

SUSQUEHANNA CONSERVATION DISTRICT
89 Industrial Dr., Montrose, PA 18801
Monthly Board Meeting
DATE: March 16, 2023
START TIME: 9:00 A.M.

Attendance-

Directors-Jack McKee, Doug Wood, Jim Kessler, Lillian Theophanis, Bill Bayne, Betsy Arnold, Bill Shay, Robert Fearnley, Curt Hepler, and Ed Price

Agency- Shane Kleiner & Sandy Insalaco from DEP, Ty Moon from PFBC, and Austin Noguera from DCNR

Staff- Don Hibbard, Chris Santore, Jennifer Ramey, and Adrian Gregory

- Call to Order- Doug at 9:00
- Pledge to the Flag
- Comments from the Public- Jen reports that Brian Severcool has had surgery and 95% of the tumor was removed. Recovery is slow but everyday there's improvement.
- Commissioner Alan Hall- Clean & Green Monies
 - \$64,006.67 available for programming & monitoring
 - No strings attached
 - Conservation District has to write a letter asking the county for funding
- Agency Reports
 - DEP- Shane Kleiner written & oral
 - NRCS- Written
 - DCNR- Austin Noguera written & oral
 - Fish & Boat Commission- Ty Moon oral report

Action Items

- Action on previous meeting minutes- Robert made a motion to accept the February's minutes as written. Curt seconded. Motion approved.
- Treasurer's Report- Robert made a motion to accept and file for audit. Bill Bayne Seconded. Motion approved.
- Review and approval of monthly expenses- Robert made a motion to accept the monthly expenses. Bill Bayne seconded. Motion approved.
- Training Request- Forestry Symposium & Rail Trail Community Project, Don & Nate. Doug made a motion to send Don & Nate to these events. Bill Shay seconded. Motion passed.

Informational items

- Commissioner Director Report
 - Mary Ann Warren passed which was previously mentioned by Alan Hall
 - Busy preparing for election

- Possible hire for 4H educator
 - Preparing for Farm & Home Day
- Nominating Organization Report
 - Farm Bureau- Bill Bayne
 - August is a Legislative Tour
 - Farm & Home Day April 10th
 - April 4th trip to Harrisburg
 - Forest Landowners- Jim Kessler
 - April Wood's Walk is rescheduled tentatively for October
 - DFSC- Ed Price
 - 21 students graduated from school and will be hired as game wardens
 - Senator Fetterman sponsored Bill 25
 - American Martin is going to be reintroduced to PA
- Introduction of Sandy Insalaco- New DEP Watershed Manager
- Chesapeake Bay Technician update
 - July 1-current, 41 out of 50 inspections have been completed
 - 8 Manure Management Plans created and two in the works
 - 5 Ag E&S Plans created and one in the works
 - 1 Act 38 Plan approved
 - BMP verifications with Larson design is underway
 - Farm Land Preservation- Cobb's farm has been approved by the state
 - 1 new FLP application has been approved to move forward
- District Manager Updates
 - Staff is busy
 - The state received our signed NM delegation agreement
 - Summer Intern interviews are currently taking place
 - ACAP is still looking to move forward and rollout in July. District should be receiving working capital in the next month or so.
 - One bid has been received for the pavilion. Rebid ad is going in the paper next week, hoping to receive more bids.
 - Registered for Farm & Home Day- Jen, Don, & Nate are going
- Correspondences- Reviewed
- Staff Reports- Reviewed
- Comments from Public- None
- Adjourn- Bill Shay made a motion to adjourn at 9:52 . Doug seconded. Motion approved.