

**PACD Conservation Committee
Videoconference Minutes
June 18, 2025**

Welcome and Roll Call

Chair Josh Longmore called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. with a quorum.

Committee members present: Dave Stoner, Franklin; Dan Miloser, Chester; Piper Sherburne, Berks; Doug Goodlander, York; Josh Longmore, Luzerne; Carl Goshorn, Cumberland; Holly Laird, Armstrong; Bill Clouser, Clearfield; Daryl Miller, Bradford

Staff and guests present: Holly Miller, PACD; Amy Brown, PACD; Molly Burns, PACD; Shannon Wehinger, PACD; Dean Druckenmiller, Berks; Lisa Dolci, Pike; John Dryzal, Cambria

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the January 8, 2025 meeting were distributed prior to the meeting.

It was moved by Bill Clouser and seconded by Carl Goshorn to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2025 meeting. Motion carried.

Potential Trout in the Classroom Project

PACD Acting Executive Director Amy Brown discussed the potential for a partnership with the PA Fish and Boat Commission on Trout in the Classroom. She explained that the Fish and Boat Commission reached out in April. The program continues to grow, and they need assistance to keep up. They project the program will be in 500 classrooms in the next program year. Committee members noted that districts have been involved with this program informally, but more formal involvement would be welcome. Josh noted that the Conservation Committee is open to helping with the project if needed.

Potential for PennDOT to Pay Flat Fee for E&S Work

Amy Brown reported that the PACD ad hoc committee has been working with PennDOT to develop a plan for PennDOT to pay fees to districts for E&S work. They are open to paying the districts \$150 per disturbed acre if PACD is willing to be the link between PennDOT and the districts. PennDOT is open to reviewing the fees every five years. This is something the districts have been requesting for many years and PACD is happy to be taking these first steps.

PACD Program Update

PACD Program Manager Holly Miller provided an update on PACD conservation programs that can help districts work with landowners to develop agricultural plans, convert lawn to native habitat, and install and maintain riparian buffers. The Ag Plan Reimbursement Program, Lawn



Conversion Sub-Grant for Conservation Districts, and Riparian Buffer Sub-Grant for Conservation Districts all have funding available and are going strong. Holly also provided an update on the Partnerships for Regional Invasive Species Management (PRISM) pilot program taking place in the North West region of Pennsylvania. The U.S. Forest Service had a hold on this and other federally funded programs, but it is active again.

Discuss Conservation Issues

Time was set aside for the committee to discuss and identify key conservation issues to focus on moving forward. Discussion included invasive species and how funding uncertainty on the federal level is affecting conservation programs.

Adjournment

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m.