

SUSQUEHANNA CONSERVATION DISTRICT
89 Industrial Dr., Montrose, PA 18801
Monthly Board Meeting
DATE: November 17, 2022 START TIME: 9:00 A.M.

Attendance-

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

Agency- Ain Welmon, Cait Skibiel was present, Austin Noguera joined remotely

Staff- Don Hibbard, Devyn Saylor, Aaron McNamara and Adrian Gregory

- Call to Order- Curt at 9:05
- Comments from the public (5 minute time limit)
- Pledge to the Flag
- Introduction of Aaron McNamara, E&S Technician
- Agency Reports
 - NRCS- Ain Welmon written & oral
 - DEP- Cait Skibiel written & oral
 - DCNR- Austin Noguera oral

Action Items.

- Action on previous meeting minutes- Robert made a motion to accept the October minutes as written. Jim seconded. Motion approved.
- Treasurer's Report- Jack made a motion to accept and file for audit. Jim Seconded. Motion approved.
- Review and approval of monthly expenses- Bill made a motion to accept the monthly expenses. Jack seconded. Motion approved
- QAB Recommendations- Brian made a motion to accept the following recommendations. Bill seconded. Motion accepted.

2023 QAB Recommendations: Dirt and Gravel Roads

- -Campground Rd in Dimock Township: Applied for \$191,950.00 with \$6,342 in-kind.
- **QAB recommends we fund this project**
- -Wilcox Rd in Auburn Township: Applied for \$268,790.00 with \$91,668.00 in-kind.
- **QAB recommends we do not fund this project due to how large the project is and how large the funds requested was.**
- -Curley Rd in Middletown Township: Applied for \$114,017.00 with \$14,180.00 in-kind.
- **QAB recommends we fund this project.**
- -Guiton Rd in Middletown Township: Applied for \$77,230.00 with \$11,800.00 in-kind.
- **QAB recommends we do not fund this project due to having less need than Curley Rd**

- -Kane Rd in Forest Lake Township: Applied for \$162,220.00 with \$40,927.00 in-kind.
- **QAB recommends we fund this project**
- -Turkey Ln in Apolacon Township: Applied for \$64,440.00 with \$15,957.00 in-kind.
- **QAB recommends we fund this project.**
- -Lake of Meadows Rd in Apolacon Township: Applied for \$46,990.00 with \$7,928.00 in-kind.
- **QAB recommends we do not fund this project due to it being minor improvements and being less necessary than Turkey Ln.**
- -Mattes Rd in Choconut Township: Applied for \$119,561.00 with \$5,240 in-kind.
- **QAB recommends we do not fund this project due to it having very minimal environmental impact**
- -Sweeney Rd in Silver Lake Township: Applied for \$213,299.00 with \$30,042.00 in-kind.
- **QAB recommends we fund this project.**
- -Lyons Rd in Liberty Township: Applied for \$196,805.68 with \$7,432.29 in-kind.
- **QAB recommends we offer \$80,000 (remaining balance after funding remainder of projects).**
- -Waterworks Rd in Harmony Township: Applied for \$174,072.00 with \$18,534.00 in-kind.
- **QAB recommends we fund this project.**
- -Airport Dr in Herrick Township: Applied for \$476,689.00 with \$23,400.00 in-kind.
- **QAB recommends we do not fund this project due to how large the project is and that the township made multiple improvements to this road prior to the ranking being done. We cannot fund a project that had already been started prior to contracting.**
- **2023 QAB Recommendations: Low Volume Roads**
- -Montrose St in New Milford Borough: Applied for \$64,999.80 with \$1,906.60 in-kind.
- **QAB recommends we fund this project.**

Informational items

- Commissioner Director Report
 - The county has a good system for counting ballots, all have been counted.
 - Betsy attended the Township Supervisor Meeting
 - A private Public Utilities Commission meeting was held concerning a few topics but mainly trees on the utility lines
 - Trehab's transportation vehicles had their catalytic convertors stolen last week. Luckily other counties stepped into help out. The county is looking for land to be purchased for a garage to park the vehicles when not in use.
- Nominating Organization Report
 - Farm Bureau- Bill Bayne reported
 - Some plans are in the works for next year

- Policies have been made and are ready to go to Harrisburg
- Forest Landowners- Jim Kessler
 - Next event is the Annual meeting held January 19, 2023.
 - Seeking members & directors, suggestions are welcomed
- Trappers Association- Ed Price
 - Antlerless permits will be able to be purchased online
 - Archery hunting season ends this week
 - Fur prices are way down
 - Trapping season has started
 - Bear season starts this Sunday
 - Deer hunting season starts next Sunday
- District Manager Updates –
 - Met with the County Commissioners on 11/2/2022 to discuss funding from the county. Supplied commissioners with formal request, budget and 2021 audit to show that the district is in a good financial standing and would like to build a relationship. The request was made for \$10,000 to be used for education in the county. All of these funds would go towards our county Envirothon.
 - Growing Greener extension requests (4) have been submitted to Shane Kleiner for review and approval.
 - Staff is in the process of applying for an EE grant to fund the Interpretive Trail here at the district.
 - No-till program is wrapping up. Equipment should be put in storage by the end of the month.
 - Employee evaluations will be given on November 28th
 - Started 1099 preparation
 - Concrete at Reyan’s Barnyard has been poured and project is moving forward as expected.
 - CAP projects and grant funding for CAP has been submitted
 - ACAP is moving forward- more to come in the near future
 - Don Hibbard, Program Coordinator, gave an update on the Interpretive trail and a few of the details.
- Correspondences- Reviewed
- Staff Reports-Reviewed
- Comments from Public- None
- Adjourn- Robert made the motion to adjourn at 10:20. Jack seconded. Motion approved.