PACD South West Region Meeting
Westmoreland Conservation District, Greensburg, PA
March 31, 2020

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On behalf of the PACD South West Region, you are cordially invited to attend the PACD South West Region Meeting at 10:00 a.m. on **Tuesday, March 31, 2020**, Westmoreland Conservation District, 218 Donohoe Road, Greensburg, PA 15601.

A charge of $18.00 will cover lunch. **Please RSVP to Sandy Dzendzel no later than Monday, March 23,** at 724.837.5271 or sandy@wedpa.com. Attendees may prepay by check or bring payment to the meeting. Checks should be made payable to the Westmoreland Conservation District and mailed to:

Westmoreland Conservation District
J. Roy Houston Conservation Center
218 Donohoe Rd.
Greensburg, PA 15601

**Please take note of the start time of 10:00 a.m.**

As the position of South West Region Director is currently vacant, please feel free to contact me at 717.238.7223 or bshambaugh@pacd.org with any questions about the meeting.

Also, please give some thought to whether you might know of someone who would be interested in filling this position. I look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

**Brenda Shambaugh**

Brenda Shambaugh
PACD Executive Director
PACD South West Region Meeting  
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Agenda

10:00 a.m. Welcome and Introductions – Brenda Shambaugh, Executive Director

10:10 am Region Director Election – Brenda Shambaugh, Executive Director

10:15 a.m. Set Date for Next Meeting

10:20 a.m. Set Date for Meeting with DEP Deputy Secretary Aneca Atkinson

10:25 a.m. Approval of Minutes from the Previous Meeting

10:30 a.m. PACD Business and Report – Brenda Shambaugh, Executive Director

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.

11:25 a.m. Regional Information Sharing

Each district is asked to highlight three items.

Noon Working Lunch and 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

1:00 p.m. Activities Conclude
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 listserve
- 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.