

**PACD South West Region Meeting Minutes  
Westmoreland Conservation District, Greensburg, PA  
April 10, 2025**

**Welcome and Introductions**

PACD South West Region Director Barb Peace welcomed everyone to the meeting and called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

*In attendance:* Phillip Wilson, NRCS/TAG; Amy Brown, PACD; Stephanie Jellison, DCNR; Barb Peace, Indiana; Emil Bove, Westmoreland; Len Lichvar, Somerset; Jared Shippey, NRCS; Jeff Werner, NRCS; Kate Bresaw, DEP; Doug Wolfgang, SCC; Matt Miller, PACD; Ron Rohall, Westmoreland; Dennis Beck, PACD; Ray Gorman, Cambria; John Dryzal, Cambria; Rob Cronauer, Westmoreland; Jeff Pflug, Beaver; Lisa Snider, Greene; Danielle Kalp, PACD; Carl Deluca, DEP; Kelly Stagen, PACD/Pike; Cliff Lane, PACD; Erin Copeland, Allegheny; Chuck Duritsa, Westmoreland; Ryan Furrer, DEP; Doug Beri, Indiana; Mike Doucette DCNR; Karlin Lamberto, Allegheny; Jennifer Dann, Washington; Heather Manzo, Allegheny; Sandy Schmidt, Somerset; Mark Critz, PDA.

Barb Peace read a statement from the PACD Executive Board about the dues proposal to be reviewed later in the meeting, with input from PACD 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Kelly Stagen.

**Set Date for Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on September 30, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the Westmoreland Conservation District.

**Approval of Minutes from the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting were distributed prior to the meeting.

*It was moved by Jeff Pflug and seconded by Heather Manzo to approve the minutes of the previous meeting on September 27, 2024, as presented. Motion carried.*

**PACD Business and Report**

A written report was provided prior to the meeting. Acting Director Amy Brown provided a verbal report on behalf of PACD.

The group discussed PACD dues and reviewed the proposed three-year dues schedule proposed by the PACD Executive Board. No action was taken.

Leadership Development Manager Matt Miller provided an update on the PACD strategic planning process and encouraged everyone to complete the PACD 2025 Membership Survey.



### **Regional Information Sharing**

Each district provided an update on programs and activities.

### **Partner Reports**

#### PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR)

Southwest Region Watershed Forestry Specialist Stephanie Jellison and Allegheny Service Forester Mike Doucette provided a report on behalf of DCNR.

#### PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

A written report was provided. Conservation District Field Representative Ryan Furrer, Acting Program Manager Kate Bresaw, and Bureau of Watershed Restoration & Nonpoint Source Management Director Carl DeLuca provided a verbal report on behalf of DEP.

#### PA State Conservation Commission (SCC)

A written report was provided. Executive Director Doug Wolfgang provided a verbal report on behalf of the SCC.

#### USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

A written report was provided. Assistant State Conservationist for Operations Western Pennsylvania Jeff Werner and Assistant State Conservationist for Programs Jared Shippey provided a verbal report on behalf of USDA NRCS.

#### PA Department of Agriculture (PDA)

Western Regional Director and Executive Director of the Rural Development Council Mark Critz provided a report on behalf of PDA.

### **Adjournment**

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.