

PACD EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING
The Penn Stater Conference Center, State College, PA
July 30, 2008

Call to Order

PACD President Larry Kehl welcomed everyone to the meeting and called the meeting to order at 9:04 am.

Roll Call

PACD Secretary Drew Gilchrist called the roll. There were 40 conservation districts represented, which constituted a quorum.

Minutes of the Preceding Meeting

PACD Secretary Drew Gilchrist presented the minutes of the preceding meeting for approval.

It was moved by Bob Ritchey (Cambria) and seconded by Don Baker (Mifflin) to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mike Lovegreen (Bradford) and seconded by Jim Clauser (Carbon) to approve the minutes of the previous meeting (January 18, 2008). Motion carried.

President's Report

PACD President Larry Kehl presented the following report:

Larry encouraged everyone to donate to the NACD Capital Campaign for improvements to the NACD Headquarters building in Washington, DC. Larry said that the building needs renovation. NACD does important work for the districts, and needs a building that reflects its efforts.

Larry reported that the Smithsonian Institute of Natural History has a wonderful soils exhibit displaying each of the state soils. Larry said that the exhibit is fascinating and encouraged all to see it if they have the opportunity.

Larry reported that PACD and the Fair Share for Clean Water Coalition worked very hard to bring in additional money for districts. The Coalition was able to bring funding back to present levels after threats of major cuts, and it will continue to work for district funding.

NACD Director's Report

NACD Director Pat Sueck presented the following highlights from her written report:

Pat attended the NACD Legislative Conference, which had over 200 in attendance.

The NACD NE Region board met and finalized its budget.

NACD has adopted a climate change policy.

In addition, NACD has established five foundation committees. They are District Operations and Member Services, Communications, Legislative, Stewardship and Education, and Natural Resources Policy. The NACD NE Region board acted on a number of recommendations from these committees during its meeting.

Pat reported that she had made educational brochures and bookmarks on conservation districts available at the back of the room, and these items are also available through NACD by request. Pat urged everyone to take advantage of these materials.

Pat reported that NACD is going to change the format of its newsletter News and Views to a magazine format titled The Resource. The newsletter is currently distributed in a newspaper style, which is quite bulky.

The 2008 NACD NE Region Meeting will take place in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Next year's NE Region Meeting will take place July 26-29, 2009, in Soloman's Island, MD.

NACD has awards posted on the NACD website at <http://www.nacdnet.org/news/awards/>. Pat noted that nominations for many of the awards are due in September and urged districts to participate in the awards program.

The 2009 NACD Annual Meeting will be held February 1-4, 2009, in New Orleans, LA.

Pat reported that she is serving on the committee charged to honor the memory of Olin Sims, who was NACD President when he passed away unexpectedly in December 2007. The committee is going to recommend that districts plant a tree in his memory; plaques will be available for purchase through NACD. In addition, the new conference room at the NACD building will be named after Olin, and a bronze statue of a bucking horse will be placed there as a tribute to his love of horses. Districts who plant a tree are asked to take a picture of the tree and the plaque and send it to NACD to be included in an album to be kept in the conference room.

Pat provided an update on the 509 Capitol Court Campaign. She reported that, in July, building contractors and NACD leaders determined that the heating and cooling system must be replaced. As a result, the fundraising goal has been increased to \$320,000. Pat urged Pennsylvania districts to give to the campaign, if they have not already. She said that Renovation Ride bikers returned to DC on July 18, 2008, and they noted with appreciation that Pennsylvania was very welcoming while they were in the state.

Pat thanked everyone for allowing her to be their representative to NACD.

Executive Director's Report

PACD Executive Director Susan Marquart presented the following highlights from her written report:

Susan reported that districts receive an excellent value from PACD, receiving an estimated \$1.3 million worth of services for \$106,000 in dues.

PACD held a very successful Capitol Day, with special keynote speaker Governor Rendell.

PACD staff worked hard, along with the PA Fair Share Coalition, lobbying for conservation district funding in this year's budget. Susan noted that, because of PACD's involvement with the Coalition, lobbyists from other Coalition organizations were working on behalf of districts. Susan said that it was a very difficult budget year. The Governor initially cut the budget for districts, but the Coalition was able to restore funding to current levels. Susan said that PACD and the Coalition will continue to work on behalf of the districts.

PACD will be speaking during a hearing held by Representative Hannah during Ag Progress Days.

PACD staff worked on updates to Act 217, which were signed into law by Governor Rendell.

