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GREENE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 17, 2026

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF GUES

Mr. James Cowell called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. at the Greene County Fairgrounds Building 10, 107 Fairgrounds Road, Waynesburg, PA.

Those in attendance were as follows:

GREENE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT DIRECTORS

James A. Cowell, Jr.-Chairman; Greg Hopkins-Vice Chairman via phone; Dan Bazzoli-Treasurer; Rebecca Trigger-Secretary; Jared Edgreen-Commissioner Representative; David Shipman- Director. Associate Directors: Kevin White, George Scull, Becky Salosky, Dominick Barbetta, Jerry Day, Jim Willis and Doug Willis.

STAFF

Lisa Snider-District Director; Lindsay Kozlowski-Office Manager; Zachary Basinger-Environmental Permitting Manager; Tiffany Stewart-Watershed Specialist; Daniel Phillips-Agricultural Conservation Specialist; Heather Yorke-Fiscal Officer.

GUESTS AND COOPERATING AGENCIES

Brian Witmer-Jefferson Township Supervisor, he is here to fill in for Ryan Wise.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by to approve the January 20, 2026 meeting minutes. Dan Bazzoli seconded. (Motion Passed)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ms. Yorke stated that she had written several checks since the meeting packets were mailed out. First Federal General Fund, check to Direct Results for business cards in the amount of \$130 and 2 checks to the County of Greene for invoices totaling \$15,293.20. There are two upcoming ACH deposits to the First Federal General Fund both on February 19, 2026, one for Dirt and Gravel Roads in the amount of \$154,001.26 DG replenishment & one to Low Volume Roads in the amount of \$35,896.51 for Low Volume Replenishment. Both ACH deposits have transfer checks already written and signed so Ms. Yorke will deposit the transfers to Community Bank accounts on Thursday.

One check was written from the GRACE account to The Pennsylvania State University for 300 Soil Test Kits in the amount of \$2,400.00.

There is a new Accounts Receivable person in the Treasurer's office, I am working with her to get all of the outstanding 2025 and 2026 invoices so that I can prepare them before the next board meeting.

A motion was made by Dan Bazzoli to approve the Treasurer's Report. Rebecca Trigger seconded. (Motion Passed)

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Snider stated that she would like to add 2026 GRACE Program Application Advertisement to the agenda.

A motion was made by Rebecca Trigger to add 2026 GRACE Program Application Advertisement to the agenda. Dan Bazzoli seconded. (Motion Passed)

CORRESPONDENCES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Notice of Avian Influenza in Lancaster County, there is a flock under quarantine. State Conservation Commission Meeting is today. REAP program changes, possibly requiring buffers (the most effective practice for reducing nutrient and sediment), updated ACAP Administrative manual and update the language in the Review fee policy.

STAFF REPORTS

Written reports were included in the meeting packets.

Lindsay Kozlowski – Ms. Kozlowski stated that the Envirothon grant with EQT and Community Foundation of Greene County has been submitted. Envirothon is on April 29th at Hunting Hills. The poster information has been sent to all the school and is posted on the website and the coloring contest information will be sent out soon.

Zack Basinger – Mr. Basinger stated that now that the snow is melting, he can get out and do some inspections.

Tiffany Stewart – Ms. Stewart state that she was resigning to stay home with her son, her last day will be February 25, 2026.

Dan Phillips – Mr. Phillips stated that he plans to attend the Western PA Grazing Conference on Thursday, March 12th in Clarion, PA.

Mr. Phillips explained that the Appalachian Grazing Conference was a multi-da/multi-location event this year: April 30th Warrens ville, WV, May 1st Lewisburg, WV and May 2nd Point Pleasant, WV; Mr. Phillips believes that the cost is \$50.00 per day.

Heather Yorko –Ms. Yorko stated that last week she obtained the signatory paperwork for First Federal, First National and Community Banks for the signers to complete. Mr. Hopkins is out of town so plans have been made for him to sign these papers on Monday and then Ms. Yorko will deliver paperwork to the banks.

Ms. Trigger has the bonding paperwork to complete and Ms. Yorko will drop those papers off at Baily Insurance this week.

Lisa Snider- Ms. Snider stated there was an email in your meeting packet from Ohio State University concerning recruitment and retention of employees, please take the time to complete

the survey when you receive it.

Ms. Snider stated that there are three people in her Indeed for possible interviews for the Nutrient Management position and she had an idea that she would like to discuss in executive session.

Commissioner Edgreen stated that he had something the just came up that needed to be discussed in executive session, as well.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Assistance

There were no requests for assistance.

2026 Associate Directors

Ms. Snider stated that both Tom Rohanna and Brad Johnson have accepted the offer to become Associate Directors, however, their schedules did not allow them to attend today's meeting. New associate board members can be added at any time, please let the board know of any other people that may be interested in becoming associate board members.

