

# BRADFORD COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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February 5, 2024 MEETING

The February 2024, meeting of the Bradford County Conservation District was called to order by Keith Heimbach on February 5, 2024, at 12:30 PM, at the Stoll Natural Resource Center.

District Directors via Zoom: Keith Heimbach, Brian Zeidner, Daryl Miller, Alvin Herman, Nicole Harris

Others attending the meeting were: Ty Moon – PA Fish & Boat Commission, Cathy Yeakel – District Manager, Kevin Brown – Ag. Team Leader, Joe Quatrini – Tech Team Leader, Jenny Marino – Accounts Supervisor, and Cheri Holecek – Administrative Assistant.

Others attending via Zoom: Patrick Cullen – District Engineer, Daniel Rhodes – Education Coordinator, Miranda Neville – Ag Resource Specialist, Brad Cummings – Chapter 102/105 Program Manager,

Daryl Miller made a motion to accept the January 8, 2023, minutes as written. Brian Zeidner seconded the motion; motion was unanimously passed.

## REPORTS FROM COOPERATING AGENCIES AND GUESTS:

Commissioners – Daryl Miller noted that they continue with dark fiber installation and hook ups and 911 updates.

PA Fish and Boat Commission – Ty discussed the trout stocking schedules for Wysox, Tuscarora, Cooks Pond and Gaylord Creek.

Wysox & Tuscarora – 3/27 at 12:30 and 4/23 at 12:00

Cooks Pond & Gaylord Creek– 3/23 at 12:15 and 4/29 at 12:30

Stocking schedules are available online as of February 2, 2024.

Over 400 applications were received for the open job position of Waterways Conservation Officer

Commission Report – Field Representative - a handout of the February 2024 DEP Conservation District Field Rep Talking Points was handed out and discussed.

NRCS – Still assisting Wyoming Co. with general planning for EQIP, CSP, and potential EWP.

EQIP – Finished up EQIP rankings and hope to here from state office which applicants will be funded in next several weeks. Working on signing Act Now contracts for cover crop.

Staff has been attending trainings for planner certification.

Claverack – Brian Zeidner noted that over 800 are connected with Revolution and will soon reach having 1000 connected. They are working with BCCD on a pollinator project for the large lawn at the Wysox office.

OLD BUSINESS – none

## COMMITTEES

Buildings and Grounds – The committee met on 1/31/24 to discuss ARPA Capital Projects funding and BCCD facility needs. Andy Harding was contacted to do a feasibility study. He will be visiting BCCD on 1/8/2024 to give a quote on the feasibility study. Staff will reach out to landowners that back up to BCCD land to inquire about purchasing more land.

## NEW BUSINESS

Buffer Project Contract with USC – An agreement with USC was presented to hire two interns between April and October to evaluate and establish buffers, the amount of \$16,000 was awarded, they will also work on the WNV program. Alvin Herman made a motion to enter into the agreement and hire two interns, Brian Zeidner seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed.

OTHER – Cathy mentioned that two candidates have been contacted for interviews for the open Ag position. Those interviews will be conducted on Thursday, February 15, 2024. If any directors are interested in attending the interviews please let Cathy know.

## PROGRAM UPDATES

ACAP Update – None

Nutrient Management Plan Approvals – None

D&G Contracts – None

Treasure's Report & Payment of Bills – The Treasurer's Report was presented to the Board. Brian Zeidner made a motion to accept the Report and Payment of Bills. Daryl Miller seconded the motion, the motion was unanimously passed.

Correspondence – A summary of correspondence received was provided at the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1pm by Keith Heimbach.

The next meeting of the Bradford County Conservation District will be held on Monday, March 4, 2024, 12:30 PM, at the Stoll Natural Resource Center and via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheri Holecek

Administrative Assistant