Thanks to the efforts of Brenda Shambaugh, PACD Public Relations/Policy Specialist, SB356 was amended to provide a seat for a conservation district representative on the board of the PA Center for Environmental Education.

Susan said that PACD staff represents districts at many meetings, functions, and organizations. Susan noted that the meetings she attended are listed at the end of the report. Also included is a list of meetings that Brenda Shambaugh attended on behalf of districts.

PACD continues to work on nutrient trading.

PACD undertakes a number of activities under its training and educational grants, including the Watershed Specialist Meeting and the Mini-Grant Program.

PACD staff continues to maintain the PACD website and listserves and to publish the newsletter and the weekly Front Page electronic update.

PACD has been researching and implementing fundraising activities, such as GoodSearch, GoodShop, and CARS to increase unrestricted funds for lobbying efforts. Susan reported that PACD recently signed on with the CARS program, which takes donations of unwanted vehicles to raise money for PACD.

Susan reported that the conference has gone very well, and that PACD staff was stretched very thin trying to manage the additional sessions that were offered this year. PACD may need to rely on additional volunteers from partner agencies and the conservation district community for next year's conference.

Treasurer's Report

PACD Treasurer Ken Meck presented the PACD Treasurer's report and distributed dues certificates to districts in good standing. Copies of the report for 2007-2008 were provided for review.

PACD Education and Outreach Committee Report

Jaci Lucas, PACD Education and Outreach Committee Chair, provided the following report:

The committee met on Monday night with no quorum.

An education survey was distributed across the state. The results were compiled and distributed to the committee. The committee feels that we should do another survey to gain feedback on funding, program costs, how programs are carried out, and what districts are charging for various programs.

Northumberland Conservation District was awarded a grant to hold a conservation district training session on November 19, 2008, in Watsontown. Watershed specialists and environmental educators will benefit greatly from the program. The grant-writing workshop presented on Tuesday, July 29, during the conference was partly funded through the same grant.

Eric Eckl provided the committee with a brief summary of the marketing conservation districts project and answered questions.

There was general consensus that a district staff person should be named as the PACD representative to the PA Center for Environmental Education (PCEE) board.

PACD Legislative Committee Report

Ron Rohall, PACD Legislative Committee Chair, presented the following report:

SB1020, which revises Act 217, passed and was signed into law by Governor Rendell as Act 75. Ron thanked Brenda and Susan for their hard work on the project.

PACD worked with the Fair Share Coalition to lobby for funds for conservation districts. They managed to get funding levels restored after they were cut. PACD will continue to work with the Coalition on behalf of districts.

Representative Ron Miller introduced a bill that would create dedicated funding for conservation districts through a surcharge on all DEP fines and penalties. This surcharge would be in addition to fines and penalties, so it would not reduce the money to go to DEP. The Dedicated Funding Subcommittee will continue to work after the legislative session to come up with next steps.

Ron thanked Brenda for getting SB356, the PCEE bill, passed with an amendment that provides PACD a seat on the PCEE board.

PACD needs to update its federal legislative contacts. There will be new federal legislators in January and PACD will need people who have or are willing to build relationships with the new legislators. PACD members will need to contact federal legislators and staff, as they may not know what the districts are and what they do.

Climate issues will be addressed in the legislature. We need to be in contact with our federal legislators to make sure districts are included when this happens.

PACD will be providing testimony on behalf of districts during hearings to be held by Representative Hanna during Ag Progress Days.

Ron urged all to maintain regular contact with their federal legislators.

PACD Conservation Committee Report

Bob Ritchey, PACD Conservation Committee Chair, presented the following report:

The committee received an update on nutrient trading.

The committee was reminded that DEP would be providing an update on Chapter 102 during the Conservation Issues Forum.

The delegation agreement for post-construction stormwater management has been formally approved by the SCC.

Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (SMCRA) money is available to PA. There is no word yet on setting aside funds for 2008/09.

The committee discussed the conservation ramifications of gas exploration, leasing, and development, and the potential role of districts.

Statewide water plan meeting dates will be posted in August in the PA Bulletin. Bob urged attendees to attend the meeting their area.

Susan Marquart attended a joint meeting with Westmoreland Conservation District, Indiana Conservation District, Penn State Extension, and Penn State Energy experts to explore the possibility of working together on energy projects. There may be an opportunity for districts to be involved. Susan will share information as it becomes available.

The committee received an update on efforts of the Fair Share for Clean Water Coalition and the budget.

PACD Ways and Means Committee Report

Ken Meck, PACD Ways and Means Committee Chair, presented the report:

The committee met with a quorum on Monday afternoon.

