

SUSQUEHANNA CONSERVATION DISTRICT
89 Industrial Dr., Montrose, PA 18801
Monthly Board Meeting
DATE: August 19, 2021
START TIME: 9:00 A.M.

Attendance

Directors- Jack McKee, Doug Wood, Lillian Theophanis, Bill Bayne, Brian Severcool, Jim Kessler, Betsy Arnold, and Ed Price

Staff- Jennifer Ramey and Adrian Gregory

Public: Bill Shay

- Call to Order-Lillian 9:00
- Pledge to the Flag
- Comments from the Public-
 - Garrett thanked the board members for the opportunity to be SCCD's summer intern.
 - Jen mentioned Lou Barletta and his campaign team stopped by the booth at the fair.
 - A discussion on the Farm Bureau Legislative Tour's task sheet took place.
 - Jim informed us that a new forester will start in 2 weeks.
- Agency Reports
 - DEP-Written report
 - NRCS- Written report

Action Items

- Action on previous meeting minutes - Betsy made a motion to accept July 2021 minutes as written. Jack seconded. Motion approved.
- Treasurer's Report - Jack made a motion to accept as presented. Doug seconded. Motion approved.
- Review and approval of monthly expenses -Doug made a motion to accept the monthly expenses. Bill seconded. Motion approved.
- D&G Vehicle Purchase - Bill made a motion to purchase a 2021 Honda CR-V from Miller's Auto in Vestal, NY in the amount of \$34,421. Doug seconded. Motion approved.
- Phalen GG - Cost estimate over 25k, need to put out for bids- Jim made a motion to advertise for bids of Kevin Phalen's watering system and well. Betsy seconded. Motion approved.
- Agricultural Breakfast - Doug made a motion to have Ag Staff and any directors wanting to attend present on October 7, 2021. Jim seconded. Motion approved.
- Pavilion - Brian made a motion to advertise for bids. Betsy seconded. John Puzo will provide bid packets.
- Juneteenth - Bill made a motion to close the district office in Observance of Juneteenth. Doug seconded. Motion approved with Jim voting against the motion.

Informational items

- Commissioner Director Report - Oral report given by Commissioner Arnold
 - Commissioners have a booth at the Harford Fair
 - 911 building still in progress with a few hiccups along the way. The front parking lot and back parking lot are finished, furniture is arriving, and painting is almost finished.
 - An open house at the courthouse took place. Citizens who have been voting for 50 years were awarded and a lady who voted for 75 years was given a trophy.
 - Patti Peltz, the new County Planning director, has been very busy in her new position.
 - 911 Tower got hit by lightning but it is now repaired.
- Nominating Organization Report
 - Farm Bureau- Bill reported Legislative Tour is to take place Aug 24, 2021
 - A vote will take place next meeting if the Farm Bureau will assist SCCD with handing out surveys to municipalities.
 - Next meeting is Sept. 9 at 7:00 located at Bridgewater Baptist Church
 - Bill Shay reported that there is a PSATS Annual Meeting coming up and a CAP presentation would be beneficial.
 - Forest Land Owners- Jim reported no fall bus trip this year.
 - Possible woods walk at Doug Woods on Sunday October 3rd.
- No-Till Seeder
 - Inter-seeder tire pins are loose and it is currently at Jim Frystak's being repaired. Repair will cost less than \$300.
- District Manager Updates
 - Audit is almost completed
 - Abstention form was presented and is to be filled out and added to the minutes anytime a director abstains on a motion.
 - Staff is enjoying the fair and interacting with the public. The turtle is a big hit in our booth.
- Summer Intern – Last Day 8/23/21
- Correspondences - Reviewed
- Staff Reports - Reviewed
- Comments from Public
 - Lillian is writing an article for the paper about our exceeding expectations QAQC evaluation.
 - Alan Hall approached Jen and Courtney at the Harford Fair to congratulate them on the QAQC evaluation.
 - Lillian would like to send a thank you letter to QAQC Team
- Adjourn - Jim made a motion at 10:45 to adjourn. Brian seconded. Motion approved.