

SUSQUEHANNA CONSERVATION DISTRICT
89 Industrial Dr., Montrose, PA 18801
Monthly Board Meeting
DATE: February 15, 2024
START TIME: 9:00 A.M.

Attendance

Directors- Bill Bayne, Doug Wood, Jim Kessler, Lillian Theophanis, Bill Shay, Robert Fearnley, Jack McKee, Ed Price, Dave Darrow, & Michael Oakley.

Staff- Adrian Gregory

Agency- Cait Skibiel- DEP, Ain Welmon- NRCS, Mike Antonishak- DCNR

- Call to Order- Doug 9:00
- Pledge to the Flag
- Comments from the public- none
- Swearing in of Commissioner Director Dave Darrow by Cait Skibiel

Agency Reports

NRCS- Ain Welmon - written and oral report

DEP- Cait Skibiel - written and oral report

DCNR- Mike Antonishak - oral report

- Mike wants to get more people involved in Tree City USA.

Coterra- Michael Oakley - oral report

- Gas prices are low
- Downsizing to one rig and half the staff

Action Items

- Action on previous meeting minutes- Robert made a motion to accept the January's minutes as written. Bill S. seconded. Motion approved.
- Treasurer's Report- Robert made a motion to accept and file for audit. Bill B seconded. Motion approved.
- Review and approval of monthly expenses- Ed made a motion to accept the monthly expenses. Robert seconded. Motion approved.
- Chesapeake Bay Engineering Specialist Position- Bill S. made a motion to hire & house the new Chesapeake Bay Engineering Specialist Position at the start of FY24-25. Bill B. seconded. Motion approved.
- Lake Association MOU- Bill B. made a motion to adopt the MOU as presented. Robert seconded. Motion approved
- ACAP Committee recommendations- Robert makes a motion to accept the recommendation of the ACAP committee. Powers Project to receive \$316,500 and Updyke to receive remaining ACAP funds towards Project applied for after previously awarded projects are completed. Ed seconds. Motion approved.
- Events Committee recommendations- Bill Shay made a motion to accept the events committee recommendation of hosting or attending the events. Bill B. seconded. Motion approved.
- Technology updates & new projector purchase- Ed made a motion to proceed with the purchase of technology updates & a new projector. Jim seconded. Motion approved.

Informational items

- Commissioner Director Report-
 - Commissioner Director received a complaint about the mud on the roads
 - CREP was discussed
 - Stone quarries were discussed

- Nominating Organization Report
 - Forest Land Owners- Jim Kessler
 - Woods Walk March 30th
 - Christmas Tree Growers meeting in March
 - Pruning Class is March 16th
 - Backyard Grafting Class- March 23rd
 - Northern Tier Hardwoods Association- Spring Symposium April 13th
 - Pa. Federation of Sportsmen and Conservationists (PFSC)- Ed Price
 - 82 coyotes were caught at the last hunt, three of them over 50 lbs.
 - SC federation of Sportsman's Club has a lack of attendance and funding so meetings are being moved to three times a year
 - Trapping season is mostly over, just Beavers and otters remain
 - The prices for hides are on the rise
 - Ed is presenting a talk on furbearers at the Lakewood Library
 - Farm Bureau- Bill Shay
 - Ag Day legislative meeting at 8:00 a.m.
 - Environmental Tour on April 13th at Pleasant Mount Fish Hatchery

- Correspondences- Reviewed
- Staff Reports- Reviewed
- Comments from Public-
 - Doug announced that Kohanski & Company, the auditor, is no longer going to be auditing our Conservation District. Jen & Adrian are looking into finding a new auditor familiar with Conservation District practices/laws.
 - Bill Shay would like to discuss solar panels at the next policy committee meeting

- Adjourn-Bill B. made a motion to adjourn at 10:00. Jim seconded. Motion approved.