

**PACD South East Region Meeting  
Henning's Market, Harleysville, PA  
October 31, 2019**

**Call to Order**

South East Region Director Piper Sherburne welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

*In attendance:* Dean Druckenmiller, Berks; Piper Sherburne, Berks; Johan Berger, SCC; Bill McFadden, Lehigh; Karen Books, DEP; Jessica Buck, Montgomery; Ed Magargee, Delaware; Chris Strohmaier, Chester; David Ross, Chester; Linda Mackey, DEP; Joe Rosenbaum, Berks; Sharon Pletchan, Northampton; Lynn Stauffer, Northampton; Ted Veresink, Northampton; Pete Vanderstappen, NRCS; Charles Hanner, NRCS; Desiree Henning Dudley, DEP; Gretchen Schatschneider, Bucks; Jeff Sholly, PACD.

**Date of Next Meeting**

April 30, 2020 9:30am at Henning's Market

**Region Director Election**

Piper Sherburne accepted the nomination to continue serving as the South East PACD Region Director.

*Ed Magargee made a motion to elect Piper for another term. He was Seconded by Bill McFadden, and the motion was approved.*

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

*Bill McFadden moved to accept the minutes dated April 4, 2019. Ted Veresink provided a Second, and the motion was approved.*

**Policy on Clean Fill Standards**

Sharon Pletchan described the background of the original motion.

*It was moved and seconded to approve the policy with the addition of "or regulation" so that the new motion reads:*

*PACD supports legislation or regulation to raise Pennsylvania's clean fill standards to be in line with New Jersey, New York, and other neighboring states.*

*Motion carried.*



### **Policy on Unreported Discharges**

Brenda Shambaugh provided background on the motion.

*A motion was made by Gretchen Schatschneider and Seconded by Jessica Buck to approve the proposed policy from the PACD Legislative Committee on unreported discharges. The motion was approved.*

### **Policy Opposing HB 414**

Brenda Shambaugh provided background on the proposed policy to oppose HB 414, which requires an E&S permit application to be approved within 20 days of receipt if it was submitted by a state licensed engineer.

*Bill McFadden made a motion to approve the policy to oppose HB 414. Chris Strohmaier seconded the motion. The motion was approved.*

### **Policy on SB 891 – Statewide Expedited Review Process**

Brenda Shambaugh provided background on Senate Bill 891, the Statewide Expedited Review Process for the Chapter 102 and 105 programs, and the motions made by other regions.

*The following motion was made by Bill McFadden and Seconded by David Ross:*

*PACD opposes Acts amending Title 27 of the PA Consolidated Statutes establishing advanced permit review programs and advanced permit review program funds unless they address conservation district concerns.*

*The motion was approved.*

### **Legislative Update**

Brenda Shambaugh reviewed her report and encouraged districts to keep actively lobbying.

- Brenda described the need and function of the proposed committee to develop legislation on Chapter 102 issues. Discussion was held. Brenda will present the idea of this committee to the PACD Executive Board.
- Clean Water Academy (CWA): Brenda encouraged managers to get on the CWA and to take advantage of the administrative options to track staff participation.
- Multifunctional Riparian Buffer Grants Program: grants are still available. Amy Brown at PACD is the contact to make for this program. Brenda would also like PACD to apply for a Growing Greener Grant for buffer maintenance.
- Leadership Development: Visit this site for information on upcoming events such as the Staff Conference. Contact Matt Miller by 11/20/19 for strategic planning funding to be used for 2020. Discussion was held encouraging directors to attend trainings and orientations that are available.
- Salary Study: The PACD District Employees Committee has updated the statewide Conservation District Salary Survey. Not all districts have responded, and encouragement was made for all to participate. The survey is intended to assist districts with budgeting and wage discussions for their own offices.

- PACD Highlights: Brenda encouraged all districts to complete their Highlights page for the year 2019 as soon as possible for her use in upcoming legislative meetings.
- Game Commission Wildlife Kit: If districts let Brenda know they want a kit PACD will bring them to the January meeting.
- Building Update: Potential settlement date for the sale of the PACD building in Harrisburg in December.

### **District Sharing**

Districts shared news of their programs and projects along with other district news.

### **NRCS Report**

RCPP is open until 12/3/19. EWP will be reviewing projects for 2019. PAG01 and PSATS were also discussed.

### **DEP Report**

- The DGLVR program has less than \$365,000 in uncommitted old funding remaining.
- SCC passed a new Director Removal Policy.
- Conservation district director appointments are on-going and are due by December. If your county can't make those appointments on time, please contact Barb Buckingham at the SCC.
- Financial Assistance Packages for ag pilot program are going on in two counties.
- Karen Books also discussed new staffing within the Chesapeake Bay Program. Steve Taglang's retirement was announced.
- Chapter 102 Evaluations are currently being scheduled for 2020.
- Other topics from her written report were discussed.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.