

**PACD Operations Committee Minutes**  
**Wyndham Garden State College, Boalsburg, PA**  
**January 22, 2020**

**Welcome and Roll Call**

Chairwoman Kelly Stagen welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

*Committee members in attendance:* Charles Duritsa, Westmoreland; Michael Hubler, Northumberland; Randall Leisure, Lebanon; Adam McClain, Adams; Jay Russell, Mercer; Piper Sherburne, Berks; Seleen Shives, Fulton; Kelly Stagen, Pike; Sandy Thompson, McKean.

*Guest in attendance:* Mike Price, PACD President/Beaver; John Akers, Bedford; Judy Becker, Northumberland; Katie Doster, Lebanon; Kristina Heaney, Monroe; Sharon Pletchan, Northampton; Todd Thornburg, Washington; Doug Beri, Jr., Indiana; Larry Butler, Clinton; Lance Bowes, Venango; Lori Kerigan, Monroe; Robert Robinson, Wyoming; Brenda Shambaugh, PACD; Molly Burns, PACD.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the July 17, 2019, meeting were provided for review. It was noted that the minutes should be amended to show that Jay Russell is from Mercer, not Indiana.

*It was moved by Chuck and seconded by Sandy Thompson to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2019, meeting as amended. Motion carried.*

**Resolutions from the PACD Executive Board**

No resolutions were presented.

**Resolutions from the PACD Conservation Committee**

Clean Fill Policy

All six PACD regions voted to support this policy, which was proposed by the PACD Conservation Committee on July 17, 2019.

*It was moved by Sandy Thompson and seconded by Piper Sherburne to forward the following policy to PACD Executive Council for consideration.*

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

*Motion carried.*



### **Resolutions from the PACD District Employees Committee**

No resolutions were presented.

### **Resolutions from the PACD Education and Outreach Committee**

No resolutions were presented.

### **Resolutions from the PACD Legislative Committee**

#### Policy on Unreported Discharges

All six PACD regions voted to support this policy, which was proposed by the PACD Legislative Committee on July 17, 2019. The South East added the text in red.

*It was moved by Randall Leisure and seconded by Chuck Duritsa to forward the following policy to PACD Executive Council for consideration.*

*PACD opposes legislation **or regulations** allowing for unreported discharges, spills or releases into waters of the Commonwealth that are not authorized by a DEP permit.*

*Motion carried.*

### **Resolutions from the PACD Ways & Means Committee**

No resolutions were presented.

### **Resolutions from the PACD Region Meetings**

#### Policy on Statewide Expedited Review Program (e.g. SB 891, Session of 2019)

SB 891 proposes an expedited review process by establishing an Advanced Permit Review Program and an Advanced Permit Review Fund. Three of the PACD regions were able to vote on this policy during the fall region meetings.

*It was moved by Piper Sherburne and seconded by Seleen Shives to forward the following motions to PACD Executive Council for consideration:*

- a. South East: 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.*
- b. North West: PACD will negotiate and create a productive amendment for SB 891, involving conservation districts in the review and permitting process for expedited reviews.*
- c. South West: PACD opposes the formation of a statewide expedited review program.*

*Motion carried.*

### **Adjourn**

*It was moved by Sandy Thompson and seconded by Chuck Duritsa to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m. Motion carried.*