

**PACD Operations Committee
Video Conference Minutes
January 20, 2023**

Welcome and Roll Call

Chairman Dennis Beck welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Committee members in attendance: Dennis Beck, Cambria; Chuck Duritsa, Westmoreland; Michael Hubler, Northumberland; Blaine Smith, Blair; Ken Meck, Lancaster; Piper Sherburne, Berks; Seleen Shives, Fulton; Sandy Thompson, McKean; Erica Tomlinson, Tioga

Guests in attendance: Brenda Shambaugh, PACD; Caitlin Skibieli, DEP; Dean Druckenmiller, Berks; Doug Deutsch, Wyoming; Janet Creegan, DEP; Lillian Theophanis, Susquehanna; Shannon Wehinger, PACD; Susan Parry, NRCS; Molly Burns, PACD

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting on July 15, 2022, were provided for review.

It was moved by Piper Sherburne and seconded by Blaine Smith to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2022, minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Resolutions from PACD Committees

There were no motions from the PACD committees.

Resolutions from the PACD Region Meetings

Salary Study Project

All six PACD regions voted unanimously to support the motion from Cambria County Conservation District requesting PACD hire a consultant to undertake a salary comparison study to justify the continuation of increased funding for conservation districts in the state budget. The below motion incorporates the additions of “voluntary” by the PACD North East Region and a maximum of \$500.00 per district by the PACD South West Region.

It was moved by Sandy Thompson and seconded by Erica Tomlinson to forward the following motion to PACD Executive Council:

PACD will ask the districts to provide voluntary funding, with a maximum of \$500 per district, to hire a consultant to undertake a salary comparison study in order to provide valuable data to justify the continuation of increased funding for conservation districts in the state budget.

Motion carried.

Adjournment

It was moved by Erica Tomlinson and seconded by Blaine Smith to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

