

**PACD North East Region Meeting
Pike County Conservation District, Hawley, PA
October 9, 2025**

Welcome and Introductions

North East Region Director Tom Herbert welcomed everyone to the meeting and called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Attendees: Amy Brown, PACD; Tom Herbert, Luzerne/PACD; Paul Ranello, Pike; Kelly Stagen, Pike; Jack Barnett, Wayne; Scott Savini, Pike; Tara Burnham, Pike; Brad Kunsman, CACAT; Chris Storm, Carbon; Emil Bove, PACD/Westmoreland; Barb Peace, PACD/Indiana; Jamie Knecht, Wayne; Doug Wolfgang, SCC; MeeCee Baker, Versant Strategies; Shane Kleiner, DEP; Carl Deluca, DEP; Karen Books, DEP; Jaci Kerstetter, DEP; Janet Creegan, DEP; Caitlin Connolly, DEP; Josh Longmore, Luzerne; Jenna St. Clair, Schuylkill; Craig Todd, Monroe; Kristina Heaney, Monroe

Set Date for Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on April 30, 2026, in Pike County. The fall meeting will take place in Wayne County.

Region Director Election

Current region director Tom Herbert indicated he is willing to continue serving as interim region director until another candidate can be identified.

It was moved by Kelly Stagen and seconded by Scott Savini to nominate Tom Herbert to act as Interim North East Region Director. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from the Previous Meeting

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

It was moved by Jenna St. Clair and seconded by Jamie Knecht to approve the minutes of the previous meeting on April 25, 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 and strategic planning. President and CEO of Versant Strategies MeeCee Baker introduced her firm, explained how they are representing the conservation districts at the state level, and provided a brief legislative update.

Regional Information Sharing

Each district provided an update on programs and activities.



Partner Reports

PA Department of Environmental Protection

Environmental Program Managers Shane Kleiner and Karen Books reported on behalf of DEP.

PA State Conservation Commission

Executive Secretary Doug Wolfgang reported on behalf of the SCC.

Adjournment

It was moved by Kelly Stagen and seconded by Jenna St. Clair to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.