

**LUZERNE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
325 SMITHS POND ROAD, SHAVERTOWN, PA 18708
April 21, 2022**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Jay Wilkes, Chairman, called the meeting of the Luzerne Conservation District Board of Directors to order at 6:05 PM, noting that the meeting was being held via video/phone conference and that it was being recorded.

ROLL CALL - BOARD MEMBERS:

John J. Wilkes, Jr.	Present via video
John P. Hanish, Jr.	Present via video
Tracey Chonko	Present via phone
Leonard J. Burger, Jr.	Present via phone
Thomas Herbert	Present via video
Gary A. Moyer, Sr.	Excused
Gregory S. Wolovich, Jr.	Present via phone

DISTRICT EMPLOYEES:

Hunter Bednarczyk, Conservation Specialist (E&S/NPDES Program)	written report submitted
Heather Graham, E&S/NPDES Program Coordinator	written report submitted
Deborah Josuweit, Office Administrator	Present via video/written report submitted
Jennifer Lauri, Ag Conservation Specialist	written report submitted
John Levitsky, Watershed Specialist	written report submitted
Joshua Longmore, Executive Director	Present via video/written report submitted
Michael Schlauch, Conservation Specialist (Ag & Roads Programs)	written report submitted

AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES:

None

ORDER OF BUSINESS

(Denotes motion or action taken by the district board)**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

MINUTES:

****Motion by Chonko, seconded by Wolovich to approve the March 17, 2022 meeting minutes as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.**

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Wilkes noted the financial reports in the board packet and invited questions.
****Wilkes ordered the Financial Reports to be filed for audit.**

COOPERATING AGENCY REPORTS:

NRCS – A written report was provided after board packets were mailed. Longmore offered to send copies to board members.
FSA – A written annual report was included in the board packet.
DEP – A written report was included in the board packet.
PACD – A written report was included in the board packet.

STAFF REPORTS:

Wilkes noted that staff reports were included in the board packet under Item 4.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

Sponsor Agreement with USDA NRCS for EWP Projects

Longmore reported that USDA NRCS has agreed to provide 75% of the funding and DEP has agreed to provide 25% of the funding for Emergency Watershed Protection Program projects on the Sudol property in Dennison Township along Little Nescopeck Creek and the Butts property in Kingston Township along Toby Creek.

****Motion by Herbert, seconded by Chonko to authorize Longmore to file the necessary paperwork and to execute the sponsorship agreement with USDA NRCS for the EWP projects. The motion carried unanimously.**

Grant Agreement with PA DEP for EWP Match Funds

****Motion by Hanish, seconded by Wolovich to approve the grant agreement with PA DEP for \$40,000 in EWP matching funds. The motion carried unanimously.**

Grant Amendment to include Barchik Ag BMP Project

Longmore requested approval to allocate funds from the 2016 Luzerne County Ag BMP Growing Greener grant to match other program funds for implementation of the Barchik Farm Ag BMP project in Fairmount Township.

****Motion by Burger, seconded by Chonko to approve an amendment to the 2016 Growing Greener grant to include funding for the Barchik Farm Ag BMP project. The motion carried unanimously.**

New Bank Account for Clean Water Action Plan Implementation Grant

****Motion by Wolovich, seconded by Herbert to open a new bank account with FNB Bank for the Clean Water Action Plan Implementation Grant. The motion carried unanimously.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Luzerne County Envirothon – 4/26/22 at Talen Energy’s Riverlands Park

Statements of Financial Interests (PA Ethics Comm.) forms due 5/1/22

May LCD Board of Directors Meeting – 5/19/22 at 6:00 PM

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

****Motion by Hanish, seconded by Herbert to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.**

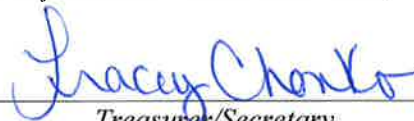
The meeting adjourned at 6:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Deborah Josuweit, Office Administrator.

Approved by action of the Luzerne Conservation District Board of Directors on June 16, 2022.



Chair or Vice Chair



Treasurer/Secretary