

**PACD District Employees Committee
Zoom Meeting
January 7, 2022
10:00 AM**

Minutes

Welcome and Roll Call

Chairwoman Jamie Knecht welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

Committee members in attendance: Jamie Knecht, Wayne County; Sandy Thompson, McKean County; Jenna St. Clair, Schuylkill County; Holly Kaplan, Lehigh County; Lance Bowes, Venango County; Ray Gorman, Cambria County; Kate Wehler, Elk County; Robert Shannon, Centre County; Jeff Pflug, Beaver County

Guests in attendance: Brenda Shambaugh, PACD; Holly Miller, PACD; Matt Miller, PACD; Shirley Snyder, Northumberland County; Emily Bruce, Lycoming County; Chris Snyder, Juniata County; Karl Brown, SCC; Debbie Josuweit, Luzerne County; Nicolas DiPaolo, Northampton County; Willie Null, Clearfield County; Nancy Corbin, Columbia County

Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the January 2021 and July 2021 meetings were emailed for review.

It was moved by Lance Bowes and seconded by Robert Shannon to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

It was moved by Lance Bowes and seconded by Robert Shannon to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

Conservation District Training Opportunities – PACD

Holly Miller, PACD Program Manager, shared information on training opportunities coordinated by PACD and provided a list showing 2022 training opportunities offered by PACD.

Leadership Development Program – Matt Miller

Matt Miller, PACD Leadership Development shared information on 2022 training opportunities coordinated by PACD and Leadership Development.

NACDE, NCDEA & NACD Annual Meetings

Sandy Thompson gave an update on the NACDE, NCDEA, and NACD Annual Meetings. Election of officers took place at the last Northeast Association of Conservation District Employees (NACDE) meeting. Officers are:

President: Jeff Parker, NY
Vice President: Sandy Thompson, PA
Secretary: Alisa Bentley, DE
Treasurer: Ines Zimmerman, NJ

2022 NACDE Conference is slated to be in Maryland from August 28-30.

Visit www.nacde.org for more information on the Northeast Association of Conservation District Employees.

Sandy notified everyone of Lunch & Learn webinars that the National Conservation District Employees Association (NCDEA) offers.

The National Association of Conservation District's (NACD) annual conference is Feb 12-16 in Orlando, FL.

Identify and Assess District Staff Needs

Jamie Knecht asked if there were additional needs not addressed by upcoming training opportunities. Jamie expressed a need for forestry and timber harvesting guidance. Jeff Pflug asked if DEP's small group trainings for Chapter 102/105 were discussed. Brenda Shambaugh indicated that the Northwest training successfully took place via Zoom and a follow-up is planned for this region. The Southwest training will likely follow the same format. Kate Wehler asked when the draft agenda for topic-based Chapter 102/105 training would be available. Brenda said the planning committee will be meeting next week and is soliciting ideas for the agenda.

Adjourn

It was moved by Kate Wehler and seconded by Jeff Pflug to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:39 PM.