

SUSQUEHANNA CONSERVATION DISTRICT
89 Industrial Dr., Montrose, PA 18801
Monthly Board Meeting
DATE: May 16, 2024
START TIME: 9:00 A.M.

Attendance

Directors- Bill Bayne, Doug Wood, Jim Kessler, Ed Price, Curt Hepler, Robert Fearnley, Lillian Theophanis, Brian Severcool, Dave Darrow, & Micheal Oakley

Staff- Don Hibbard, Jennifer Ramey, & Adrian Gregory

Agency- Cait Skibiell- DEP, Ain Welmon-NRCS, Caroline Finch- FSA, Ty Moon- PFBC

- Call to Order- Doug at 9:00
- Pledge to the Flag
- Comments from the public- None
- **Agency Reports**
 - NRCS- Ain Welmon- Introduction of Caroline Finch from FSA, oral & written report
 - FSA- Caroline Finch- Oral report from Max Little
 - DEP- Cait Skibiell Oral & written report
 - PFBC- Ty Moon- Oral report

Action Items

- Action on previous meeting minutes- Robert made a motion to accept the April meeting minutes as written. Jim seconded. Motion approved.
- Treasurer's Report- Curt 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. Bill B seconded. Motion approved.
- Powers HUAP/ Manure Storage & Neenan Project Bid opening- Curt made a motion to Hire Herbert Excavating for the Powers project with a bid of \$526,052.80. D&M for the Neenan Project with a bid \$132,500 if additional CAP funds can be allocated.
 - Additional Bids not accepted are as follows
 - Powers-
 - Kobalt Construction- \$659,439.70
 - Ken Rauch- \$555,200
 - D&M \$539,600
 - Neenan-
 - Herbert Excavating \$139,553.97

Informational items

- Commissioner Director Report- None
- Nominating Organization Report
 - Forest Land Owners- Jim Kessler
 - Annual Picnic- open to the public at noon on June 23rd, Salt Spring State Park Pavilion

- PA Federation of Sportsmen and Conservationists (PFSC)- Ed Price
 - Trappers State Convention is June 21 & 22
 - Ed also reported that he visited Mount Pleasant Hatchery with a bunch of 8th graders for Envirothon. Jr. Envirothon will take place May 28th at Lackawanna State Park.
- District Manager updates- written & oral
- Program Coordinator update- Don Hibbard
 - Eco-Explorers Day Camp
 - Devyn along with the Susquehanna County Beekeepers Association will be hosting an event at the district office building called Hives & Hikes this Saturday for 10-11
 - Partners Day in June 13th
 - Don and Devyn are hosting the Envirothon winners kayaking trip June 11-12th
 - Harford fair is in the works, the district needs to decide on a theme.
- Correspondences- Reviewed
- Staff Reports- Reviewed
- Comments from Public- Jennifer Ramey mentioned how much she appreciates our DEP Field Rep, Cait Skibiell and thanked her for all her help and being readily available when needed. Cait replied with a thank you and that Jen is doing a great job.
- Adjourn- Jim made a motion to adjourn at 9:50. Ed seconded. Motion approved.