



MONROE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 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, David Hooker, Mike Wilk, Barbara Bistras and Jenna Nalaschi.

Cooperating Agencies: Christine Meinhart-Planning Commission, Jennifer Matthews-NRCS, Shane Kleiner-DEP, Jack Rader-State Representative.

PUBLIC: Paula Heeschen-BWA, Leslie Berger-KCEF, Jack Fossett, Mackenzie Strunk.

Bob Armstrong called the meeting to order at 8:01 am.

Public Comment-none

Board Meeting Minutes: Bob Armstrong asked for approval of the February 17, 2022 board meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Sharon Laverdure, seconded by Roger McFadden, to approve the March 17, 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. She stated that pre-application meetings are starting to pick up. Lori explained the issue that the district has been encountering with complaints on clean fill. She stated that it is a continuous problem. A brief discussion was held on this topic. Lori shared with the board, Agriculture Specialist, David Hooker will be holding a riparian buffer workshop on April 2, 2022. Which she explained falls under the educational aspect of storm water management of Act 167. Lori stated that the Water Quality study will begin on April 4, 2022 with the Monroe County Planning Commission.

EE Report: Roger Spotts provided his report in the board packet. Roger stated that the maple sugaring program is coming to an end. He explained the two public events for maple sugaring had an excellent turnout. Roger explained pre-registration for public events has been working well. Roger shared with the board that there were 214 tree sponsors for maple sugaring this year. He explained the scheduling for school programs are resolving back to normal, programs that were not held due to the virus are coming

back this year for spring and fall. He stated that himself and staff members are already in schools holding spring programs, along with prior fall programs that were not held last year.

A motion was made by Sharon Laverdure, seconded by Roger McFadden, to approve Ann Summa Tobyhanna Elementary (1st grade teacher) she was nominated by her principal for her commitment to conservation and her work on the school's butterfly garden, as teacher of the year. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brian Winot, seconded by Craig Todd, to approve the advertisement of the summer work crew. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Roger McFadden, seconded by Brian Winot, to approve Rachel Posavetz, and experienced environmental educator and Master Watershed Steward, to the list of contracted services. Motion carried.

District Managers Report:

Kristina provided her report in the board packet. Kristina explained that meeting for the regulatory forum that took place on February 24th was well attended. She shared a few upcoming events with the board. Kristina stated that Farm to School, Ag day will be held on April 14, 2022 at Stroudsburg Area High school. Kristina informed the board that Act 167 is wrapping up, there was a public hearing held at the county on March 16, 2022. She also mentioned an NPDES workshop that is going to be held in May 2022.

Financial Report:

Invoice List as of 2/16/22:

A motion was made by Roger McFadden, seconded by Brian Winot, to approve the March 16, 2022 invoice list. Motion carried.

Balance Sheet as of 2/28/22:

A motion was made by Roger McFadden, seconded by Chuck Gould, to approve the balance sheet for 2/28/2022. Motion carried.

Other Business:

Out of County Travel:

Kristina asked for approval for out of county travel for trainings and Environmental Education trips.

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

Cooperating Agency Reports:

Shane Kleiner-DEP, shared information with the board and staff members. He stated that financial interest forms are due May 1, 2022. He explained that the PACD regional meeting will be held on March 24, 2022 in Schuylkill County. Shane also shared that the Chapter 102/105 annual meeting will be held

virtually at the end of this month. Kristine Meinhart-Planning commission, informed the board and staff members that the deadline for the Farmland Preservation Applications are due on April 4, 2022.

Bob Armstrong adjourned the meeting at 9:18 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenna Nalaschi
Office Assistant Sr.

**THE NEXT MCCD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY,
April 21, 2022 AT 8:00 AM at the Monroe County Conservation District**