



MONROE COUNTY
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MONROE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 15, 2022

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

DISTRICT STAFF: Kristina Heaney, Barbara Bistras, Steven Baade, John Motz, Mike Wilk, Drew Wagner, David Lucykanish and Diana Flint.

PUBLIC: Jack Fossett

Bob Armstrong called the meeting to order at 8:02 am.

Public Comment: Jack Fossett mentioned that Lori did a presentation on the San Spring Run project last night at the Trout Unlimited meeting. He thought it was a good presentation and said that it looks like an interesting project. Bob informed him that there was a Zoom presentation from the construction site at last months' meeting.

Board Meeting Minutes: Bob Armstrong asked for approval of the August 18, 2022 board meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Brian Winot, seconded by Chuck Gould, to approve the August 18, 2022 board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Tech Report: Lori Kerrigan provided the technical report in the board packet. Lori was out in the field so Kristina reviewed the report. Roger asked about the three items that talked about fill on Hollow Run and mentioned that one of them stated that the inspector wasn't allowed on site. Kristina explained that Dave L. went to the site and confirmed that work was being done. The homeowners weren't there and their relatives didn't give him access to the site. She said that this does happen occasionally and that the inspector does have the authority to return with an officer if needed. She stated that Dave did speak with the homeowner after this and will be returning to the site for a follow up inspection. Brian noted that the reports show a lot of fill. Kristina replied that it's common when someone gets fill that their neighbors see that and also want fill. Kristina said that she spoke to Colleen from DEP and they're sending out the clean fill posters next week. Kristina informed the board that the attorney general said that New Jersey is raising their standards again. She mentioned that Middle Smithfield, Smithfield, Price, Stroud Township and Coolbaugh are on board with trying to reduce this. Brian mentioned that a representative from Coolbaugh Township, Lynn Kelly, was at the last regulatory meeting and he will inform her as well as mention it at the meeting he's going to at Pocono Country Place. Kristina noted that the attorney general is taking notice of violators offering to give free fill. Brian stated that he was at Pike County site and the contractor was being told by Penn Dot that they didn't need a clean fill certificate. Bob discussed with Kristina having the board members form a team focused on how to approach this and determine where to distribute the posters. He'd also like to get a TV station involved to get the word out. Kristina will add this to the resource conservation meeting agenda and will include the staff on the invites.

Kristina stated that Janet is the new DEP representative and she offered to assist board members and staff with any questions they may have. Kristina informed the board that emergency permits have run rampant since Covid started and that places are stating that there are emergency situations in order to receive permits quicker.

EE Report: The report was provided to the board in their packet. Roger was out doing a program so Kristina provided an update. She stated that camps have wrapped up and bog walks are being held every Wednesday until November. The staff is preparing to volunteer for the September 29th Kettle Creek Fund dinner. She told the board that prizes and monetary donations are being accepted and that we're still taking RSVP's for the dinner. She stated that the bird seed sale is October 22nd. She noted that prices have risen due to increased costs from the supplier.

District Managers Report: Kristina Heaney provided her report in the board packet. She spoke with the Pocono Mountain Visitors Bureau and they will be doing a segment on Kettle Creek in November. She also mentioned that a basic drawing with potential building improvements was received. The demolition for the farm house is starting next week and will take approximately two weeks. Kristina is going to the Monroe County Emergency Management Office this evening for training. Bob asked her if the district pays for a number of stream gauges. Kristina replied that there is one stream gauge and Barbara added that we get donations from local businesses and townships which amount to about half the yearly costs and that the district pays the balance. There was a grant received for the purchase of the stream gauge but there are yearly maintenance costs which amount to \$18,662.

Craig asked if everything looked good with the new 102 inspection report. Kristina replied that the staff looked at it and came up with a list of comments which were sent to DEP. She said the comments were reviewed and that the newest version is available on the DEP website.

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

Committee Meeting Reports:

A motion was made by Craig Todd, seconded by Roger McFadden, to approve the meeting minutes from the August 2022 PC Committee meeting with the correction that Chuck Gould is the committee chair, not Bob Armstrong. Motion carried.

Invoice Lists for September 15, 2022:

Bob asked how many installments there were on the roof design and Kristina replied that this was the second one, with them totaling \$9,400. Kristina will get in touch with the company to get an update on the roof replacement.

A motion was made by Roger McFadden, seconded by Chuck Gould, to approve the invoice list as of September 15, 2022. Motion carried.

Balance Sheet as of 8/31/2022:

A motion was made by Roger McFadden, seconded by Brian Winot, to approve the balance sheet for 8/31/2022. Motion carried.

Cooperating Agency Reports: None

Public Comment-Jack Fossett stated that the stream on his property is the lowest it's been in forty years. He asked if the development going on in the area is contributing to the low water levels in the ground. Kristina replied that DEP makes a determination based on precipitation, stream flows, soil moisture and ground water. She said that the area is currently only low in ground water and that this can quickly change with one or two rain events. She explained that the ground is typically dry this time of year and that the construction wouldn't be affecting anything.

Sharon asked if the board wanted to discuss Camp Trexler. Chuck responded that Pocono Heritage Trust has taken the lead and they're moving forward on permit protection. He stated that Camp Trexler is currently off the market.

Bob Armstrong adjourned the meeting at 8:58am.

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**THE NEXT MCCD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY,
October 20, 2022 AT 8:00 AM at the Monroe County Conservation District**