

**PACD North East Region Meeting Minutes
Pike County Conservation District, Hawley, PA
April 30, 2026**

Welcome and Introductions

Acting North East Region Director Tom Herbert and President Emil Bove welcomed everyone to the meeting. Tom Herbert called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

In attendance: Paul Ranello, Pike; Dan Ludwig, NRCS; Scott Savini, Pike; Janet Creegan, DEP; Jamie Knecht, Wayne; Kyle Schutt, Schuylkill; Jenna St. Clair, Schuylkill; Tara Burnham, Pike; Emil Bove, PACD; Chris Storm, Carbon; Tom Herbert, Luzerne; Josh Longmore, Luzerne; Kristina Heaney, Monroe; Kelly Stagen, Pike; Lisa Dolci, Pike; Kyle Schutt, Schuylkill; Jennifer Ramey, Susquehanna; Don Hibbard, Susquehanna; Doug Deutsch, Wyoming; Justin Challenger, SCC; Derek Snyder, Versant Strategies; Barb Peace, PACD/Indiana; Deb Thompson, Strategy Solutions; Nick Vivian, DEP; Amanda Coleman, NRCS

Set Date for Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on September 24, 2026, at Wayne Conservation District.

Approval of Minutes from the Previous Meeting

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

It was moved by Kelly Stagen and seconded by Jamie Knecht to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. Motion carried.

PACD Business and Report

Legislative Update

Versant Strategies Chief of Staff Derek Snyder provided a legislative update, as well as talking points and information to support the budget ask with a grassroots focus.

Recommended Changes to the PACD Bylaws

Strategy Solutions President Deb Thompson presented an overview of the recommended updates to the PACD Bylaws and took questions from those in attendance.

Proposed Biosolids Policy from Lebanon County Conservation District

The group reviewed and discussed the proposed policy and Nick Vivian with DEP shared information on updates to the biosolids permitting changes. No action was taken.

PACD Report

Executive Director Amy Brown provided a report from PACD, including program updates and new and ongoing initiatives.



Regional Information Sharing

Each district provided an update on programs and activities.

Partner ReportsUSDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

Amanda Coleman and Dan Ludwig provided a verbal report to accompany the NRCS written report.

PA State Conservation Commission

Justin Challenger provided a verbal report to accompany the SCC written report.

PA Department of Environmental Protection

Nick Vivian provided a verbal report to accompany the DEP written report.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:23 PM.