

**PACD Operations Committee
Videoconference Minutes
January 23, 2025**

Welcome and Roll Call

Chairperson and PACD 1st Vice President Emil Bove called the meeting to order with a quorum at 10:04 a.m.

Committee members present: Emil Bove, Westmoreland; Piper Sherburne, Berks; Charles Duritsa, Westmoreland; Michael Hubler, Northumberland; Jay Russell, Mercer; Seleen Shives, Fulton

Guests and staff present: Brenda Shambaugh, PACD; Caitlin Skibiel, DEP; Dean Druckenmiller, Berks; Dennis Beck, PACD/Cambria; Heather Smeltz, NRCS; Kelly Davidson, PACD; Molly Burns, PACD; Thomas Herbert, Luzerne

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the July 12, 2024, meeting were provided for review.

It was moved by Chuck Duritsa and seconded by Seleen Shives to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Resolutions from PACD Committees

No motions or resolutions were presented.

Resolutions from the PACD Region Meetings

The committee reviewed proposed policies from the PACD Region Meetings.

Brenda Shambaugh reported the South West, North West, South East, and South Central regions voted to support the original policy proposed by the PACD Legislative Committee on July 17, 2024 (Policy A below). The North Central opted not to consider the policy, and the North East proposed an edited version that specifically mentions funding.

Brenda Shambaugh reported that the PACD Executive Council will vote on Policy A first. If Policy A passes, then it will be adopted, and Policy B will be moot. If Policy A fails, then Policy B will be put to the vote. If Policy B passes, it will be adopted. If it fails, neither policy will be adopted.

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



- A. PACD recognizes the significant environmental benefit of protecting our Commonwealth's natural resources through Best Management Practices (BMPs). PACD supports education and incentives for voluntary installation of BMPs.*
- B. PACD recognizes the significant environmental benefit of protecting our Commonwealth's natural resources through Best Management Practices (BMPs). PACD supports programs for education and increased incentives and funding for voluntary installation of BMPs.*

The committee further recommended that the PACD Executive Council Chair both explain the voting process (Policy A will go up for vote first. Delegates who support Policy B should vote no on Policy A.) and call on someone from the North East to explain the reasoning behind, and difference between, the two proposed policies. Motion carried.

Additional Discussion

Brenda Shambaugh reported the PACD Executive Board will be looking at a proposed dues schedule for the next three fiscal years, and explained how the funds in the Conservation District Fund Allocation Program (CDFAP) are distributed.

Adjournment

It was moved by Chuck Duritsa and seconded by Tom Herbert to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.