

CARBON CONSERVATION DISTRICT
5664 Interchange Road
Lehighton, PA 18235
January 23, 2025
Board Meeting Minutes
Meeting held at Carbon Conservation District Office.

PRESENT: Roger Shoenberger; Josiah Behrens; Merle Hunsicker; Robbie Cressley; Scott Mosier; Wayne Nothstein; Chris Storm; Susan Gallagher; Ashley Klemczak; Fred Merluzzi; Susan Gegekas; Caitlin Skibiel, DEP; Ben Smith, NRCS via phone.

Visitor: Joyce Borger

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

MINUTES from the December 2024 meeting approved on a motion of J. Behrens, second by M. Hunsicker. Roll call vote carried, all in favor.

Caitlin Skibiel of DEP swore in re-appointed Board members, J. Behrens, III and Wayne Nothstein.

BOARD REORGANIZATION

- Motion by W. Nothstein, second by M. Hunsicker to nominate R. Shoenberger as Chairman. Motion by J. Behrens to close nominations.
- Motion by J. Behrens, second by R. Shoenberger to nominate M. Hunsicker as Vice Chairman. Motion by W. Nothstein to close nominations.
- Motion by J. Behrens, second by R. Shoenberger to nominate R. Cressley as Secretary/Treasurer. Motion by M. Hunsicker to close nominations. Roll call vote carried, all in favor.
- Officers for 2025 are R. Shoenberger, Chairman; M. Hunsicker, Vice Chairman; R. Cressley, Secretary/Treasurer

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR APPOINTMENTS – 2025 – A motion by R. Shoenberger, second by R. Cressley 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. Skibiel -Included in meeting packet. Reviewed with minimal discussion.
- NRCS – B. Smith – Included in meeting packet. Reviewed with minimal discussion. Ben mentioned that our New NRCS Representative will be Ms. Esther Ermlick.

FINANCIALS

- The 2024 Year End/ 2025 Budget and CD Financial Reports were entered into the record on motion of J. Behrens, second by M. Hunsicker. Carried, all in favor.
- The 2024 Year End/ 2025 Budget and EEC Financial Reports were entered into the record on motion of J. Behrens, second by R. Cressley. Carried, all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ethics Forms are in the CD Office by May 1, 2025
- Approved Proposed New Fee Schedule on a Motion of R. Cressley, second by S. Mosier. Roll call vote carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- 2023 Audit to be completed by the end of February 2025.

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

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

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

- Cover Crop application, Lenny Fritzinger, 32 acres \$1600. Approved on a motion of R. Shoenerger, second by M. Hunsicker. Roll call vote, carried.
- Waterway Engineering Contract, L Fritzinger, Coleman Engineering \$ 5,000. Approved on a motion of R. Shoenerger, second by J. Behrens. Roll call vote carried.
- Purchase of ACAP Supplies, up to \$200. Approved on a motion of R. Shoenerger, second by W. Nothstein. Roll call vote, carried.
- Farmer's Breakfast supplies – Cookie tray @ \$60. On a motion of R. Shoenerger, second by R. Cressley. Roll call vote, carried.
- Rain Gauges purchased @ \$2.59 each = \$454.02 Approved on a motion of R. Cressley, second by M. Hunsicker. Roll call vote carried.

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT – Included in meeting packet.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Next Board meeting is Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Conservation District Office.

Respectively submitted,

Susan Gegeckas

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District Secretary