



Greene County Conservation District

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GREENE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES June 16, 2026

ACAP Committee Meeting Immediately Following today's board meeting

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF GUES

Mr. James Cowell called the meeting to order at 10:02 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; Commissioner Jared Edgreen-Commissioner Representative; David Shipman-Director; Jerry Day-Director. Associate Directors: George Scull, Dominick Barbetta, Brad Johnson, Lewis Crouse, Ryan Wise, Bryan Whitmer, Jim Willis and Doug Willis.

STAFF

Lindsay Kozlowski-Office Manager; Zachary Basinger-Environment Permitting Manager; Daniel Phillips-Agricultural Conservation Specialist; Heather Yorko-Fiscal Officer.

GUESTS AND COOPERATING AGENCIES

Ryan Furrer-Regional District Representative PADEP; Calvin Livengood-NRCS.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dave Shipman to approve the April 21, 2026 meeting minutes. Commissioner Edgreen seconded. (Motion Passed)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ms. Yorko stated that she had written several checks since the meeting packets were mailed out. ACAP account a check to HRG, Inc. for Archer & Judy Farms Lite I&E in the amount of \$2,500.00. First Federal General Fund a check to the County of Greene in the amount of \$42,839.49; there were also deposits totaling \$100.00. GRACE account 3 checks totaling \$7,241.68.

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

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

None

CORRESPONDENCES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Greene County Fair August 9-15

Tentative Annual Banquet date December 2nd

STAFF REPORTS

Written reports were included in the meeting packets.

Lindsay Kozlowski – Ms. Kozlowski stated that her and Ms. Snider have been working on a lot of Dirt & Gravel since applications are due by the end of the month. Creek Road went out to bid and the bid has been awarded so the full depth reclamation project will start soon.

Zack Basinger – Mr. Basinger stated that at the Tire Recycling event last Wednesday we collected 615 tires; which puts us over 10,000 tires collected since 2021. Mr. Basinger thanked Jefferson Township for allow us to borrow their equipment. Interns are doing well and tick numbers are high all over the state. We had our first Asian Longhorn tick which can affect cattle, it was found on the trail in Rices Landing. Ms. Kozlowski stated that there is a PA tick research lab that will test ticks for several different diseases for free and charge fees for more extensive testing to be done. Lime is one of the tests that they will do for free.

Dan Phillips – Mr. Phillips stated that he has been working to schedule a field day with Justin Brackenrich on the calibration of the No Till Drill and maybe a demonstration of the Lime Spreader depending on location; possible date of August 19th.

Heather Yorko – Ms. Yorko stated that Ms. Snider wanted the board to start thinking about the awards for this year's banquet. Mr. Hopkins asked if the EQT Envirothon grant was larger than it had been in the past and Ms. Yorko stated that it was about \$3,000.00 more than the district had received in the past. Ms. Kozlowski explained the EQT Foundation had encouraged her to request a larger amount for their donation. They are very happy with how the district tries to utilize the CTC to provide food for that day.

Lisa Snider- Ms. Snider was unable to attend the meeting due a family emergency.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Assistance

Craig Ostrich-Morgan Township-156 Acres-Beef operation with a couple of horses. They applied for Lime and Fertilizer for their hay field and spring development.

A motion was made by Greg Hopkins to approve Ostrich's request for assistance. Dan Bazzoli seconded. (Motion Passed)

ACAP Committee Update – ACAP Committee Meeting today

Mr. Cowell stated that the ACAP committee met and discussed trying to change some of the guidelines for the ACAP Program. We are getting a lot of very big projects which would limit to district to one project with the funds we will be receiving in the future. Recent applicants have not been utilizing of means to help fund these large projects with GRACE and EQUIP (covers engineering costs). Fayette and Washington County Conservation Districts attended this meeting to assist the district in an effort to set up a system to help get the most accomplished for each applicant with the monies that are available. Both of the other counties have a couple of designs for projects and applicants must choose from those designs eliminating a lot of engineering expenses. A suggestion was made for projects over \$250,000 require a partner or an increase in applicant responsibility.

Ms. Scull stated that he really like the ideas that would allow the district to assist more farmers by being more economically minded in our projects.

