

**PACD Operations Committee
Videoconference Minutes
July 12, 2024**

Welcome and Roll Call

Committee chair and PACD 1st Vice President Emil Bove called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Committee members present: Emil Bove, Westmoreland; Charles Duritsa, Westmoreland; Blaine Smith, Blair; Erica Tomlinson, Tioga; Jay Russell, Mercer; Sandy Thompson, McKean; Seleen Shives, Fulton

Guests present: David Stoner, Franklin; Dean Druckenmiller, Berks; Molly Burns, PACD; Brenda Shambaugh, PACD

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting on January 19, 2024, were provided for review.

It was moved by Chuck Duritsa and seconded by Blaine Smith to approve the minutes of the previous meeting on January 19, 2024, as presented. Motion carried.

Resolutions from PACD Committees

No resolutions were presented. Executive Director Brenda Shambaugh reported the PACD Legislative Committee proposed a policy to go to the 2024 Fall PACD Region Meetings. That policy will come before the Operations Committee in January 2025.

Resolutions from the PACD Region Meetings

An attachment listing the proposed policies was provided for review.

- Discussion on PACD Requesting a \$500 Donation from Conservation Districts
Chair Emil Bove read the proposed resolution for the committee.

It was moved by Erica Tomlinson and seconded by Chuck Duritsa to forward the following to PACD Executive Council for consideration:

The PACD Ways and Means Committee moved to recommend discussion for the potential of requesting a \$500 donation from the conservation districts to PACD as a short-term solution to the financial shortfalls currently existing.

Motion carried.



- Increase to Growing Greener Plus Grants Program Administrative Expense Limitation
Chair Emil Bove read the proposed resolution for the committee.

It was moved by Blaine Smith and seconded by Chuck Duritsa to forward the following proposed policy to PACD Executive Council for consideration:

The Growing Green Plus Grants Program offered by the PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) funds projects aimed at reducing nonpoint source water pollution through local, watershed-based planning, restoration, and protection efforts. PACD supports legislation to increase the administrative expense limitation for the Growing Greener program to a minimum of 10% to better cover administrative expenses.

Motion carried.

- Policy on Mandatory Riparian Buffers
Chair Emil Bove read the proposed resolution for the committee.

It was moved by Chuck Duritsa and seconded by Blaine Smith to forward the following proposed policy to PACD Executive Council for consideration:

PACD recognizes the significant environmental benefit of riparian buffers along surface bodies of water. PACD supports education and incentives for voluntary installation of riparian buffers as opposed to legislation allowing administrative agencies of the Commonwealth and municipalities to require buffers along any body of water more restrictive than current law and regulation.

Motion carried.

Adjournment

It was moved by Chris Thompson and seconded by Erica Tomlinson to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m.