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GREENE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES April 21, 2026

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF GUES

Mr. James Cowell called the meeting to order at 10:04 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; Dan Bazzoli-Treasurer; Rebecca Trigger-Secretary; Commissioner Jared Edgreen-Commissioner Representative; David Shipman- Director. Associate Directors: Kevin White, George Scull, Dominick Barbetta, Jerry Day, Brad Johnson, Lewis Crouse, Becky Salosky, Jim Willis and Doug Willis.

STAFF

Lisa Snider-District Director; Lindsay Kozlowski-Office Manager; Daniel Phillips-Agricultural Conservation Specialist; Heather Yorko-Fiscal Officer.

GUESTS AND COOPERATING AGENCIES

Ryan Furrer-Regional District Representative PADEP; Joe Walko

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dave Shipman to approve the March 17, 2026 meeting minutes. Rebecca Trigger seconded. (Motion Passed)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ms. Yorko stated that she had written several checks since the meeting packets were mailed out. ACAP account a check to Gene Saurborn in the amount of \$174,279.00. Dirt & Gravel account a check to the County of Greene for Lisa Snider's Salary and Benefits for January 1st through March 31st in the amount of \$687.50. First Federal General Fund a check to the County of Greene for invoices in the amount of \$30,129.37, a check to Dan Matesich for the Tree Grafting Workshop in the amount of \$500.00 and a check to Lisa Snider for mileage reimbursement in the amount of \$71.63.

Additionally, Ms. Yorko has two handwritten checks for transfers on upcoming reimbursement ACH deposits for Low Volume Road in the amount of \$149.80 and ACAP in the amount of \$10,420.777.

Ms. Yorko deposited the program mileage reimbursement checks in First Federal General Fund, ACAP \$535.78, Chapter 102 \$31.97 & Chapter 105 \$19.58 totaling \$587.33. Also, some additional payments for the Tree Grafting Workshop, Farmers' Dinner, Tire Recycling event on June 10th and a couple of equipment rentals totaling \$300.00

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

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Snider asked to add GRACE tree planting reimbursement rates to the agenda.

A motion was made by Dan Bazzoli to add GRACE tree planting reimbursement rates to the agenda. Greg Hopkins seconded. (Motion Passed)

CORRESPONDENCES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Road Clean-up-April 22nd 930am-2:00pm Garards Fort Road is canceled and will be rescheduled when more staff are available.

Envirothon-April 29th at Hunting Hills from 9am-12:00pm -anyone is welcome to attend.

Tree Grafting Workshop-May 2nd 10:00am-2:00pm at Conservation District Equipment Garage. Registration limited to 30 participants, Deadline for registration is March 30th Cost is \$70 per person. Lunch will be provided.

Tire Clean-Up-June 10th 2:00pm-6:00pm at Greene County Fairgrounds

STAFF REPORTS

Written reports were included in the meeting packets.

Lindsay Kozlowski – Ms. Kozlowski stated that the district did receive the EQT Foundation grant for the Envirothon this year.

Zack Basinger – Mr. Basinger was unable to attend this meeting due to a death in the family.

Ms. Snider stated that the district is working to find summer interns, two interns for West Nile and one intern to assist with Ag. If anyone knows someone 18-years of age or old, interested in environmental studies please encourage them to reach out to our office.

Dan Phillips – Mr. Phillips stated that he would be going with HRG to do a final inspection on the Saurborn project and a substantial completion inspection on the Bellicini project on Wednesday.

Heather Yorko –Ms. Yorko stated that she didn't have anything to add to her

Treasurer's Report.

Lisa Snider- Ms. Snider stated that today is the Southwest PACD Regional meeting and discussing the delegation agreements that will lead to some changes in 2027.

Watershed Specialist grant will be coming around in May without the match that was needed in the past making it simpler to do the reimbursement requests.

Ms. Snider is hoping that the district can get someone hire in the Watershed position because there is a grant round open that we could utilize in the district office.

Ms. Snider talked to PACD and was told about training for Director and possibly for associate directors that explain all the laws that we work under and what to districts does. There are options to do this training in person or virtually just let her know if you are interested and she will organize accordingly.

OLD BUSINESS

ACAP Billing for Saurborn and Bellicini

Ms. Snider asked that this item be moved to new business

A motion was made by Greg Hopkins to move ACAP Billing for Saurborn and Bellicini to new business. Rebecca Trigger seconded. (Motion Passed)

NEW BUSINESS

ACAP Billing for Saurborn and Bellicini

Ms. Snider distributed two sheets, one detailing Saurborn's project and one detailing Bellicini's project, explaining the resolution that was decided after two ACAP committee meetings. Meetings included contractor, concrete supplier, State Conservation Commission, Engineers, Solicitor and ACAP committee. after the meeting the contractor was asked to submit an offer of what the contractor was willing to pay towards the \$31,000 plus overage charges for engineering oversight.

Creekside offered to pay \$15,800.00 and requested that be able to pay after both projects have been completed and paid. Mr. Cowell, Mr. Scull and Commissioner Edgreen expressed that they were pleased with the offer and Creekside wants to continue to work with Greene County Conservation District in the future.