A motion was made by Rebecca Trigger to approve Tom Rohanna and Brad Johnson as Associate Board members. Dan Bazzoli seconded. (Motion Passed)

ACAP Funding Adjustment to the Saurborn and Bellicini Projects

Ms. Snider stated that issues with the Saurborn and Bellicini projects have been discussed for months and now the board needs to discuss the resulting funding adjustments. Ms. Snider asked Jordan Witmer to be at the meeting to explain the changes and answer any of the boards' questions. Ms. Snider asked HRG to provide a breakout of the original assignment, what has been paid already and the changes to each assignment which Dan had distributed today for the boards' review. The reason that this is being brought to the board is that the engineering company was hiring by the district to manage these projects and be on site to supervise issues when they occur. The problem is the result of a contractor subcontracting a project out and there have been changes made to our agreements that if concrete work is done the contractor is going to have to hire their own engineers for certain parts of installation and spelling out the contractor's responsibility for engineering their own concrete work in the future.

Mr. Witmer stated that the Saurborn project had a lot of concrete issues resulting in the need to demo the concrete meaning the HRG had to be there to protect the integrity of the rebar dials in the demoed walls; this meant that HRG was on site for the two weeks that it took to demo the concrete and then be on site to watch an additional wall pour as well resulting in an additional 9 site visits outside of the scope of the project.

Mr. Witmer stated that for the Bellicini project there were a lot of issues with fencing, Creekside hired a subcontract who is a general contracting exaction guy not a fence builder. HRG had to walk that fence three times with the subcontract and still there were a lot of areas where the fencing met specs for the job but it looks bad. Additionally, Creekside had misplaced the location of a stormwater system, installing it 4 or 5 feet further north than they were supposed to which would be right under the footer for another structure. Extra site visits were required to insured that Creekside corrected and prepared for concrete pour that should take place tomorrow.

Mr. Witmer explained that the second portion of Saurborn's assignment at Rush Run Road had fencing issues that require 3 extra visits and supervising a stream crossing due to contractor's lack

of understand of what is required.

Mr. Witmer explained that a decision did not need to be made today that HRG just wanted to explain what was happening so that board could meet, discuss and make a final decision in the near future. He also expressed that he was happy to return for another meeting or answer any questions that come up over the phone to aid in the decision-making process.

During discussion, Mr. Witmer was asked if he felt if he felt that the contractors were able to complete the assignments within the timeframe required and he stated that he felt that these projects could be completed, inspected and submitted for payment by the end of June.

Ms. Snider explained that the districts contract is with the landowner not with the contractor, the district pays the landowner who then pays their contractors.

Mr. Phillips stated that outside of the concrete issues with Hoys in the beginning of the Saurborn project everything has gone smoothly.

A motion was made by Greg Hopkins to table the Saurborn and Bellicini assignments funding adjustment until the March 17th board meeting. Rebecca Trigger second. (Motion Passed)

GRACE Forestry Cost Share Rate Changes

Ms. Snider stated that Mr. Gibbs was unable to attend today's meeting due to another meeting, however, he sent his recommendations that were included in the meeting packets.

A motion was made by Rebecca Trigger to approve the Forestry Rate Changes for the 2026-27 GRACE Program. Dave Shipman seconded. (Motion Passed)

2026 GRACE Program Application Advertisement

Ms. Snider stated that she needs the boards' approval to advertise for the 2026 GRACE Program.

A motion was made by Rebecca Trigger to approve advertising for the 2026 GRACE Program. Commissioner Edgreen seconded. (Motion Passed)

CONSERVATION DISTRICT OUTREACH

Annual Report

2nd Annual Farmers' Dinner

REPORTS FROM COOPERATING AGENCIES; Mr. Phillips believes

There were no cooperating Agencies in attendance.

Mr. Cowell stated that he spoke to the Farm Service Agency this morning and there will be an additional payment for farmers that signed up for the 2024 drought relief. Any farmer that hasn't signed up for the 2025 Drought relief please contact Farm Service Agency as soon as possible the deadline is the end of February.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Rebecca Trigger to go into Executive Session. Dan Bazzoli seconded. (Motion Passed)

A motion was made by Dave Shipman to go back to regular meeting. Dan Bazzoli seconded. (Motion Passed)

Ms. Snider explained that she would like a motion to integrate the Nutrient Management and the

Watershed Specialist position and advertise.

A motion was made by Rebecca Trigger to integrate the Nutrient Management and Watershed Specialist positions and advertise. Dan Bazzoli seconded. (Motion Passed)

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next regular meeting will be March 17, 2026.

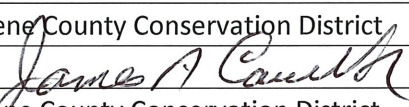
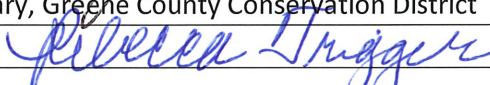
ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dave Shipman to adjourn the meeting at 11:35am. Rebecca Trigger seconded. (Motion Passed)

Respectfully submitted,



Heather Yorko
Fiscal Officer

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| <u>MEETING MINUTES CERTIFICATION</u> |
| We, the undersigned, agree that the minutes taken above were approved in their entirety by the Greene County Conservation District on March 17, 2026. |
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| Chairman, Greene County Conservation District |
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| Secretary, Greene County Conservation District |
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