

**PACD North Central Region Meeting Minutes
Tokishi Training Center, Wellsboro, PA
March 31, 2026**

Welcome and Introductions

Barb Peace welcomed everyone to the meeting and called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM.

In attendance: Karen Books, DEP; Larry Butler, Clinton; Grace LeGars, Clinton; Greg Bonsall, Union; Molly Burns, PACD; Jason Childs, Potter; Jim Coslo, Centre; Abby Frey, Columbia; Jaci Kerstetter, DEP; Carili McConnell, DEP; Barb Peace, PACD; Yuri Plowden, NRCS; Carrie Richmond, Sullivan; Earle Robbins, Tioga; Brady Seeley, SCC; Rob Shannon, Centre; Erica Tomlinson, Tioga; Sam Vanloon, Tioga; Jim Weaver, Tioga; Nick Vivian, DEP; Carl Deluca, DEP; Jacqui Catrabone, Strategy Solutions; Derek Snyder, Versant Strategies; Krista Crone, DEP; Randy Leisure, PACD/Lebanon; Emil Bove, PACD/Westmoreland; Todd Deluccia, Cameron; Carli McConnell, DEP

Region Director Election

No nominations were received. Barb asked everyone to help find a new region director.

Set Date for Next Meeting

Tioga will host the next meeting on October 13, 2026, at the Tokishi Training Center.

Approval of Minutes from the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were distributed prior to the meeting.

It was moved by Earle Robbins and seconded by Rob Shannon to approve the minutes of the previous meeting on October 14, 2026, as presented. Motion carried.

PACD Business and Report

Legislative Update

Versant Strategies Chief Operating Officer Derek Snyder provided a legislative update. He also provided talking points and information to support the budget ask using a grassroots focus.

Recommended Changes to the PACD Bylaws

Director of Nonprofit & Community Services for Strategy Solutions Jacqui Catrabone presented an overview of the recommended updates to the PACD Bylaws and took questions.

PACD Report

Project & Event Specialist Molly Burns provided a report from PACD, including program updates and new and ongoing initiatives.



Proposed Policy

Molly Burns presented a proposed policy from Lebanon County Conservation District designed to protect agricultural lands from PFAS and other 'forever chemicals.' Nick Vivian explained how DEP is addressing the issue. They are working on changes to the DEP Biosolids General Permits to address 'forever chemicals' such as PFAS. The proposed policy will likely be adjusted or reframed after the region meetings, so no vote was taken.

Regional Information Sharing

Each district provided an update on programs and activities.

Partner Reports

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

Yuri Plowden with USDA NRCS provided highlights from the NRCS written report.

PA State Conservation Commission (SCC)

Brady Seely with USDA NRCS provided highlights from the SCC written report.

PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

Carl Deluca, Nick Vivian, Karen Books, and Krista Crone with DEP provided highlights from the DEP written report.

Adjournment

It was moved by Larry Butler and seconded by Rob Shannon to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:28 p.m.