

YORK COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
March 13th, 2009

Noting a quorum was present, the meeting was brought to order by Chairman, Jack Dehoff at 11:02 a.m. The meeting took place at York County Annex, Room 1. Mark K. offered prayer. Jeff then led in the Pledge of Allegiance. A light lunch was provided. Those in attendance were as follows:

<u>Directors</u>	<u>Associate Directors</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Jack Dehoff	Leroy Bupp	Mark Kimmel, District Manager
Jeff Gossert	Randy Craley	Chris Thompson, Asst. District Manager
Michael Flinchbaugh	Keith Eisenhart	Eric Jordan, Resource Cons.
Harry Bickel	Bruce Holbrook	Mark Flaharty, Ag Resource Cons.
Pat Sueck		Christina Dehoff, Administrative Asst.
Wayne Sweitzer	<u>Guest</u>	Kim Young, Educ. Coordinator
Dan Wolf	Steve Baker, Greenline Paper	Gary Peacock, Watershed Spec.
Bud Brown	Company Representative	
<u>Agency Representatives</u>		
Eric Samus, USDA, NRCS		
Scott Williamson, DEP		

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:

* Jack welcomed everyone to the meeting. Steve Baker with Greenline Paper Company gave a presentation on the environmentally safe products their company offers and their benefits.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION:

* Congratulations to Eric Jordan for completing 10 years of service with YCCD. Dan Wolf presented Eric with a gift card and certificate of recognition.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Many additions to the agenda.

I. Business:

1. Action on Meeting Minutes. Chris D. noted a date error in the minutes of last month. The year was incorrect.

Jeff moved to approve the minutes for the February 13th, 2009 board meeting with the correction, Michael 2nd, motion carried.

2. Treasurer's Report –
Michael reviewed the accounts.

Harry moved to file the treasurer's report for audit, Bud 2nd, motion carried.

Michael presented the Envirothon contributors and their donations.

DATE RECEIVED	NAME OF DONOR	AMOUNT	INTENDED USE
2/13/09	Sinking Springs School, PTO	\$250.00	E-thon Library
2/19/09	Roundtown Elementary PTO	\$ 75.00	General E-thon
2/26/09	York County Farmers Forum	\$ 50.00	General E-thon
2/26/09	Keith & Eva Eisenhart	\$ 50.00	General E-thon
3/3/09	Liberty Excavating, Inc	\$250.00	General E-thon
3/6/09	York Haven Elementary School	\$150.00	General E-thon
3/4/09	Izaak Walton League Chapter 67	\$500.00	General E-thon
3/5/09	Glatfelter Insurance Group	\$250.00	General E-thon
3/10/09	Snyder's of Hanover	In-kind	Donation of Pretzels

Harry moved to accept these 2009 Envirothon donations, Pat 2nd, motion carried.

3. Correspondence – Mark K.

1. Canon Envirothon 2012 Pledge Invoice & Meeting announcement – Action to approve \$150.00 pledge payment.

Harry moved to send the \$150.00 pledge amount to the Canon Envirothon 2012, Bud 2nd, motion carried.

2. Invitation to Horn Farm Center for Ag Education, National Ag Day Celebration and open house from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. @ the Center. (RSVP March 15) FYI
3. Invitation to attend 50th Anniversary of York County Planning Commission, May 13, White Rose Room, York Fairgrounds, 6-7 p.m. Social hour, 7-9 p.m. Dinner & Program.
4. Keystone Chapter SWCS, Sponsoring Bus tour to “Dig it!” “The Secret of Soil” display at the Smithsonian Institute, April 3rd, Deadline to register March 31st – FYI
5. Odor Regulation letter from Karl Dymond – FYI
6. State E-thon Letter – The State Envirothon will be reduced to a one day event and there will not be an oral presentation. Mark K asked what the board recommendations were for the York team to travel to the event. Should it be a one day trip or should we make plans to have the team stay over the night before the event.

