***SUSQUEHANNA CONSERVATION DISTRICT***

***89 Industrial Dr., Montrose, PA 18801***

***Monthly Board Meeting***

***DATE: March 17, 2022 START TIME: 9:00 A.M.***

***Attendance***

* + - Directors- Jim Kessler, Curt Hepler, Robert Fearnley, Bill Bayne, William Shay, Doug Wood, Lillian Theophanis, Ed Price, and Betsy Arnold
    - Staff- Jennifer Ramey and Adrian Gregory
    - Agency- Shane Kleiner joined remotely
  + Call to Order-Lillian 9:10
  + Pledge to the Flag
  + Comments from the Public- Jen mentioned that Penn State Center for Dirt & Gravel Roads featured an SCCD project at the Wyoming County Contractors Workshop.
  + Agency Reports-
    - DEP- Shane Kleiner written and oral report
    - NRCS- Ain Welmon written report
    - DCNR - Austin Noguera written report

***Action Items***.

1. Action on previous meeting minutes-Robert made a motion to accept as written. Curt seconded. Motion approved.
2. Treasurer’s Report- Jim made a motion to accept and file for audit. Robert seconded. Motion approved.
3. Review and approval of monthly expenses-Robert made a motion to accept the monthly expenses. Jim seconded. Motion approved
4. New hire recommendations- Curt made a motion to hire Amber Jacobson for the open E & S Technician position. Robert seconded. Motion approved.
5. Murals- Doug made a motion to have the Slanted Art painters paint borders on the bottom of walls for an additional $600. Jim seconded. Motion Approved.
6. Building Account Funds- Bill made a motion to use the remaining funds in the building account and apply it to the mortgage as a principal payment. Jim seconded. Motion approved.
7. Training Requests- Curt made a motion to send Jen, Don, & Courtney to the PACD Annual Conference. Jim Seconded. Motion approved.
8. Committee recommendations, if any- No recommendation at this time, but the Special Events Committee needs to have a meeting to plan a 75th Anniversary celebration.

***Informational items***

* Commissioner Director Report-
  + - Betsy attended a Grange meeting on Wednesday
      * Solar panels were discussed
* Magistrate moved into the new 911 building
* Ribbon cutting ceremony is being planned
* Events are being planned in the Events room in the 911 building- 125 people capacity, Chief clerk books reservations for the room
* Drug & Alcohol along with Suicide Awareness events are in the works
* Tick task force is getting underway and in need of people to volunteer
* A new Solicitor has been hired
* Nominating Organization Report
  + - Bill Shay & Bill Bayne, Farm Bureau- Conservation Tour will be held April 6, 2022 at Elk Mountain from 10-2.
    - Jim, Forest Landowners- Woods Walk for Saturday was canceled due to snow storm.
      * Shane reported that 100% of ticks tested in a recent study in Wyoming county tested positive for Lyme disease. Please be cautious when doing outdoor activities.
* District Manager Updates
  + - Chris has been working on getting trained, and is currently writing 4 Manure Management Plans.
    - Dirt & Gravel Roads Projects are starting up, work load is increasing
    - CAP implantation site visits are being conducted
* Correspondences- Reviewed
* Staff Reports-Reviewed
* Comments from Public- None
* Adjourn- Jim made a motion to adjourn at 10:30. Curt seconded. Motion approved.