



MONROE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 18, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Armstrong, Sharon Laverdure, Roger McFadden, Craig Todd, Chuck Gould and Brian Winot.

DISTRICT STAFF: Kristina Heaney, Lori Kerrigan, Roger Spotts, Barbara Bistras, Colleen Lidon, Steven Baade, John Motz, Mike Wilk, Drew Wagner, David Hooker, David Lucykanish and Diana Flint.

PUBLIC: Paula Heeschen, PA-DEP Representative-Janet Creegan.

Bob Armstrong called the meeting to order at 8:04 am.

Public Comment-none

Board Meeting Minutes: Bob Armstrong asked for approval of the July 21, 2022 board meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Roger McFadden, seconded by Sharon Laverdure, to approve the July 22, 2022 board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

EE Report: The report was provided to the board in their packet. Roger introduced the board to Colleen Lidon, the newest Environmental Educator. Colleen started three weeks ago and has been busy with days camps since starting, Roger mentioned that all three day camps were full and that they are currently running a camp through Northampton Community College. This is a one week environmental education camp and all students are from Monroe County. Conservation Camp was held in July, it went well and there were twenty students that participated. The summer work crew finished about a week ago and all the trails are in good condition. Roger stated that each board member was given an invitation to the Kettle Creek Environmental Fund fundraising dinner, to be held September 29th at Trout Lake. He noted that the dinner hasn't been held the past two years.

Tech Report: Lori Kerrigan provided the technical report in the board packet. Lori was out in the field so Kristina reviewed the report. Craig Todd asked if Blue Ridge Winery was a permitted site. Kristina responded that the plan was based off of a compliance action and will be closed out soon. Bob noted that there was only one fill issue and Kristina responded that several came in after the board reports went out. Bob asked about the Clean Fill posters and Kristina explained that DEP will be running a full Clean Fill campaign in two weeks. Kristina will be giving out posters and speaking with every township and will also go to libraries, grocery stores and other public buildings. The campaign will be shared on social media and with the press. Kristina noted that this also goes out to every legislator and that she'll be sharing the information with neighboring counties.

A motion was made by Brian Winot, seconded by Roger McFadden, to hire Michelle Chase for the office assistant Sr. position. Motion carried. Sharon abstained from the vote.

District Managers Report: Kristina Heaney provided her report in the board packet. Kristina stated that the county dry dams have been a big focus in August. There is a major assessment occurring to determine the future of the dams. She also mentioned that the no till drill program details have been finalized.

Kristina referred to the motion made last month in support of a petition for the upgrade of a segment of the Brodhead Creek. Craig handed out information and explained the petition and the process of going from a high quality to an exceptional value stream and stated that a habitat assessment has been completed. Kristina stated that a letter of support has been sent to Alex Jackson and that the petition is ready to be filed.

Lori Kerrigan and Steven Baade were on site at the Sand Spring Run project site and showed the board the current progress of the project. Ryan Lapino was on site with them and he also provided some insight into the project. He is the environmental inspector and will be overseeing the critical stages of the structure installation. There currently is a large amount of grading going on at the site and Lori showed video of the tow drain that is currently being put into place. Lori also showed the board the pump bypass and the pond that is onsite at the construction area.

Dirt and Gravel LVR Program-John Motz went over project updates with the board. He informed them that the D & G LVR Road program is approaching \$2 million dollars spent on projects. The board was provided with the QAQC Final Report which states that the M CCD Dirt, Gravel, LV Road maintenance program exceeded expectations of the QAQC Team.

A motion was made by Craig Todd, seconded by Brian Winot, to accept the SCC Quality Assurance/Quality Control Report. Motion carried.

Kristina explained that funding has increased for the CDFAP-Act funding across the state. A spreadsheet was supplied in the board packet that detailed the amounts that were increased.

A motion was made by Roger McFadden, seconded by Brian Winot, to accept the revisions to the CDFAP-Act funding. The funding increased from \$16,225 to \$20,000. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sharon Laverdure, seconded by Chuck Gould, to approve the Out of County Travel Request. Motion carried.

Committee Meeting Reports:

A motion was made by Roger McFadden, seconded by Brian Winot, to approve the meeting minutes from the August 16, 2022 Budget and Finance Committee meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Roger McFadden, seconded by Brian Winot, to approve the 2023 District Budget. Motion carried. Sharon abstained from the vote.

A motion was made by Roger McFadden, seconded by Craig Todd, to recommend to the county the 2023 District budget request. Motion carried. Sharon abstained from the vote.

A motion was made by Roger McFadden, seconded by Sharon Laverdure, to approve the minutes from the July 21, 2022 building site committee meeting. Motion carried.

Invoice Lists for August 17, 2022:

A motion was made by Roger McFadden, seconded by Craig Todd, to approve the invoice list as of August 17, 2022. Motion carried.

Balance Sheet as of 7/31/2022:

A motion was made by Roger McFadden, seconded by Brian Winot, to approve the balance sheet for 7/31/2022. Motion carried.

Cooperating Agency Reports:

DEP-Janet Creegan mentioned the Clean Fill program and the importance of informing the public about it. Janet mentioned about the budget increases, she was happy to hear that revisions were made to the budget.

Public Comment-None

Bob stated that the August Personnel, Building/Site Committee meeting will be held next.

Bob Armstrong adjourned the meeting at 9:23am.

Diana Flint

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Office Assistant Sr.

**THE NEXT MCCD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY,
September 15, 2022 AT 8:00 AM at the Monroe County Conservation District**