

BRADFORD COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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June 3, 2024, MEETING

The June 2024, meeting of the Bradford County Conservation District was called to order by Daryl Miller on June 3, 2024, at 12:30 PM, at the Stoll Natural Resource Center.

District Directors Attending the Meeting were: Alvin Herman, Brian Zeidner, Daryl Miller, Anthony Ventello

Others attending the meeting were: Joe Quatrini – Tech Team Leader, Kevin Brown – Ag. Team Leader, Tim Robson – D&G Roads Specialist, Jonathan VanNoy – Natural Resource Specialist, Patrick Cullen – District Engineer, Bruce Chase – Associate Director, Cathy Yeakel – District Manager, Chad Spender - NRCS, Adam Chorba – Forest Specialist, Daniel Rhodes – Education Coordinator, Breanna Ameigh – WNV Coordinator, Lacy Powers – Natural Resource Specialist, Jenny Marino – Accounts Supervisor, Camille McRoberts – Intern and Cheri Holecek – Administrative Assistant.

Others attending via Zoom: Rachael Fish – DEP Conservation District Field Representative

REPORTS FROM COOPERATING AGENCIES AND GUESTS:

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

NRCS –

- Continuing to work on EQIP and CSP contracts.
- Continuing to work on CREP re-enrollments.
- Mary Baker has retired.
- Position was filled for Wyoming County DC.
- Will be assisting Ag Land Preservation monitoring with BCCD.
- Compliance reviews with FSA for Bradford County will begin, they will bring in someone from another area. Wyoming and Tioga County compliance reviews will be done by the Bradford County NRCS office.

Claverack –

- They have been having open houses.
- Monroeton area is starting to connect Fiber customers.
- Hollenbeck area has started hanging fiber but will not be open for connecting until July.
- The new Native Pollinator Habitat Project is in process and hope to have a fall planting with the no-till drill. There will be signs on-site listing the contributors.
- They have done some EV program presentations.

Commissioners –The county has hired an EMS trainer doing both EMS and Fire. The Fire Fighter training and EMS classes have been filling up.

Alvin Herman made a motion to accept the May 6, 2024, minutes as written. Brian Zeidner seconded the motion; motion was unanimously passed.

OLD BUSINESS

State Envirothon Event – Canton High School received 4th place again this year and high score for the current issue.

COMMITTEES - None

NEW BUSINESS

District Picnic – Will be held at Mt. Pisgah State Park this year, July date to be determined.

USC MOU – Anthony Ventello made a motion to move forward with the contract. Brian Zeidner seconded the motion, the motion was unanimously passed.

Land Swap – Anthony Ventello made a motion to move forward with the proposed land swap with Randy Williams and authorize Cathy Yeakel to sign any documents pertaining to the land swap. Alvin Herman seconded the motion, the motion was unanimously passed.

PROGRAM UPDATES

ACAP and CAP updates – handouts were provided showing the cost analysis comparisons to project costs from 2012 & 2014 compared to today.

Nutrient Management Plan Approvals – Brian Zeidner made a motion to approve the McClellan Farms, Inc., plan as presented. Alvin Herman seconded the motion, the motion was unanimously passed.

D&G Contracts –

QAB presented proposed changes to the Environmentally Sensitive Maintenance of D&G and Low Volume Roads BCCD program policies manual. Anthony Ventello made a motion to approve the changes as written. Brian Zeidner seconded the motion, the motion was unanimously passed.

D&G Road 2024 Grant Applications ranking chart was provided for approval. Brian Zeidner made a motion to approve the grant application ranking as presented. Anthony Ventello seconded the motion, the motion was unanimously passed.

Low Volume Road 2024 Grant Applications ranking chart was provided for approval. Alvin Herman made a motion to approve the grant application ranking as presented. Brian Zeidner seconded the motion, the motion was unanimously passed.

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. Anthony Ventello seconded the motion, the motion was unanimously passed.

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

The Pond Walk workshop was held last weekend at Bob Frey's ponds.

A slide show of Claverack's proposed pollinator project was presented.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:31 pm by Daryl Miller.

The next meeting of the Bradford County Conservation District will be held on Monday, July 1, 2024, 12:30 PM, at the Stoll Natural Resource Center and via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

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