

**PACD NW Region Meeting
Elk Country Visitor Center, Benezette, PA
September 29, 2025**

Welcome and Introductions

North West Region Director Cliff Lane called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM. PACD President Emil Bove welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Attendees: Amy Brown, PACD; Cliff Lane, PACD/NACD; Josh Ferraro, PACD; Zenik Crespo, NRCS; Dan Ludwig, NRCS; Jeff Holcomb, McKean; Allen Campbell, Jefferson; Shaun Wesell, Jefferson; Sheila Conner, Forest; Donna Zofcin, Forest; Tom McClure, Erie; Sandy Thompson, McKean; Kate Wehler, Elk; Cassie Daniels, PACD TAG; Danielle Kalp, PACD TAG; Trudy Alexander, Clarion; Karen Books, DEP; Kaine Diel, DEP; Ian Harrell, Butler; Barb Peace, PACD/Indiana; Emil Bove, PACD/Westmoreland; Justin Challenger, SCC; Sarah Xenophon, SCC; Holly Laird, Armstrong; Kate Bresaw, DEP; Carl Deluca, DEP; Katie Stover, Warren; Kimberly Yeakle, DEP NWRO

Regional Director Election

Cliff Lane called for nominations for region director.

Tom McClure made a motion to nominate Cliff Lane as North West Region Director. The motion was seconded by Donna Zofcin. Motion carried.

Set Date for Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on April 20, 2026, hosted by Warren County 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 Donna Zofcin and seconded by Kate Wehler to approve the minutes of the previous meeting on April 17, 2025 as presented. Motion carried.

PACD Business and Report

Executive Director Amy Brown provided highlights from the PACD written report, including an update on PACD projects, strategic planning, and legislative activities. Vice President Barb Peace discussed open positions and plans for PACD.

Regional Information Sharing

Each district provided an update on programs and activities.



Partner Reports

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

Area Resource Conservationist Zenik Crespo and State Resource Conservationist Dan Ludwig reported on behalf of NRCS. There was discussion about Conservation Planner Certification.

PA Department of Environmental Protection

Environmental Group Manager Karen Books reported on behalf of DEP.

PA State Conservation Commission

Justin Challenger, Director of Financial and Technical Assistance Programs, and Sarah Xenophon, Director of Farm Viability & Natural Resource Division, reported on behalf of the SCC.

Adjournment

Cliff Lane called for a motion to end the meeting.

A motion was made by Tom McClure to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Kate Wehler. The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 AM.

