

**PACD North East Region Meeting**  
**10:00 a.m. to Noon**  
**April 3, 2020**

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**Agenda**

- 10:00 a.m. Welcome – Chuck Gould, Region Director
- 10:02 a.m. Set Date for Next Meeting
- 10:05 a.m. Set Date for Meeting with DEP Deputy Secretary Aneca Atkinson
- 10:10 a.m. Approval of Minutes from the Previous Meeting
- 10:15 a.m. PACD Business – 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.*
- 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 North East Region Meeting  
DEP Northeast Regional Office, Wilkes-Barre, PA  
September 27, 2019**

**Welcome and Introductions**

PACD North East Region Director Kelly Stagen welcomed everyone to the meeting and called roll.

**In attendance:** Audrey Wargo (Carbon); Shane Kleiner (DEP); Karen Books (DEP); Tim Ference (Luzerne); Jack Hanish (Luzerne); Josh Longmore (Luzerne); Adam Schellhammer (Monroe); Chuck Gould (Monroe); Lori Kerrigan (Monroe); Nancy DiFiore (NRCS); Dan Dostie (NRCS); Jen Matthews (NRCS) Brenda Shambaugh (PACD); Nathan Brophy (PACD); Andy Wodehouse (PACD); Michele Long (Pike); Kelly Stagen (Pike); Chris Ingulli (Pike); Karl Brown (SCC); Jamie Knecht (Wayne); Jack Barnett (Wayne); Doug Deutsch (Wyoming); Dorne White (Wyoming); Bob Robinson (Wyoming); Jennifer Ramey (Susquehanna); Jerry Stiles (Lackawanna).

**Date for Next Meeting**

The next meeting was set for April 3, 2020, at the DEP Northeast Regional Office at 10 am.

**Approval of Minutes for the Previous Meeting**

*Motion made by Bob Robinson to approve meeting minutes from the April 5, 2019. Seconded by Michele Long. Motion carried.*

**PACD Update**

Brenda Shambaugh provided an overview of her report which was provided to those present. The following actions were taken:

*Motion made by Adam Schellhammer to support the PACD Conservation Committee motion, "PACD supports legislation to raise Pennsylvania's clean fill standards to be in line with New Jersey, New York, and other neighboring states", as stated. Seconded by Michele Long. Motion carried.*

*Motion made by Adam Schellhammer to support the PACD Conservation Committee motion, "PACD opposes legislation allowing for unreported discharges, spills or releases into waters of the Commonwealth that are not authorized by a DEP permit", as stated. Seconded by Michele Long. Jerry Stiles abstained stating insufficient information has been provided regarding proposed legislation to make an informed decision. Dorne White stated he did not support this motion due to insufficient information regarding the proposed legislation. Motion carried.*

**Engineering Assistance Program Update:** Nathan Brophy and Andy Wodehouse provided an update on the projects they have been working on throughout their regions.



## **Regional Information Sharing**

**Carbon** – Audrey Wargo reported that the spotted lanternfly population appears to be increasing in the county and they're planning education and outreach. The district is working with a developer on a wind turbine project. The district's environmental center was busy with educational programs this summer.

**Monroe** – Adam Schellhammer reported that technical staff has been busy with calls about contaminated fill. The district has two new educators, one new administrator, and one new ag. technician on staff. Spotted lanternfly has been working its way north through Monroe county towards Pike county.

**Lackawanna** – Jerry Stiles reported that several Dirt, Gravel, and Low Volume Road projects currently being completed. The district purchased an ag. grade lime spreader that hasn't been used and can loan the equipment to surrounding counties if needed.

**Susquehanna** – Jennifer Ramey reported that their new watershed specialist and resource conservationist start next week.

**Wayne** – Jamie Knecht reported that the district had a successful farm tour with approximately 70 participants. Two cases of dead adult spotted lanternfly in the county.

**Wyoming** – Doug Deutsch reported that agriculture day was completed last week. Working on several NPDES projects and Dirt, Gravel, and Low Volume Road projects.

**Luzerne** – Josh Longmore reported that the district is working on spotted lanternfly education and outreach. Staff have been busy completing Growing Greener grant projects. District is in the process of reducing the directors on the board from nine to seven.

**Pike** - Michele Long reported that the district is going to be updating their strategic plan. Staff are working to develop an annual education and outreach plan for the coming year. New communications coordinator began in September. Staff has been reviewing the Beaver County Chapter 102 evaluation by DEP to make sure that required output measures are being met and procedures are being followed.

## **Partner Reports**

**SCC** – Karl Brown provided an overview of his report and handouts provided to those present.

**NRCS** – Nancy DiFiore and Dan Dostie provided a brief review of the NRCS submitted report and handouts provided to those present.

**DEP** –Karen Books provided an overview of her report provided to those present.

## **Adjournment**

*Motion made by Audrey Wargo to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Jamie Knecht. Motion Carried.*

The meeting adjourned at 1:11 pm

**North East Region Meeting  
Conference Call  
October 18, 2019**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

*In Attendance:* Luzerne CD, Monroe CD, Pike CD, Schuylkill CD, Wayne CD, Brenda Shambaugh, PACD

*It was moved by Wayne CD and seconded by Luzerne CD to nominate Chuck Gould (Monroe) as the NE region director. Motion passed.*

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.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.*