Mr. Hopkins stated that he wants to take steps to make sure that the language in our contracts are corrected so that we don't get billed for additional engineering fees caused by issues encountered in these types of projects.

Additionally, Mr. Hopkins would like to work to get some local contracting companies interested in these projects to help our local companies and save on traveling expenses. Ms. Snider explained that she sends the bid packages out to all the local contracting companies that attend the pre-bid meetings, but chose not to submit a bid due to their own commitments.

Ms. Snider explained that Dan Phillips in doing training that will allow him to do a lot of the necessary oversight which will limit the need for HRG.

A motion was made by Rebecca Trigger to accept the offer of \$15,800.00 from Creekside to help pay the extra engineering fees. Greg Hopkins seconded. (Motion Passed)

Request for Assistance

There were no requests for assistance.

2026 Envirothon Donations

Ms. Kozlowski stated that the district had received additional Envirothon Donations:

Greene team Pellet Fuel Company-\$100.00

R&D Watters Septic Service Inc-\$100.00

A motion was made by Commissioner Edgreen to accept the Envirothon donations from R&D Watters and Greene Team Pellet Fuel Company. Dave Shipman seconded. (Motion Passed)

Nutrient Management Funding Request 26-27

Ms. Snider stated that she has gather the information to submit the 2026-27 funding request for Nutrient Management in the amount \$40,000.00; these funds will be used for salaries, benefits and any administrative costs. Ms. Snider just needs the boards' approval to submit the request. Additionally, for the next delegation agreement which 2027-31, they are looking at tiered funding for Nutrient Management position.

A motion was made by Rebecca Trigger for Ms. Snider to submit the Nutrient Management Funding Request for 2026-27. Greg Hopkins seconded. (Motion Passed)

Poster and Coloring Judging

Ms. Snider asked everyone to vote on the coloring contest and the Poster contest before they leave the meeting today.

ACAP Committee Meeting

Ms. Snider stated that an ACAP Committee Meeting is needed to made decisions about how the district wants to proceed with the ACAP funding received in the future. This meeting will be to discuss how the district wants to hold bigger projects in the future with the funds that we will be receiving in the future. Ms. Snider has asked Washington and Fayette Counties to assist with advice on how they run their ACAP programs. The meeting will be advertised so anyone that is interested can attend.

Wisecarver Grant Update

Commissioner Edgreen explained that the Commissioners' Office and the Conservation Board were looking at a federal earmark to build a conservation building at Wisecarver. This building would house the offices for the Conservation District, a meeting hall/rentable facility highlighting the natural beauty of the area with good parking. Other agencies have expressed interest in this building, including Farm Service Agency, Penn State Extension and 4-H.

The application went through the first round of the federal earmarks, but did not make it to committee. There is a possibility of resubmitting through another legislator in the future.

GRACE Forestry

Ms. Snider explained that one of the practices in the GRACE Forestry program is tree plantings. The district was able to obtain 3,000 free tree tubes with free delivery so we have these tree tubes to offer to GRACE program participants that are interested in doing tree plantings. Since the tree tubes are the most expensive part of doing the tree planting Ms. Snider had Mr. Phillips investigate a per tree tube cost so that could be subtracted from the payments to the participants had received the free tree tubes. The costs were \$2.25 per tube and \$1.44 per stake were determined from last year's bulk tree purchase made by GRACE Forestry participants. After discussion, a rate of \$2.00 was decided to charge GRACE Forestry recipient for tree tube and stake, this amount will be deducted from their reimbursement.

A motion was made by Dan Bazzoli to deduct \$2.00 per tree tube with stake for any GRACE Forestry participant that received free tree tubes from the Conservation District. Rebecca Trigger seconded. (Motion Passed)

CONSERVATION DISTRICT OUTREACH

2nd Annual Farmers' Dinner

Conservation District Week-April 26th-May 2nd

Proclamation at the Commissioners' Board Meeting

Poster & Coloring Contest

Tree Grafting Workshop

REPORTS FROM COOPERATING AGENCIES:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Dan Bazzoli to go into Executive Session at 11:28am. Seconded by Rebecca Trigger (Motion Passed)

A motion was made by Rebecca Trigger to go back into a regular meeting at 1:04pm. Dan Bazzoli seconded. (Motion Passed)

No discussion.

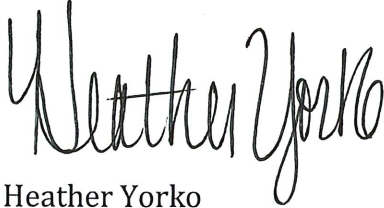
NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next regular meeting will be May 19, 2026.

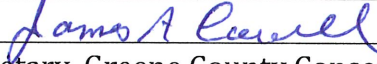
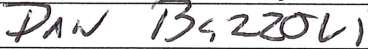
ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Rebecca Trigger to adjourn the meeting at 1:08pm. Greg Hopkins seconded. (Motion Passed)

Respectfully submitted,



Heather Yorko
Fiscal Officer

<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 June 16, 2026.
Chairman, Greene County Conservation District

Secretary, Greene County Conservation District


Treasurer