

PACD Education and Outreach Committee Meeting
Held Virtually
January 12, 2023 | 10:00-11:00 a.m.

MINUTES

Committee Chair Laura Anderson

Committee Members in Attendance: Laura Anderson, Kristen Currier, Emma Grubbs, Jack Hanish, Joan McCarty, Kelly Stagen, Ted Veresink, Cathy Yeakel

Guests in Attendance: Janet Creegan, Susan Gallagher, Christopher Grimsley, Charles Hanner, Susannah Harris, Wendy McRoberts, Holly Miller, Jen Novak, Frank Schneider, Brady Seeley, Lillian Theophanis, Shannon Wehinger (notetaker), Jeff Werner

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. There was a quorum.

Welcome and Introductions (Chairperson)

Chair Laura Anderson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of July 2022 minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting on July 11, 2022 were provided to members to review.

It was moved by Ted Veresink and seconded by Kelly Stagen to approve the minutes of the previous meeting on July 11, 2022. Motion carried.

PACD Updates

Shannon Wehinger provided an update on the content for educators that we talked about during the last meeting. The idea is to share videos of educational programming on Clean Water Academy that the district can use or re-create on its own. PACD has a new Instructional Designer for the Clean Water Academy. Since Chris Grimsley just started last week, he isn't up to date on the project, but we hope to move forward soon.

Conservation District Programs for Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts



Kristen Currier, Environmental Educator at Erie County Conservation District, spoke about the various programs the district does with Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts as far as Eagle Scout and Gold Award projects. Most scouts want to build something. The district did one Gold Award project – a vertical pallet garden. Long-term considerations need to be discussed before taking these projects on. The garden deteriorated after a few years. Boy Scouts have made convertible picnic tables, information kiosks, a bridge, a memorial tree trail, bat boxes, ADA accessible picnic tables, and a musical nature play area all in Headwaters Park (where the district is located).

Kristen recommended identifying one point of contact and thinking about how long things they are building will last and who is maintaining them. Restrictions on scouts being allowed to use power tools, ladders, etc. need to also be taken into consideration. In Erie, most of the building is done off-site.

The district also helps scouts with badge-earning workshops. Headwaters Park is used by scouts on their own as well.

Interactive Games for Booths & Fairs

Shannon Wehinger, Director of Communications & Education at PACD spoke about the two interactive games (cornhole and Plinko) that PACD created to have more interaction at conservation district booths at the PA Farm Show, PA State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS) Annual Conference, and Ag Progress Days.

The templates for cornhole, Plinko, air hockey, and giant Jenga are available courtesy of the Greenville County Soil & Water Conservation District in South Carolina. The link is <https://tinyurl.com/CDboothgames>. Click on the “Stormwater Games” folder. Districts are welcome to create their own games or borrow PACD’s if they aren’t being used.

New Business

There was no new business.

Adjourn

*It was moved by Kelly Stagen and seconded by Ted Veresink to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried.*

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

