



Greene County Conservation District

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**GREENE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
December 15, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Trader at 10:30 a.m. at Thistlethwaite's Vineyards, Jefferson, PA. Those in attendance were as follows:

Greene County Conservation District Directors and Associate Directors

Archie Trader-Vice Chairman/Commissioner Representative; Tom Headlee-Treasurer; Jim Cowell-Secretary; Greg Hopkins-Director; Bill Wentzel-Director/Environmental Program Associate; J. Robert Rice-Director Emeritus; Mike Belding-Associate Director; Bill Cree, Jr.-Associate Director; Glodenna Halstead-Associate Director; Dave Shipman-Associate Director; Gay Thistle-Associate Director; and Jim Willis-Associate Director.

Guests and Cooperating Agencies

Chuck Kubasik-PA DEP; Representatives from Pine Belt Energy Services and Momentum Oil and Gas; Directors Guests.

Staff

Lisa Snider-District Manager; Lindsay Kozlowski-Resource Specialist; Karlie Wright-Ag Technician; Jared Zinn-Watershed Specialist; Zack Basinger-Resource Specialist; and Becky Salosky-Fiscal Officer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Tom Headlee to approve the minutes of the November 17th, 2015 meeting. Jim Cowell seconded. (Motion Passed)

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Jim Cowell to approve the treasurer's report. Greg Hopkins seconded. (Motion Passed)

CORRESPONDENCE AND UPCOMING EVENTS

There was no correspondence or upcoming events to bring before the board.

Staff Reports

Lindsay Kozlowski – The review of incoming erosion and sedimentation (E&S) control plans continues.

Zack Basinger – He continues to conduct site inspections and review E&S plans.

Karlie Wright – A meeting, to discuss agricultural easements, is scheduled to be held tomorrow, December 16th, with the Perry Township Supervisors.

Jared Zinn – Two Waynesburg University student volunteers are working with Greene County Conservation District (GCCD) to assist Waynesburg Borough with stormwater management.

OLD BUSINESS

There were no updates under old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Assistance – There were no requests for assistance to bring before the board.

2016 GCCD Budget – Budget committee members, Tom Headlee, Jim Kenney, Lisa Snider and Becky Salosky met on November 17th, 2015 to draft a budget, in hopes that a state budget would soon be passed. To date, the state budget has not passed; leaving our state allocation uncertain and, therefore, action on this matter was tabled until the next regular meeting, scheduled to be held on January 19th, 2016.

No-Till Drill – This matter was discussed at the last GCCD meeting on November 17th, 2015. The committee of Bradley Eisiminger, Jim Cowell, Glodenna Halstead, Dave Shipman, Lisa Snider, and Karlie Wright met on December 11th, 2015 to review and discuss the information received regarding various drill types. Ms. Wright distributed information, including the specifications for the drill that the committee is recommending for purchase. At an approximate cost of \$25,000-\$28,000, the bidding process must be followed through Greene County Chief Clerk, Jeff Marshall.

After a brief discussion regarding a rental policy, servicing the equipment, etc., a motion was made by Jim Cowell to advertise for a bid for a Great Plains Grain Drill that was included in the information distributed at the meeting. And to require the successful bidder have a service center within 50 miles of Waynesburg. Bill Wentzel seconded. (Motion Passed)

2016 Meeting Dates – A list, which included the primary and general election dates, was included in the mailing of the meeting packets. All meeting dates, with the exception of the December meeting, are proposed to be held the third Tuesday of each month. Since the December meeting would be the week of Christmas, it was suggested that it be changed to December 13th. The Dirt and Gravel Roads Quality Assurance (QAB) meetings were also included in the information that will be advertised as a public meeting notice.

Following a brief discussion, a motion made by Tom Headlee to approve the meeting dates as discussed above. Greg Hopkins seconded. (Motion Passed)

2016 GCCD Delegates - A list of the current delegates was included in the meeting packets. Since Mr. Kenney has chosen not to be reappointed as a GCCD Director, a replacement is needed for his position of voting delegate of the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts (PACD).

Following discussion, a motion made by Greg Hopkins to appoint Mike Belding to replace Jim Cowell as the Alternate Commissioner Representative on Penn's Corner RC&D and Jim Cowell as the voting delegate of PACD. Tom Headlee seconded. (Motion Passed)

Associate Board Members - This matter was tabled until the January meeting.

CONSERVATION DISTRICT OUTREACH – There was nothing to bring before the board regarding this matter.

REPORTS FROM COOPERATING AGENCIES AND GUESTS - There were no reports presented.

EXECUTIVE SESSION--There was no need for an Executive Session.

The next regular meeting will be January 19th, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Tom Headlee to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m. Greg Hopkins seconded. (Motion Passed)

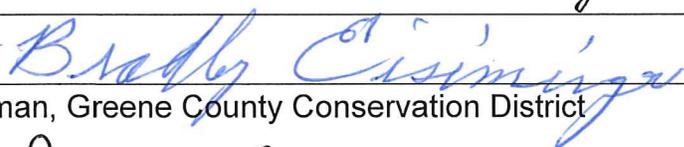
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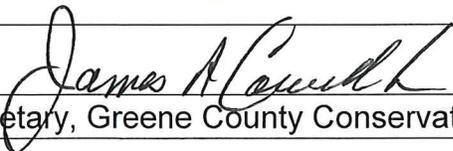
Rebecca K. Salosky
Fiscal Officer

MEETING MINUTES CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned, agree that the minutes taken above were approved in their entirety by the Greene County Conservation District on Jan. 19, 2016.



Chairman, Greene County Conservation District



Secretary, Greene County Conservation District