

Meeting Minutes
PACD Conservation Committee
Conference Call
Thursday, May 11, 2006

Participants:

Chair: Bob Ritchey, Cambria County Conservation District

Committee Members

Don Bashore (Juniata)
Gerald Breininger (Lehigh)
George Hildenbrandt (Centre)
Clyde Hunt (Delaware)
Jim Luce (Wyoming)
Ed Magargee (Delaware)
Tony Quadro (Westmoreland)
Jim Resh (Indiana)
Bill Slosky (Washington)
Craig Todd (Monroe)

Guests

Victor Cappucci (Wyoming)
Susan Marquart (PACD)
Brenda Shambaugh (PACD)
Shannon Wehinger (PACD) - took minutes

Bob called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. There is a quorum.

Bob confirmed that everyone received the copy of the policies with changes via email and/or through the mail. Bob asked if anyone has significant changes. If not, we will vote on this today.

It was moved by Gerald Breininger (Lehigh) and seconded by Jim Luce (Wyoming) to accept the policy statement with the changes made. Motion carried.

Discussion:

D. 11 The wording seems cumbersome. Change to: PACD encourages the development and public distribution of a navigable river list...

F. 1 Change to damage (not damaged)

I. 2 Delete the sentence "Wetlands may have more value than farmland."

J. 6 Should be programs not program at the end.

N. 1 Separate into two items. 1. We support adequate state funding for programs delegated to conservation districts. 2. We encourage communication with state officials.

N. 7 Change to: PACD supports the use of a percentage of tipping fees to support conservation district activities.

O. Change "alternate" in the section title and number 1 to alternative.

Brenda let the committee know that yesterday the Governor announced the opening of a publicly-available E85 ethanol blend fueling station in Lancaster. It is the first publicly available refueling station in the Northeast to dispense fuel that is 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent gasoline.

P. 16 Change hydro to hydroponic. Add second item as P. 17: PACD supports aquaculture.

It was moved by Jim Luce (Wyoming) and seconded by Bill Slosky (Washington) to add the two additional policy statements. Motion carried.

It was moved by George Hildenbrandt (Centre) and seconded by Jim Resh (Indiana) to accept the April 26 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jim Resh (Indiana) and seconded by Ed Magargee (Delaware) to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 a.m.