

## **CARBON CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

5664 Interchange Road

Lehighton, PA 18235

January 2024 meeting – February 1, 2024

Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting held at Carbon County Environmental Education Center

151 E. White Bear Drive

Summit Hill, PA 18250

**PRESENT:** Roger Shoenberger; Josiah Behrens; Merle Hunsicker; Robbie Cressley; Dr. Justin Cunfer; Wayne Nothstein; Chris Storm; Susan Gallagher; Reannon Zangakis; Susan Gegeckas; Caitlin Skibieli, DEP; Dustin Detweiler, NRCS.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Shoenberger.

**MINUTES** from the December 2023 meeting approved on a motion of W. Nothstein, second by J. Behrens. Roll call vote carried, all in favor.

Caitlin Skibieli of DEP swore in re-appointed Board members, R. Shoenberger and Dr. Justin Cunfer.

### **BOARD REORGANIZATION**

- Motion by W, Nothstein, second by J. Behrens to nominate R. Shoenberger as Chairman. Motion by J. Behrens, second by J. Cunfer to close nominations.
- Motion by R. Shoenberger, second by W. Nothstein to nominate M. Hunsicker as Vice Chairman. Motion by J. Cunfer, second by J. Behrens to close nominations.
- Motion by J. Behrens, second by R. Shoenberger to nominate R. Cressley as Secretary/Treasurer. Motion by J. Cunfer, second by W. Nothstein to close nominations. Roll call vote carried, all in favor.
- Officers for 2024 are R. Shoenberger, Chairman; M. Hunsicker, Vice Chairman; R. Cressley, Secretary/Treasurer

**ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR APPOINTMENTS – 2024–** A motion by J. Behrens, second by M. Hunsicker to remove Jordan Behrens. Roll call vote carried.

A motion by J. Behrens, second by M. Hunsicker to re-appoint Associate Directors, K. Gilbert, F. Merluzzi, D. Hawk. Roll call vote carried, all in favor.

### **COOPERATING AGENCY REPORTS**

- DEP – Talking Points -C. Skibieli - Included in meeting packet. Reviewed with minimal discussion.
- NRCS – D. Detweiler – Included in meeting packet. Reviewed with minimal discussion.

### **FINANCIALS**

- The 2023 Year End CD Financial Reports were entered into the record on motion of J. Behrens, second by M. Hunsicker. Carried, all in favor.
- The 2023 Year End EEC Financial Reports were entered into the record on motion of J. Behrens, second by W. Nothstein. Carried, all in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- AG Tech /E&S Technician – on a motion by J. Behrens, second by J. Cunfer to hire Claire Smith at a salary of \$40,000. Roll call vote carried.
- Team AG ACAP design contract on a motion by R. Shoenberger, second by J. Cunfer. Roll call vote carried.
- ACAP Cover Crop Program Version 2.1- \$25,000 per year 2024 – 2025 on a motion by R. Shoenberger, second by M. Hunsicker. All in favor.
- Lease agreements for current/new office space – tabled until next meeting.
- Farmer’s Brunch – March 22, 2024 - 9 to 11am at Lehighton Legion.

**EEC REPORT** - Included in meeting packet. Reviewed with minimal discussion.

**DISTRICT TECHNICIAN REPORT** – Included in meeting packet. Reviewed with minimal discussion.

**DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT** – Included in meeting packet.

**DIRT AND GRAVEL/LOW VOLUME ROADS** – included in meeting packet. Nothing to report.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Next Board meeting is Thursday, February 22, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the EEC.

Respectively submitted,

*Susan Gegeckas*  
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District Secretary