

**PACD Operations Committee  
Genetti Hotel, Williamsport, PA  
July 17, 2019**

**Welcome and Roll Call**

Chairman Mike Price called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

*Committee members in attendance:* Chuck Duritsa, Westmoreland; Mark Kimmel, York; Mike Hubler, Northumberland; Randall Leisure, Lebanon; Mike Price, Beaver; Jay Russell, Mercer; Seleen Shives, Fulton; Chris Thompson, Lancaster; Sandy Thompson, McKean.

*Guests in attendance:* John Akers, Bedford; Judy Becker, Northumberland; Todd Thornburg, Washington; Josh Longmore, Luzerne; Willie Null, Clearfield; Sharon Pletchan, Northampton.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting on January 30, 2019, were presented for review.

*It was moved by Sandy Thompson and seconded by Seleen Shives to approve the minutes of the January 30, 2019, meeting. Motion carried.*

**Items from the 2019 Spring PACD Region Meetings**

Four items, which were approved by all six PACD regions during the 2019 Spring PACD Region Meetings, were presented for review.

*It was moved by Sandy Thompson and seconded by Randall Leisure to forward the following policies to PACD Executive Council for approval:*

*Environmental Stewardship Fund – State Agency Funds*

*PACD continues to support utilizing the Environmental Stewardship Fund (ESF) to fund the Growing Greener program and its success in assisting local communities with natural resource projects. We philosophically oppose using funding from the ESF to pay for state agency administration.*

*Conservation District Line-item*

*PACD supports conservation district funding to remain in the PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) fund and continue with the existing DEP funding structure.*

*Motion carried.*



### Three Year PACD Dues Proposal

*It was moved by Mike Hubler and seconded by Mark Kimmel to forward the following motion to PACD Executive Council.*

*PACD will increase dues by \$65 per district in FY 2019-20, by \$55 per district for fiscal year 2020-21, and by \$45 per district for FY 2021-22, with the PACD Ways and Means committee reviewing the dues on an annual basis.*

*Motion carried.*

### Third-party Permit Reviewers

*It was moved by Randall Leisure and seconded by Jay Russell to forward the following to PACD Executive Council.*

*PACD opposes third-party permit reviewers, such as those proposed in House Bill 1959 (2018-2019 Session) now House Bill 509 (2019-2020 Session).*

*Motion carried.*

### **Motions from the PACD Conservation Committee**

No motions were presented.

### **Motions from the District Employees Committee**

No motions were presented.

### **Motions from the Education and Outreach Committee**

No motions were presented.

### **Motions from the Legislative Committee**

Josh Longmore reported that the Legislative Committee will present the motion opposing third-party reviewers just approved by this committee (see above), at council. No other motions were presented.

### **Motions from the Ways & Means Committee**

No motions were presented.

### **Adjournment**

*It was moved by Mark Kimmel and seconded by Mike Hubler to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m.  
Motion carried.*