Ms. Basinger explained that CNX are building concrete caves that will be covered for bat habitat to mitigate loss of bat habitat by mining in another area.

Tiffany Stewart – Ms. Stewart was unable to attend today’s meeting due to attending an Environmental Education event at Raccoon Creek State Park.

Ms. Kozlowski stated that the Jefferson Bridge project will probably be taken over by DEP due to Landowner death.

Ms. Stewart will be going to Carmichaels to read the Ag Literacy book and is scheduled to read at Open Door in April.

Dan Phillips – Mr. Phillips has ACT Virtual Boot Camp from 8am to noon today.

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

Lisa Snider- Ms. Snider was unable to attend today’s meeting. Ms. Kozlowski stated that Ms. Snider wanted to make the board aware that the Bellicini and Saurborn ACAP project should be going out to bid this week.

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

David Lemley-93 Acres in Morgan Township, producing Hay and applying for GRACE

A motion was made by Rebecca Trigger to approve Mr. Lemley’s request for assistance.

Dave Shipman seconded. (Motion Passed)

William Hilverding-Associate Board Member

Sean Hilverding is an associate board member who is unable to attend meetings due to his work schedule and suggested that his father, William Hilverding would be willing to replace him on the board. William Hilverding has expression his willingness to join the board as an associate member.

A motion was made by Commissioner Edgreen to remove Sean Hilverding from the GCCD Board and approve William Hilverding as an associate board member. Rebecca Trigger seconded. (Motion Passed)

GRACE Checking Account

The GRACE funding summary was included in the meeting packet. Ms. Snider feels that opening a GRACE account would help track payments and would assist in issuing 1099s at the end of the year.

Ms. Snider suggests moving \$266,358.93 to open the GRACE account, these are the funds that the board has allocated for the GRACE program.

Mr. Scull suggested that some of the GRACE funds be placed in a short-term CD or two. After discussion, the decision was made to open the GRACE account and do some research into the idea of CDs to be discussed at a future meeting after data is collected from the banks that the district has accounts.

A motion was made by Dave Shipman to open a GRACE checking account at Community Bank. Dan Bazzoli seconded. (Motion Passed)

2025 Tire Clean Up Donation-\$2,000

Ms. Kozlowski stated that last year the board donated \$2,000.00 to assist with tire clean events due to a sizable decrease in funding, only \$200.00 of those funds were used. The district is asking the board to roll those funds over for this year that should fund two tire events this year. Board members suggested getting local students to assist with the tire recycling event. This year’s registration process is going to be a little different in that payment will be made at registration to encourage attendance and cover costs even if people no show.

A motion was made by Rebecca Trigger to rollover the funds from last year to fund tire clean up. Commissioner Edgreen seconded. (Motion Passed)

Envirothon Donations Approval

- Community Bank-\$500.00—first time donation
- First Federal S&L-\$250.00
- R&D Watters Septic Service, Inc.-\$100.00
- Bankson Engineers-\$100.00
- Greene Team Pellet Fuel -\$100.00
- Hunting Hills-use of facility

A motion was made by Rebecca Trigger to accept the 2025 Envirothon donations. Dan Bazzoli seconded. (Motion Passed)

Aerator Rental Agreement Committee Meeting to immediate follow the board meeting

Aerator Rental Agreement will be reviewed at the Committee meeting following the board meeting.

Farmers Roundtable Dinner

Ms. Kozlowski explained that the Farmers’ Dinner was going to cost the district about \$14 per person so the board needs to decide about what amount the district should charge for per person. Ms. Stewart has \$900 in her outreach and education grant to help offset the cost of dinner for this event. Since this is the first such event, we are not sure how many people might attend, the purpose is the find out how the district can assist farmers in the county. The meal will be prepared by the CTC students and Mr. Wagner.

A motion was made by Dan Bazzoli to add the Farmers Roundtable on our calendar and set the cost at \$20.00 per person. Rebecca Trigger seconded. (Motion Passed)

CONSERVATION DISTRICT OUTREACH

- 2024 Annual Report completed & mailed, on Facebook and Instagram
- Poster & Coloring Contests out to schools and daycares
- Facebook & Instagram accounts are up and running
- Conservation District Week Proclamation April 17th at 10am Commissioners Meeting Room, 1st floor County Office Building.

Mr. Hopkins discussed e-mapping to record locations for water lines and other important information for future landowners, this would be a big asset to future generations. Ms. Kozlowski stated that Mr. Phillips uses another, similar program, PA One Stop. The County has some options to assist with this which is updated every three years. Ms. Kozlowski encouraged everyone to reach out to Mr. Phillips for assistance with farm mapping.

Mr. Scull suggested reaching out to West Virginia Conservation District has a man named Tyler that would be able to assist with e-mapping needs.

REPORTS FROM COOPERATING AGENCIES

Ben Heffner & Calving Livengood-NRCS stated that there had been so turn over in the Fayette office, but now Mr. Livengood is in the Fayette office to assist with any need the district may have in the future.

Ryan Furrer-DEP stated that the Statement of Financial Interests are due by the end of April. Mr. Scull-Farm Bureau stated that there have been some meetings to discuss deer control in Pennsylvania. After attending these meetings, Mr. Scull stated that the Game Commission is working and committed to addressing the important issues that face Pennsylvania farmers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session needed.

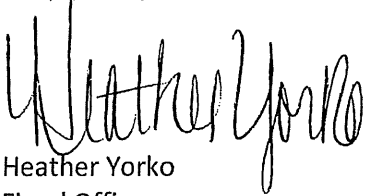
NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next regular meeting is April 15, 2025.

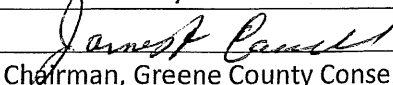
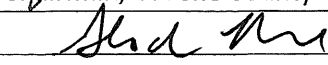
ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dave Shipman to adjourn the meeting at 11:01 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 April 14, 2025.
 Chairman, Greene County Conservation District
 Secretary, Greene County Conservation District