

SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
89 Industrial Dr., Montrose, PA 18801
Monthly Board Meeting
DATE: JANUARY 15, 2026
START TIME: 9:00 AM

Attendance:

Directors – Curt Hepler, David Darrow, Bill Bayne, Ed Price, Brian Severcool,
Jim Kessler, Robert Fearnley, Michael Oakley, Lillian Theophanis
Staff – Don Hibbard, Jennifer Ramey, Logan Fowler, Maria Alden
Agencies – Cait Connelly – DEP, Michael Antonishak – DCNR,
Ain Welmon – NRCS

- Called to Order by Curt Hepler at 9:00 AM
- Pledge to the Flag
- Comments from the Public – Introduction of new Clerical Support Staff, Maria Alden
- Swearing in of new officers, Cait Connelly (DEP) - Curt Hepler, Chairman, Lillian Theophanis, Vice Chair, and David Darrow, Commissioner Director
- Agency Reports:
 - DEP – Written & Oral report from Cait Connelly
 - NRCS – Written & Oral report from Ain Welmon
 - DCNR – Oral report from Michael Antonishak

Action Items:

- **Action on previous meeting minutes** – Robert made a motion to accept the December 2025 minutes as written. Jim seconded. Motion approved.
- **Treasurer’s Report** – Michael made a motion to accept and file for audit. Ed seconded. Motion approved.
- **Review and approval of monthly expenses** – Robert made a motion to accept the monthly expenses. Michael seconded. Motion approved.
- **E-sign grant documents** – Brian made a motion to accept the E-signature grant documents. Jim seconded. Motion approved.
- **Fee Schedule** – Jim made a motion to waive the fees for non-profit organizations on a case-by-case basis. Robert seconded. Motion approved.
- **Ag Committee Recommendations** – Jim made a motion to accept the Ag Committee Recommendations for CAP Projects - Ed seconded. Motion approved.

Informational items:

- **Commission Director Report** – Oral report given by Commissioner Darrow on Farm Preservation and Data Center.
- **Nominating Organization Reports:**
 - **PA Federation of Sportsmen and Conservationists (PFSC)** - Trappers are winding down. Hide prices are down due to supply and markets. There is a coyote hunt on January 30, 31 & February 1, 2026. Weigh in station in Hop Bottom. Meeting on January 22, 2026 at New Milford Rifle & Pistol.

- **Forest Land Owners** –Annual Dinner Meeting at the Montrose Bible Conference on January 22, 2026 at 5:00 PM. The speaker will be from the Game Commission on Ruffed Grouse. On 1/14/2026 Board meeting decided FLO will share booth with District at the Harford Fair. The Spring Wood’s Walk will be held at Bill Bayne’s on the last Saturday in March on 3/28/2026.
- **Farm Bureau** –Farm Bureau meeting to be held at the public Safety Building on April 24, 2026. More information to come.
- **District Manager Updates** –The board packets will go out on 2/11/2026. Jen will not be at the February Board Meeting. All quarterly reports have been submitted and the 2026 Dirt & Gravel advance was received.
- **Correspondences** – Reviewed.
- **Staff Reports** – Reviewed.
- **Comments from Public** – None
- **Adjourn** – Jim made a motion to adjourn at 10:25 AM. Lillian seconded. Motion approved.