

SUSQUEHANNA CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Monthly Board Meeting
DATE: May 20, 2021
START TIME: 9:00 A.M.

Attendance-

Directors: Jim Kessler, Betsy Arnold, Brian Severcool, Lillian Theophanis, Jack McKee, Bill Bayne, Doug Wood, and Ed Price

Staff: Jennifer Ramey and Adrian Gregory

Agency: Shane Kleiner, Karl Brown, and Karen Books

- Call to Order- Lillian at 9:00
- Pledge to the Flag
- Comments from the Public- Lillian said she has really been enjoying this weather.
- Agency Reports-
 - NRCS- Ain Welmon- written report
 - DEP- Shane Kleiner- written and oral report

Action Items

- Growing Greener potential conflict of interest- Karen Books, Conservation Support Specialist, and Karl Brown from the SCC advised board members on the ethic laws and regulations. Bill made a motion to withdraw John Bencoter's grant funding from Growing Greener Grant #C990001687 due to potential conflict of interest. John can reapply in the future. Brian seconded. Motion approved.
- Growing Greener- some remaining funds from Grant #C990001687 were discussed to be reallocated to Kevin Phalen's project. Jim made a motion to approve the use of funds for Kevin Phalen's Watering System, allowing Nate to change Scope of Work and Task and Deliverables. Brian seconded. Motion approved.
- Growing Greener- Priority Watershed Spring Development Grant #4100080875 has \$19,367 available from farmers opting out. Brian made a motion that available funds will be added to the Spencer Streambank Stabilization and Fencing Project based on Nate's recommendations. Doug seconded. Motion approved.
- Aldrich BMP Project bids-
 - J.P Reilly- \$600,000
- Reyan BMP Project bids-
 - J.P Reilly- \$360,000
 - Nate is to speak to farmers whether or not they can make-up the difference for the expenses over the grant amount. Jim made a motion to accept or deny the bids based on the farmers answers. Doug seconded. Motion approved.
- Action on previous meeting minutes- Betsy made a motion to approve April 2021

board meeting minutes. Jim seconded. Motion approved.

- Treasurer's Report- Jack made a motion to accept as presented. Bill seconded. Motion approved.
- Review and approval of monthly expenses- Bill made a motion to accept expenses. Brian seconded. Motion approved.
- Summer Intern- Doug made a motion to hire Garrett Mansfield a Geology Major as summer intern per Jennifer's recommendation. Betsy seconded. Motion approved.
- Scholarship- 1 application received. Brian motions to award Rachel Rockwell a \$1000 scholarship. Jack seconded. Motion approved.
- Pavilion Design- Doug made a motion to hire John Puzo for \$400 to design the pavilion based on the building committee's recommendations. Jack seconded. Motion approved.

Informational items

- Commissioner Director Report
 - 911 building is making more progress.
 - Eureka Resources hosted a tour of the new facility in Dimock, 30 employees are going to be hired.
 - Commissioners are setting up a meeting with Penn-Dot this summer to address the road conditions.
 - Betsy and Judy Herschel attended the Dennis Farm Tour in Brooklyn Township. This farm has been in the Dennis Family for 7 generations and the owner wants to make a museum on the property.
- Nominating Organization Report- None
- Committee Reports- none
- District Manager Updates
- Correspondences- reviewed
- Staff Reports- reviewed
- Comments from Public-Doug wanted to thank the staff for a great Seedling Sale.
- Adjourn- Jack made a motion to adjourn at 11:00. Betsy seconded. Motion approved.