

SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Monthly Board Meeting

DATE: Thursday January 21, 2021

START TIME: 9:00 A.M.

Attendance: Betsy Arnold, Curt Hepler, Bill Bayne, Brian Severcool, Lillian Theophanis, Jim Kessler, Doug Wood, Jack McKee, Robert Fernley, Ed Price

Staff: Jennifer Ramey, Adrian Gregory, Nathan Harpster, David Beichler

Agency: Ain Welmon and Shane Kleiner

- Call to Order- Lillian at 9:00
- Pledge to the Flag
- Comments from the Public
 - Agency Reports-
 - NRCS- Written and oral report given by Ain Welmon
 - DEP- Written and oral report given by Shane Kleiner

Action Items

- Action on previous meeting minutes- Brian made a motion. Bill seconded. Motion approved.
- Treasurer's Report-Curt made a motion to file for audit. Brian seconded. Motion approved.
- Review and approval of monthly expenses- Brian made a motion. Curt seconded. Motion approved.
- Oath of Directors- Shane Kleiner administered the swearing in of Bill Bayne and Doug Wood for another term. Shane Kleiner also administered the reappointment of the following directors for 2021: Lillian Theophanis - Chairman, Curt Hepler – Vice Chair, Jack McKee – Treasurer, Elizabeth Arnold – Commissioner Director
- Bennett Growing Greener Grant- Nate spoke about the current operations of the farm. Brian suggested the AG committee meets out on the Bennett farm with their approval to see the current operations of the farm.
- QAB recommendations- Bill made a motion to approve the recommendations. Doug seconded. Motion approved.

Amendments:

- Amend Choconut Township's Mattes Road project by \$112,000.00 for a new grant total of \$222,068.00 to cover expenses associated with the replacement of the stream crossing structure.
- TV and wall mount- For E&S plan reviews. Betsy made a motion to purchase tv and equipment not to exceed \$820.00. Brian seconded. Motion approved.

Informational items

- Commissioner Director Report
 - Union negotiations have been ongoing, two are passed and four more to go.
 - Warden has retired, interviews conducted and the new warden will start February 8, 2021.

- 911 Center- PPE storage building has been built. Two other buildings are currently under construction which is on track to be finished late May or early June.
- Nominating Organizations Report
 - Forest landowners- Jim reported that they are planning a Rail Trail hike February 20, 2021. Bill reported Ryan Brown has left his position as forester.
 - Farm Bureau- Bill reported that there are tentative events planned. Donna Williams has retired as president but will still serve on the board. Dave DeLeon is the new president of Farm Bureau.
- Committee Reports- Committee restructuring has taken place to avoid conflicts of interest and Ethics Issue.
- District Manager Updates
 - 1099's have been completed.
 - Working on the reallocation of funds from the open position. Waiting for approval from the SCC.
- Correspondences - Reviewed
- Staff Reports
- Comments from Public, if any
- Adjourn- Brian made a motion to adjourn at 10:28. Doug seconded. Motion approved.