

PACD Operations Committee
Ramada Conference Center, State College, PA
July 11, 2011

Welcome

Chairman Andrew Gilchrist welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm.

Committee Members in Attendance: Victor Cappucci, Wyoming; Drew Gilchrist, Montgomery; Michael Hubler, Dauphin; Larry Martick, Adams; Sandy Thompson, McKean; Piper Sherburne, Berks; Chuck Wertz, Lebanon.

Others in Attendance: Maryruth Wagner, Columbia; Cheryl Brobst, Columbia; Carl Urbanski, Luzerne; Harold Kulp, Chester; Robert Robinson, Wyoming; Ken Meck, Lancaster; Richard Weinstein, Berks.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Copies of the minutes of the previous meeting on January 19, 2011 were provided to committee members for their review.

It was moved by Piper Sherburne and seconded by Larry Martick to approve the minutes of the previous meeting on January 19, 2011. Motion carried.

PACD Budget FY 2011/2012

Copies of the proposed budget and dues for FY 2011/2012 were provided to committee members for their review.

It was moved by Larry Martick and seconded by Sandy Thompson to forward the proposed PACD budget and dues for FY 2011/2012 to PACD Executive Council for approval. Motion carried.

Motions and Resolutions from the PACD Conservation Committee

1. PACD Representative to PA Envirothon Board

It was moved by Michael Hubler and seconded by Piper Sherburne to forward the following motion to PACD Executive Council:

That PACD reappoint Richard Stumpf (Indiana) as PACD representative to the Envirothon Board.

Motion carried.

2. Pilot Stormwater Trading Program

It was moved by Victor Cappucci and seconded by Michael Hubler to forward the following policy statement to PACD Executive Council:

PACD endorses a pilot public-private market-based Stormwater Trading Program, addressing pending stormwater (MS4, NPDES) concerns and the Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) to meet the Total Maximum Daily Load compliance requirements in the form of credit offsets or benefit stacking on a regional scale. PACD also encourages that adequate compensation be provided to conservation districts in order to offset costs associated with serving as an adviser/facilitator for such a program.

Motion carried.

Motions and Resolutions from the PACD District Employees Committee

No motions were presented.

Motions and Resolutions from the PACD Education and Outreach Committee

1. Draft Memo of Understanding (MOU) with Department of Education

It was moved by Larry Martick and seconded by Victor Cappucci to forward the following motion to PACD Executive Council:

That PACD accept the Memo of Understanding (MOU) between PACD and the PA Department of Education with one correction.

Motion carried.

2. Review of the Draft Memo of Understanding with the PA Department of Education

It was moved by Sandy Thompson and seconded by Larry Martick to forward the following motion to PACD Executive Council:

That the Education and Outreach Committee will review the Memo of Understanding (MOU) with the PA Department of Education before it expires in 2015.

Motion carried.

3. Marketing Subcommittee Update

It was moved by Piper Sherburne and seconded by Larry Martick to forward the following motion to PACD Executive Council:

That PACD accept the Marketing Subcommittee's recommendations to a) evaluate our marketing efforts by reissuing the Target Audience Marketing Survey (TAMS) in 2013 and b) continue and increase participation at public events such as PA Farm Show, Ag Progress Days and PSATS.

Motion carried.

Motions and Resolutions from the PACD Legislative Committee

It was moved by Sandy Thompson and seconded by Victor Cappucci to forward the following policy statement to PACD Executive Council:

PACD supports legislation creating a natural gas extraction impact fee with a dedicated portion allocated to the Conservation District Fund to protect and preserve Pennsylvania's natural resources. A portion of the fee should be distributed to conservation districts statewide and the remainder should be committed specifically to conservation districts in impacted areas.

Motion carried.

Motions and Resolutions from the PACD Ways and Means Committee

1. It was moved by Piper Sherburne and seconded by Victor Cappucci to forward the following motion to PACD Executive Council:

That PACD make an additional mortgage payment in 2011.

Motion carried.

2. It was moved by Sandy Thompson and seconded by Piper Sherburne to forward the following motion to PACD Executive Council:

That PACD keep the target balance for the PACD Capital Fund at \$35,000.

Motion carried.

3. It was moved by Larry Martick and seconded by Michael Hubler to forward the following motion to PACD Executive Council:

That PACD put half of any profit from the 2011 PACD/SCC Joint Annual Conference toward the PACD Capital Fund and half toward the 2012 PACD/SCC Joint Annual Conference.

Motion carried.

PACD Executive Board

1. Conservation District Policy Handbook

It was moved by Sandy Thompson and seconded by Larry Martick to forward the following motion to PACD Executive Council:

That PACD work with McNees, Wallace & Nurick, LLC to update the conservation district policy handbook at a cost of \$2,500.

Motion carried.

2. Manure Management Manual and Phase II Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) Training

It was moved by Piper Sherburne and seconded by Larry Martick to forward the following motion to PACD Executive Council:

That PACD take on the Manure Management Manual Training, and the Phase II Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) training.

Motion carried.

Report on the 2012 PACD/SCC Joint Annual Conference

Molly Burns reported that the 2012 PACD/SCC Joint Annual Conference will likely be held in State College. The dates and the location will be sent out to members as soon as they are determined. PACD will try to schedule the conference later in July, when it is usually held.

Adjournment

It was moved by Larry Martick and seconded by Victor Cappucci to adjourn at 8:38 pm. Motion carried.