Mr. Phillips stated that some of suggestions included increasing ranking points if they already have an EQUIP contract and prioritizing grazing plan implementation. Encouraging applicants to work with all available entities to assist with projects.

There is another ACAP Committee Meeting immediately following today's board meeting.

ACAP Contract Extension – Bellicini, Saurborn & Bailey

Mr. Phillips explained that Bellicini, Saurborn and Bailey projects still have some fencing and water projects that they need to complete which they might not be able to complete before the original deadline of June 30th. Ms. Snider and Mr. Phillips have spoken to Rebecca at the State Conservation Commission and she approved the extension until the end of September with the district being compliant. Mr. Scull asked if Mr. Phillips felt that the projects would be completed by Mr. Saurborn's date of September 1st and Mr. Phillips said that he was confident everything would be completed by then.

A motion was made by Dave Shipman to extend the Bellicini, Saurborn and Bailey contracts. Jerry Day seconded. (Motion Passed)

No Till Drill, Lime Spreaders & Aerator Updates

Mr. Phillips stated that we were having some issues with the sprockets on the small seed box which Mr. Phillips replaced with assistance from Ms. Snider and Mr. Basinger.

Mr. Cowell stated that the large Aerator is back together currently being stored at Mr. Cowell's farm, but it will be displayed at the fair.

DGLVR QAB Site Visits

Ms. Kozlowski stated that there are tentative site visits dates of July 9th, 10th or 13th QAB members are good with those dates and committee members are welcome to attend. A definite date will be determined once all applications have been received.

QAQC Visit July 28th – 30th

Ms. Kozlowski stated that the State Conservation Commission, Representative for Dirt & Gravel Roads and field Rep Ryan Furrer will attend the QAQC Review. The interviews with the QAB members and staff will take place prior to the visit.

Pitney Bowes Postage Machine

Ms. Yorko stated that the contract is up on the postage machine so she had included all the information on current and future costs in the meeting packets. Additionally, Ms. Snider had so questions that were answered in an email that was included as well. The only other thing that Ms. Snider had asked was about an app to track our quarterly program postage for quarterly reports, Ms. Yorko was told that there was not an app like that available, but the rep would be able to help us set up a tracking email for that information and reset it quarterly. Ms. Yorko explained that a decision needed to be made about the renewal before the end of the year and that she would take any additional questions from the board back to the rep if necessary.

After discussion, the decision was made to renew the contract with Pitney Bowes.

A motion was made by Dan Bazzoli to renew the postage machine contract for another 5 years. Greg Hopkins seconded. (Motion Passed)

CONSERVATION DISTRICT OUTREACH

Fair

REPORTS FROM COOPERATING AGENCIES:

George Scull-Farmer Bureau- Mr. Scull stated that they had their annual picnic last Sunday. Farm Bureau is working to minimize and simplify some of the regulations; there's some legislation trying to free up some of the requirements.

Calvin Livengood-NRCS- Mr. Livengood stated that there were 7 contracts preapproved including 1 one grazing in Greene County. More selections coming soon.

Ryan Furrer-PADEP-Mr. Furrer stated the save the date for the Watershed Specialist Conference is October 21st & 22nd in State College.

New Manure Management workshop in Clean Water Academy and possible an

upcoming in person training, as well.

At the Regional Roundtable a few weeks ago and the big issues were the delegation agreements for Chapter 102 and 105 that are being reviewed and significant changes made to the delegation agreement.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next regular meeting will be July 21, 2026.

Mr. Cowell stated that he had received a call this morning that the governor had quarantined the state of PA due to the screw worm.

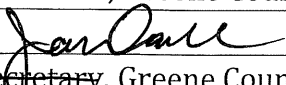
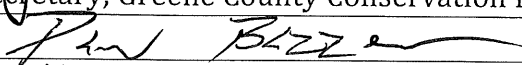
ADJOURNMENT

*A motion was made by Dave Shipman to adjourn the meeting at 10:34am.
Greg Hopkins 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 July 21, 2026.
Chairman, Greene County Conservation District

Secretary, Greene County Conservation District


Treasurer