



MONROE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 17, 2022

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

DISTRICT STAFF: Kristina Heaney, Roger Spotts, Lori Kerrigan, John Motz, Drew Wagner, Barbara Bistras and Jenna Nalaschi.

Cooperating Agencies: Christine Meinhart-Planning Commission, Jennifer Matthews-NRCS, Alec DeLong-PA Fish and Boat Commission, Shane Kleiner-DEP, Jack Rader-State Representative.

PUBLIC: Paula Heeschen-BWA, Leslie Berger-KCEF, Don Baylor.

Bob Armstrong called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

Public Comment-none

Board Meeting Minutes: Bob Armstrong asked for approval of the January 20, 2022 board meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Roger McFadden, seconded by Sharon Laverdure, to approve the January 20, 2022 board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Technical Report:

Lori Kerrigan provided the report for the month of February in the board packet, which she reviewed with the board. Lori stated that there have been a number of Act 167 meetings in order to get the draft out. To allow for internal comment before the public hearing for Act 167. She stated that site inspections have been quiet due to frozen ground and snow coverage. Lori mentioned that meetings will be held for the upcoming water quality study and audit. Lori also provided information on the Sand Spring Run project. She stated that great progress is being made on the project site.

EE Report:

Roger Spotts provided his report in the board packet. Roger stated that the month of January was for kindergarten bird feeding programs. He mentioned the tapping of maple trees started to take place last week, to start the production of maple syrup. Roger provided information on public events that are taking place for maple sugaring on March 5th and 12th at the sugar bush; he stated they are expecting around 150 people with room for more. Roger stated that there are 197 tree sponsors for maple sugaring.

He mentioned the scheduling of spring school programs have begun, which may become busy due to some schools not holding a program last fall. He stated field trips are still being worked on with the schools as well if field trip does not take place, school activities will still occur.

District Managers Report:

Kristina provided the report in the board packet. Kristina explained that a meeting of the regulatory forum will be taking place February 24th and will continue on a quarterly basis. A partnership with the PA Dept of Agriculture and the US Fish and Wildlife service at Cherry Valley Wildlife refuge has been occurring to address spotted lanternfly infestations has continued. Kristina explained the necessary steps are taking place to address the roof replacement. She also mentioned that the district has been working closely with IT for space planning on the server.

A motion was made by Chuck Gould, seconded by Craig Todd, to amend the original motion to accept a temporary insurance policy for maple sugaring. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Craig Todd, seconded by Sharon Laverdure, to approve the reorganization of committees with appropriate assigned staff and board members. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Roger McFadden, seconded by Chuck Gould, to approve the publication of the 2022 committee meeting schedule. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Chuck Gould, seconded by Roger McFadden, to approve Chuck Gould, Brian Winot and Sharon Laverdure as an alternate for the PACD voting delegate. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sharon Laverdure, seconded by Roger McFadden, to approve Chuck Gould for the nonvoting delegate for D&G LVR QAB Board. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Chuck Gould, seconded by Brian Winot, to approve Kristina Heaney for the voting delegate for D&G LVR QAB Board. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Roger McFadden, seconded by Brian Winot, to approve the PeneTeleData Service Contract renewal.

A motion was made by Chuck Gould, seconded by Roger McFadden, to approve the expansion of the Book Store Inventory. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

Invoice List as of 2/16/22:

A motion was made by Roger McFadden, seconded by Chuck Gould, to approve the February 16, 2022 invoice list. Motion carried.

Balance Sheet as of 1/31/22:

A motion was made by Craig Todd, seconded by Sharon Laverdure, to approve the balance sheet for 1/31/22. Motion carried.

2022 Budget Revisions:

Discussion regarding the proposed technical income ensued and was tabled to be discussed further at a Budget and Finance Committee meeting in April.

A motion was made by Craig Todd, seconded by Sharon Laverdure, to approve the 2022 budget revisions. Motion carried.

2021 year-end Financial Report:

A motion was made by Chuck Gould, seconded by Roger McFadden, to table this motion until next month. Motion carried.

Other Business:

Out of County Travel:

Kristina asked for a motion to approve out of county travel for David Hooker and John Motz for the month of February.

A motion was made by Brian Winot, seconded by Roger McFadden, to approve out of county travel. Motion carried.

Cooperating Agency Reports:

PA Fish and Boat Commission-Alec DeLong stated that trout stocking schedules have been released on their website. He also stated that he and Matthew Deitrich are preparing students of the Pocono Mountain East School District for the environthon. Alec also informed the district staff and board members that he is holding a Boating Course on May 21st at the Lake Harmony fire company.

Bob Armstrong adjourned the meeting at 9:17 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenna Nalaschi
Office Assistant Sr.

**THE NEXT MCCD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY,
March 17, 2022 AT 8:00 AM at the Monroe County Conservation District**