

**PACD District Employees Committee  
Zoom Meeting  
January 12, 2024  
10:00 AM**

**Minutes**

**Welcome and Roll Call**

Jamie Knecht welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM.

*Committee members in attendance:* Jamie Knecht, Wayne; Jenna St. Clair, Schuylkill; Kristina Heaney, Monroe; Ray Gormon, Cambria; Sandy Thompson, McKean; Jeff Holcomb, McKean; Holly Kaplan, Lehigh; Kate Wehler, Elk

*Guests in attendance:* Brenda Shambaugh, PACD; Holly Miller, PACD; Matt Miller, PACD; Wendy McRoberts, Northampton; Tyler Keefer, Lancaster; Amanda Goldsmith, Lancaster; Grace Chamberlain, Lancaster; Eric Hout, Lancaster; Adam Stern, Lancaster; Tara Mlodzienski, Pike; Janet Creegan, DEP; Doug Wolfgang, SCC

**Minutes of Previous Meetings**

The minutes of the previous meeting were emailed for review.

*It was moved by Sandy Thompson and seconded by Holly Kaplan to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2023, meeting. Motion carried.*

**Conservation District Training Opportunities – Holly Miller, PACD**

Holly Miller, PACD Program Manager, shared information on training opportunities coordinated by PACD and provided a list showing 2024 training opportunities offered by PACD.

**Leadership Development Program – Matt Miller, PACD**

Matt Miller, PACD Leadership Development shared information on 2024 training opportunities coordinated by PACD and Leadership Development.

**Identify and Assess District Staff Needs**

Folks on the call expressed their thanks for the training being offered to conservation district staff. Additional ag bootcamps provide more opportunities for newer staff to learn about ag operations. This is especially helpful for those with no ag background. Exposure to multiple Chapter 102/105 training courses is great for staff.

**New Chairperson for the DE Committee**

Jamie Knecht is stepping down as chairperson. Sandy Thompson will be filling in with Holly Kaplan who will be taking over as chairperson.

Doug Wolfgang from the SCC expressed his thanks to everyone for the work they are doing.

**Adjourn**

*It was moved by Kate Wehler and seconded by Kristina Heany to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.*

The meeting was adjourned at 10:39 AM.