

PACD South West Region Meeting
10:00 a.m. to Noon
March 31, 2020

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Agenda

- 10:00 a.m. Welcome – Brenda Shambaugh, Executive Director
- Set Date for Next Meeting
 - Set Date for Meeting with DEP Deputy Secretary Aneca Atkinson
 - Approval of Minutes from the Previous Meeting
 - Election of Region Director
- 10:15 a.m. PACD Business – Brenda Shambaugh
Items to be considered include a bylaws change to move Armstrong Conservation District from the PACD South West Region to the PACD North West Region and policy encouraging the PA Department of Agriculture and related agencies to develop a delegated agreement with conservation districts to provide funding and authority to battle invasive species.
- 10:30 a.m. Presentation from the PA Invasive Species Council
- 11:00 a.m. Partner Reports
- PA State Conservation Commission – To include an explanation of the newly formed Conservation District Advisory Committee (CDAC)
 - PA Department of Environmental Protection
 - USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
- 11:45 a.m. Regional Information Sharing
This time is available to discuss one or two items of importance to the region.
- Noon Adjournment



**PACD South West Region Meeting Minutes
Allegheny County Conservation District, Pittsburgh, PA
October 22, 2019**

Call to Order

South West Region Director John Thatcher welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

In Attendance: Fred Fiscus, DEP; Phil Wilson, PACD; John Dryzal, Cambria; Charles Duritsa, Westmoreland; Jon Burgess, Allegheny; Aileen Evan, DEP SWRO; Ron Rohall, Westmoreland; Jeff Werner, NRCS; John Thatcher, Allegheny; Mike Price, Beaver; Georgia Miller, Beaver; Richard Mowl, Jr. Westmoreland; Zenik Crispo, NRCS; Todd Thornburg, Westmoreland; Paul Irwin, Allegheny; Sean Lukacs, Allegheny; John Scott, Allegheny; Doug Beri, Indiana; Mark Critz, PDA; Brenda Shambaugh, PACD; Heather Manzo, Allegheny; Ruthann Omer, Allegheny.

New Region Director Election

It was moved by John Thatcher and seconded by Chuck Duritsa to nominate Ruthann Omer (Allegheny). Motion carried unanimously.

Date of Next Meeting

It was decided that the 2020 Spring Region Meeting will take place at 10:00 a.m. on March 31, 2020 at the Westmoreland Conservation District.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting on March 28, 2019, were provided to attendees.

It was moved by Chuck Duritsa and seconded by Richard Mow to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2019, meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PACD Business and Report

Brenda Shambaugh provided a written report. The group discussed new motions for consideration.

Policy supporting legislation to raise Pennsylvania's clean fill standards to be in line with New Jersey, New York, and other neighboring states.

It was moved by Mike Price and seconded by Heather Manzo to support the policy supporting legislation to raise Pennsylvania's clean fill standards to be in line with New Jersey, New York, and other neighboring states. Motion carried unanimously.



Policy opposing legislation allowing for unreported discharges, spills or releases into waters of the Commonwealth that are not authorized by a DEP permit.

It was moved by Chuck Duritsa and seconded by Mike Price to support the policy opposing legislation allowing for unreported discharges, spills, or releases into waters of the Commonwealth that are not authorized by a DEP permit. Motion carried unanimously.

Policy opposing House Bill 414, which requires an E&S permit application to be approved within 20 days of receipt if it was submitted by a state-licensed engineer.

It was moved by Chuck Duritsa and seconded by Doug Beri to support the policy opposing HB 414. Motion carried unanimously.

PA General Assembly Update

Brenda reported that House Bills 1106 and 1107 are still alive and new bills have been introduced that would eliminate DEP from the permitting process and appoint commissions to approve or deny permits.

It was moved by Chuck Duritsa and seconded by Mike Price to oppose the expedited permitting bills. Motion carried unanimously.

Brenda presented information on the following items from her report:

- Clean Water Academy Ch. 102 Training
- Multifunction riparian buffer grant funding
- Updated Leadership Development website and information
- New salary survey
- PACD committee vacancies and participation in the directors listserv
- PACD Highlights project for legislators
- PA Game Commission wildlife kits
- Potential legislation
- Conservation district public service announcements
- PACD building update
- PACD Somerset technical office update

State Conservation Commission (SCC) Report

Johan Berger provided a report on the following items:

- Dirt, Gravel, and Low Volume Road program updates
- Policy for removal of a district director for misfeasance, malfeasance, and other reasons
- Conservation district director appointment process
- Conservation Excellence Grants
- Revised REAP Guidelines and Application for FY 2019
- Nutrient Management Program Version 7 Planning Tool
- Nutrient Management Program Version 5 Nutrient Balance Sheet Planning Tool
- Update on spotted lanternfly

District Information Sharing

Each district shared information on district activities and other items of interest in their county.

Natural Resources Conservation Service Report

Jeff Werner provided handouts and discussed the following items:

- Open sign-up for the Regional Conservation Partnership Program
- Funding for flood control efforts
- 2019 Farm Bill Programs Summary
- Emergency Watershed Protection Program

DEP Agency Report

Fred Fiscus provided handouts and discussed the following items:

- Personnel changes
- Chapter 102 Program Evaluations
- Due date for 2018 Financial Audit Report
- PA Chesapeake Bay Ag Planning Reimbursement Program
- Draft NPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Small Construction Activities
- Dates to remember

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

2020 Spring PACD Region Meetings Motions for Consideration

Following are the motions for consideration by the membership during the 2020 Spring PACD Region Meetings as of March 1, 2020. Any motions for consideration that arise after March 1, 2020, will be provided separately, either verbally or in writing, during the meeting.

From the PACD Executive Board

The PACD Executive Board passed the following motion during their meeting on January 21, 2020.

PACD encourages the PA Department of Agriculture and related agencies to develop a delegated agreement with conservation districts to provide funding and authority to battle invasive species.

From the Armstrong Conservation District

The Armstrong Conservation District board passed a motion to move to the North West PACD region during their meeting on November 20, 2019.

ACD Resolution – Move to NW PACD Region – It was moved, seconded and passed to move from the PACD SW region to the PACD NW region.

