

SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
89 Industrial Drive, Montrose, PA 18801
Monthly Board Meeting
Date: February 19,2026
Start Time: 9:00 AM

Attendance:

Directors: Curt Hepler, Lillian Theophanis, Jack McKee, Jim Kessler, Ed Price, Michael Oakley, Robert Fearnley, William Bayne, Brian Severcool, William Shay
Staff: Don Hibbard, Logan Fowler, Maria Alden
Agencies: Michael Antonishak, DCNR, Ain Welmon, NRCS

- Called to order by Curt Hepler at 9:00 AM
- Pledge to the Flag
- Comments from the Public
- Agency Reports
 - DCNR – Oral Report from Michael Antonishak
 - NRCS – Oral Report from Ain Welmon

Action Items:

- **Action on previous meeting minutes** – Brian made a motion to accept the February 2026 minutes as written. Robert seconded. Motion approved.
- **Treasurer’s Report** – Robert made a motion to accept and file for audit. Michael seconded. Motion approved.
- **Review and approval of monthly expenses** – Robert made a motion to accept the monthly expenses. Jim seconded. Motion approved.
- **Policy Committee Recommendations for Fee Schedule** – Michael made a motion to accept the recommendations for the fee schedule. Bill Shay seconded.
- **Training Requests** – Michael made a motion to accept the training requests. Bill Shay seconded. Motion approved.
- **Inter-seeder purchase** – discussion of Inter-seeder sale to Jim Frystak was tabled to a later meeting to gather more information.
- **Building Plans** – Bill Shay made a motion to accept the Building Plans that were prepared by John Puzo. Ed seconded.

Informational Items:

- **Commissioner Director Report** – No Commissioner present.
- **Nominating Organization Reports – (PFSC)** - Ed attended a PFSC meeting a proposed change to the deer opening day to the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Final decision will be made in April. Trappers Association is having a fur sale at the Hop Bottom Fire Hall. The Coyote Hunt had 420 hunters total harvest was 55 coyotes. The winning weight was 45 lbs. and Susquehanna County got the most. The Average hunter is 58 years old.

- **(FLO)** Jim attended a Christmas tree meeting in Mcadoo, PA. Also, Jim will be hosting a Master gardener class for the Montrose Adult School on Pruning and Grafting at Jack Taylors Bebe Hollow Road, Montrose, PA. The Spring Wood's Walk will be held at Bill Bayne's on the last Saturday in March on 3/28/2026.
- **Farm Bureau** – PA Farm Bureau is attending the 2026 PA Farm Show from 3/13/2026 to 3/21/2026. Also, Ag Day 3/20/2026 at 9:00 AM meet the Legislators. The Farm Bureau meeting to be held at the Public Safety Building on April 24, 2026.
- **District Manager Updates** – Reviewed.
- **Correspondence** – Reviewed.
- **Staff Reports** – Reviewed.
- **Comments from Public** - None
- **Adjourn** – Bill Shay made a motion to adjourn at 10:30 AM. Brian seconded. Motion approved.