Pat moved to have the York team spend the night before the event at a hotel in the area of the event, Dan W. 2nd, motion carried.

Thank You

1. To Kim, from Dona Warner – commending her on the Spring issue of the newsletter
2. To Tiffany, from Tim Mellott, Mellott Engineering – regarding the Travers Roost project assistance.
3. Keith shared thanks for all the well wishes he had received after his surgery.

4. New Cooperators and Cancellations

New Cooperators

4114 Kevin and Martha Miller	56 ac.	E. Hopewell Twp.	Conservation Plan
4115 Kenneth E. Moore	128 ac.	Fawn Twp.	Ag Land Pres.

Harry moved to accept these New Cooperators, Michael 2nd, motion carried.

Watershed Cooperator

4116 Karen Drawbaugh	Conewago Twp.	HELP Stream
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Pat moved to accept these New Watershed Cooperator, Harry 2nd, motion carried.

5. E&S/NPDES Program

- A) Compliance update – Eric reviewed the enforcement updates.
- B) Permit By Rule – letter to Secretary Hanger. Mark asked for Board review and suggestions for moving forward.

Dan W. moved to send the letter to Secretary Hanger and those listed on the revised cc list, Jeff 2nd motion carried.

6. NMA
 - A) Plan Under Review
 - a. Robert Gochenaur, Lower Chanceford Twp.
 - b. Roy Diem, Manheim Twp.
 - c. Wayne Myers, Dover Twp.
7. Ag Cost Share Summary Report – Mark F.
 - A) Contract Approval – Perry Lutz cost share amount \$ 1,755.00.

Bud moved to approve Perry Lutz contract, Harry 2nd, motion carried.

- B) Application – Kevin Miller estimated cost share amount \$ 6,637.50.

Harry moved to approve Kevin Miller application, Bud 2nd, motion carried.

8. Floodplain Monitoring Program Proposal Agreement – Chris T briefly reviewed the agreement and requested BOD approval to submit the first year contract.

Pat moved to approve submitting Floodplain Monitoring Program contract, Dan W. 2nd, motion carried.

9. RC&D Council Representative Appointment –Mark recommended Lonnie Young to fill the Member-At-Large appointment through 2012.

Harry moved to appoint Lonnie Young as the York County Member – At – Large RC&D Council Representative, Michael 2nd, motion carried.

10. CBP Grant Application & Tributary Strategy – Mark
 - A) Technician – Funding application review.

Pat moved to approve the CBP Tech application for funding, Harry 2nd, motion carried.

- B) Special Projects – Mark F., Gary & Mark K. reviewed the proposal.

Wayne moved to approve the CB Special Project applications for funding, Jeff 2nd, motion carried.

II. Reports:

1. Budget & Finance Committee – Internal Audit Report – Michael reviewed the report and commended staff on orderly fashion of the records and ability to answer any questions as they arose.

Harry moved to approve the Budget & Finance Committee report, Bud 2nd, motion carried.

2. SCC Mtg Report – Jack gave a brief verbal report.
3. Strategic Planning Goal #2 – Chris T. requested the board approve the formation of a Building Committee. The board had a discussion on letters of support for an Ag Service Center from Ag community's organizations and YCCD board members. Committee members: Chris T., Jack, Bud, Robert, Jeff Myers, Penn State Ext, Mark K. & a County Commissioner Representative. Other options – Senator Mike Waugh, Bruce Miller (Ag Choice) or Tom Earp (Ag Choice), Farm Bureau, Julie Flinchbaugh, S. Wolf, & Todd Platts.

Dan W. moved to approve organizing a building committee for a developing a strategy to pursue an Ag Service Center, Bud 2nd, motion carried.

