

**PACD Conservation Committee
Ramada Conference Center, State College, PA
January 18, 2012**

Welcome and Roll Call

Chairman Robb Piper called the meeting to order at 2:15 PM and welcomed all members and guests. It was determined that a quorum was present.

Committee members present: Don Bashore, Juniata; Brian Boyer, Berks; Mark Davidson, Lycoming; Dan Dunmire, Mifflin; Carl Goshorn, Cumberland; Jim Luce, Wyoming; Larry Martick, Adams; Robb Piper, Cambria; Jim Resh, Indiana; Bob Ritchey, Cambria; Piper Sherburne, Berks; and Craig Todd, Monroe.

Others present: Chuck Wertz, Lebanon; Jack Dehoff, SCC; Wayne Sweitzer, York; Curt Hepler, Susquehanna; Bill Ord, Susquehanna; Al Herman, Bradford; Mike Lovegreen, Bradford; Sarah Sargent, Crawford; Frank Tanner, McKean; Seleen Shives, Fulton; Judy Becker, Northumberland; Shirley Snyder, Northumberland; Lillian Theophanis, Susquehanna; Harold Webster, Clearfield; Earl Brown, Erie; Chad Moshier, Potter; Jack Hanish, Luzerne; Kathy Blaisure, Susquehanna; Donna Fisher, Blair; Terry Fisher, PACD; Cheryl Brobst, Columbia; Glenn Seidel, Berks; Harold Kulp, Chester; John Larson, NACD; Jan Hampton, Cameron; Richard Weinstein, Berks; Rob Shannon, Centre; Edward Zinser, Sullivan; Lorin Boggs, NRCS; Marc Rickard, Venango; Dan Greig, Berks; Michael Hubler, Dauphin; Ron Rohall, Westmoreland; Drew Gilchrist, Montgomery; Dan Wolf, York; Patricia Sueck, York; Linda Cioppa, Pike; Heidi Secord, Monroe; Bill Slosky, Washington; Robert Maiden, PACD; Shannon Wehinger, PACD (notetaker)

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the July 11, 2011 meeting were provided to committee members for their review.

It was moved by Jim Resh and seconded by Bob Ritchey to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2011 meeting. Motion carried.

It was noted that Bob Ritchey's name was omitted from the list of committee members present on the minutes. PACD will check the sign-in sheet and make any necessary corrections.

Oil and Gas Policy

Copies of the proposed Oil and Gas Permit Resolution were provided to members for review. Robert Maiden explained that each of the six PACD regions developed a proposed resolution during the Fall 2011 PACD Region Meetings. The PACD Executive Board reviewed all six proposed resolutions and condensed them into the final version, which was then sent to conservation districts for review prior to the PACD/SCC Winter Meeting. He noted that, under



this resolution, conservation districts would not be required to assume responsibilities, but could choose to do so.

Mike Lovegreen offered tours to anyone who wants to see the Marcellus Shale activity in Bradford County.

The committee reviewed and discussed the document, and proposed these edits:

1. In the first “Resolved” change from “102 and 105” to “102 and/or 105.”
2. Replace final “Resolved” to read: “Resolved, that a working group comprised of conservation district, DEP and SCC representatives be formed to discuss issues that arise and are relevant to district resumption.”
3. Change the name of the Association in the second “Whereas” from “State Association of County Commissioners” to “County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania.”

It was moved by Piper Sherburne and seconded by Jim Luce to move the resolution forward as edited. Motion carried.

Ag Compliance Policy

Dr. Rob Shannon reported that the Centre County Conservation District board passed a resolution regarding the draft model Agriculture Compliance Policy. Copies of the resolution were provided to those in attendance.

Dr. Shannon explained that the model policy outlines a step by step procedure for districts to document agricultural complaints. It is a draft for consideration and represents a model for conservation districts to adopt. Conservation districts should submit comments on the draft policy to DEP by April 1

It was recommended that PACD encourage districts to read and comment on the draft model policy and report comments to PACD as well as DEP.

It was moved by Robert Ritchey and seconded by Jim Luce to table this issue. Motion carried.

Expedited Review Fees with PENNDOT

No action has occurred since the last meeting.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 pm.