

SUSQUEHANNA CONSERVATION DISTRICT
89 Industrial Dr., Montrose, PA 18801
Monthly Board Meeting
DATE: April 18, 2024
START TIME: 9:00 A.M.

Attendance

Directors- Bill Bayne, Doug Wood, Jim Kessler, Bill Shay, Curt Hepler, Robert Fearnley, Lillian Theophanis, Jack McKee, Brian Severcool, Dave Darrow, & Micheal Oakley

Staff- Don Hibbard, Jennifer Ramey, & Adrian Gregory

Agency- Cait Skibieli- DEP remotely

- Call to Order- Doug at 9:00
- Pledge to the Flag
- Comments from the public-
- **Agency Reports**
 - NRCS- Ain Welmon written report
 - DEP- Cait Skibieli written report
 - DCNR- Mike Antonishak- written report

Action Items

- Action on previous meeting minutes- Robert made a motion to accept the March's minutes as written. Jim seconded. Motion approved.
- Treasurer's Report- Robert made a motion to accept and file for audit. Curt seconded. Motion approved.
- Review and approval of monthly expenses- Robert made a motion to accept the monthly expenses. Jim seconded. Motion approved.
- Scholarship recipients- Ed motioned to award #3 & #5 scholarships. Jim seconded. Motion approved.
- Pavilion electric quotes- Dave made a motion to accept the bid from Squire Construction. Bill seconded. Motion approved.
- PACD request of \$500- Ed made a motion to pay the request. Bill B. seconded. Motion approved.
- FSSP- Grant extension request- Jim made a motion to extend the FSSP grant till July. Robert seconded. motion approved.
- Laurel Lake Account- PALMs mini grant- Bill made motion to open a new bank account for the grant. Bill B seconded. Motion approved.
- Training requests- multiple- Brian made a motion to approve all the training requests. Bill B. seconded. Motion approved. Training requests approved for Jen and Don as follows: ACAP Con: June 4-6, 2024, PACD/SCC JAC: July 17-18, 2024, Leadership/Management Summit: Sept 17-19, D&G Admin/Financial Training: Oct 16-17, 2024, NACD Annual Conference: Feb 8-12, 2025. Jen will make travel and lodging arrangements when information becomes available.

- Entered into Executive session 9:38 to discuss employee personnel. Exited Executive session and entered back into regular session at 9:45.
 - Motion was made by Brian to accept all of the personnel committee recommendation. Seconded by Bill S. Motion passed.
 - The SCCD will be closed for the Christmas Holiday on December 24-27.
 - Salary adjustment to be made for one employee within the district.

Informational items

- Commissioner Director Report- Dave Darrow
 - Three towers were put in to provide service for some dead zones
 - The command trailer is being outfitted for 911
 - The county is looking into purchases drones to use for some 911 calls
- Nominating Organization Report
 - Forest Land Owners- Jim Kessler
 - Northern Tier Forest Symposium took place on Saturday, 30 attendees, studied invasives
 - Farm Bureau- Bill Shay
 - Environmental Tour on April 13, 2024 at Pleasant Mount Fish Hatchery, 44 people attended
 - FB has been working with legislators to get A bill on updating prevailing wage
 - ACAP funding isn't definite
 - Pa. Federation of Sportsmen and Conservationists (PFSC)- Ed Price
 - 82 coyotes were caught at the hunt, three of them over 50 lbs.
 - Ag Day booth- Marten Reintroduction
 - Federation meeting tonight
 - State Rendezvous in Hughesville on June 22
 - Outdoorsmen Flea Market at Lazy Brook Park September 15
- District Manager updates- written & oral
- Program Coordinator update- Don Hibbard
 - Business is getting busier
 - Ag Day talk on Stormwater
 - Master Gardeners Spring Day gave a talk on Ticks, 60 attendees
 - Science Fair at Elk Lake is tonight
 - Seedling Sale on Saturday
 - Interpretive Trail on Monday
 - Envirothon April 26
- Correspondences- Reviewed
- Staff Reports- Reviewed
- Comments from Public- Bill S. mentioned Asphalt Zipper is coming to his township to give a presentation of a machine that can grind concrete roads that the gas companies have left behind.
- Adjourn- Robert made a motion to adjourn at 10:25. Curt seconded. Motion approved.