4. Envirothon Update & Blog Opportunity
 1. Envirothon
 - a. Kim gave a verbal report of Envirothon donations and sponsorship donations.
 - b. Clay Shoot Sept 19th, 2009 at Starview Sportsmen's Club.
 - c. John Rudy County Park will have a very nice sign at the park entrance to identify it being the new home of York County Envirothon.
 2. Kim outlined blog opportunity for a community blog for outreach to public though the York Daily record website. District Board chose to give this a try with restrictions on response comments from public.
5. Seedling Sale Update – Chris T gave a verbal report.
 - a. April 15 bundling day & April 16 if needed
 - b. April 17 distribution day
6. Newsletter Advertising – Chris T. shared the idea with the board of selling advertisements to help underwrite the costs associated with the newsletter. Chris T. asked the board to approve soliciting ads for the newsletter. The board shared some concerns about ads detracting from the articles.

Pat moved to approve adding advertisements to the newsletter and the solicitation of advertising, Harry 2nd, motion carried.

7. PACD Marketing Survey Results – Chris T. presented the results of the PACD marketing logo and slogan. Chris asked the board to approve York County to be a Pilot County for the PACD marketing campaign.

Pat moved to approve YCCD as a pilot district and support the PACD Marketing campaign, Bud 2nd, motion carried.

8. Personnel Update – Dan Wolf announced that Bryan Withiam, E&S Technician has completed his probation period and has been recommend for full time, permanent status.
9. E&S Committee Report – Bud reviewed the written report.

Harry moved to approve the E&S Committee report, Michael 2nd, motion carried.

10. Executive Committee Report – Jack reviewed the written report. Bruce asked for the board to read and review the recommendations for our travel policy which will be discussed at the next meeting.

Bud moved to accept the Executive Committee report, Jeff 2nd, motion carried.

11. PACD/ NACD report – Pat shared a few words on her visit to the NACD office and meeting.

IV. Agency Reports:

1. USDA, NRCS – Eric Samus gave an overview of his written report. A few highlights were as follow:
 - A) Farm Bill update
 - B) Local work groups
 - C) NRCS financial update
 - D) Program updates

Owner	Operators	Acres	Tract	Township
Dennis and Carol Conrad	Dennis Conrad	162.3	3778	Chanceford Twp.
Chris and Heather Myers	Dennis Conrad	65.35	3779	Chanceford Twp.
Gary, Patsy and Lori Wolford	Jeffrey Rexroth	85.3	16988	Chanceford Twp.
John and Betty Thompson	John Thompson	205.6	4096	Shrewsbury Twp.

Harry moved to approve the plans for Ag preservation, Dan W. 2nd, motion carried.

2. PA DEP, SCRO – Scott Williamson gave an overview of his written report. A few highlights were as follow:
 - A) PA Cover Crop Work Group
 - B) Staffing update
 - C) Budget overview
 - D) Streambank fencing changing the way the bids are being taken from the local contractors.
 - E) Ag meeting overview

IV. Other Business/Additional Public Comments:

1. ACRE Scope – Mark K. reviewed a handout and reported that the grant extension was approved.

Pat moved to approve the ACRE grant extension, Jeff 2nd, motion carried.

2. Olin Sim's Plaque & Memorial Tree – Mark K. asked the board what their wishes were for a tree and plaque. Pat agreed to represent York County Conservation District at the Horn Farm Center open house and present the living Legacy in memory of Olin Sims.

Harry moved to spend up to \$100.00 to plant a tree and purchase a plaque in memory of Olin Sim, Bud 2nd, motion carried.

3. PACD letter encouraging the Governor to consider nonpoint source projects for economic stimulus dollars, prioritize projects currently unfunded, streamline the process for districts etc...

Pat moved to send a letter to the Governor supporting district involvement in the economic stimulus effort, Harry 2nd, motion carried.

4. PACD SC Regional Director's meeting was rescheduled, March 23, 2009 – Attendees were instructed to re-register.

Adjourn

The Chairman moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 9th, 2009 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Recording Secretary
Christina Dehoff

Chairman
Jack Dehoff