They set a goal to maintain a \$35,000 balance in the PACD Capital Fund and a \$10,000 balance in the PACD Endowment Fund. The Capital Fund is used for emergencies and improvements to the PACD building.

The building mortgage balance is \$176,000 and the renovation loan balance is \$4,500. PACD anticipates paying off the renovation loan by the end of the year. The committee recommends that PACD apply the loan payment to the PACD Capital Fund until the fund reaches its goal, and then apply the amount to the building mortgage until it is paid off.

PACD will continue with fundraising efforts, including GoodSearch, GoodShop and CARS. Ken noted that boats, motorcycles, some farm equipment, and other items qualify for donation to the CARS program.

The committee discussed how to increase rental potential for the space on the first floor. PACD might research colleges and legislators that need internship space and look to groups that operate out of Harrisburg that might be eligible for grant subsidies.

PACD District Employees Committee Report

Don McNutt, PACD District Employees Committee Chair, presented the following report:

Don applauded Barb Bashore with DEP for trying to create ways to fund training for new E&S staff. The District Employee Committee wants to help with this effort and has put together a small group with the goal of providing 'E&S 101' training at the 2009 Joint Annual Conference. This will be the first step in putting together a comprehensive training manual for new E&S technicians.

The Committee passed two resolutions related to recommending a district employee to serve on the PCEE board, which will be brought to the floor during new business.

The committee discussed a recommendation from the District Managers' meeting that the Appropriation Request be reprioritized. A motion to this effect was passed by the committee and will be brought to the floor during new business.

The committee discussed the new Joint Annual Conference format.

Don reported that he will be resigning his position as Chair of the committee as of January 2009.

PACD Operations Committee Report

Irvil Kear, PACD Operations Committee Chair, reviewed the duties of the committee for those present, and reported that a number of motions would be forthcoming under new business.

PACD Bylaws Review Committee

It was requested that the PACD Bylaws Review Committee be re-formed in order to review returning the committee structure to that prior to the PACD bylaws changes. There has been difficulty in reaching a quorum at some PACD committee meetings, and

it was easier to reach a quorum when anyone in attendance could vote. Any changes to the bylaws would have to be brought before the PACD Executive Council in January 2009 in order to be given final approval in July 2009.

It was moved by David Collura (Allegheny) and seconded by Sam Worley (Franklin) to recommend that the Council reform the Bylaws Committee in order to consider changing the bylaws to return to the committees being a committee as a whole with any director present being entitled to vote.

It was moved by Mike Lovegreen (Bradford) and seconded by Larry Martick (Adams) to amend the motion to change "... with any director present being entitled to vote." to "... with any member present being entitled to vote." Motion carried.

The motion as amended was put to the vote:

To recommend that the Council reform the Bylaws Committee in order to consider changing the bylaws to return to the committees being a committee as a whole with any member present being entitled to vote.

A roll call vote was requested and taken: 26 for and 10 against. Motion carried

Motions and resolutions from the PACD Education and Outreach Committee
There were no motions or resolutions presented.

Motions and resolutions from the PACD Legislative Committee
There were no motions or resolutions presented.

Motions and Resolutions from the PACD Conservation Committee
The following motion was brought forward from the PACD Conservation Committee via the PACD Operations Committee:

PACD urges conservation districts to work with and encourage the Penn State Cooperative Extension and other organizations to educate landowners about gas exploration, leasing, and development, and to use conservation districts as a resource. PACD also encourages the DEP Bureau of Oil and Gas Management to work with conservation districts to ensure water resource protection.

It was moved by Mike Lovegreen (Bradford) and seconded by David Collura (Allegheny) to approve the motion as presented. Motion carried.

Motions and Resolutions from the PACD Ways and Means Committee
The following motion was brought forward from the PACD Ways and Means Committee via the PACD Operations Committee:

Once the renovation loan balance is paid off, the monthly renovation loan payment should be applied to the PACD Capital Fund. When the PACD Capital Fund reaches its

goal of \$35,000, the monthly renovation loan amount should be applied as additional principal to the PACD building mortgage.

It was moved by Don Koontz (Mercer) and seconded by Cheryl Brobst (Columbia) to approve the motion as presented. Motion carried.

Motions and resolutions from the PACD District Employees Committee

1. The following motion regarding the PACD appointee to the PA Center for Environmental Education (PCEE) board was brought forward from the PACD District Employees Committee via the PACD Operations Committee:

The PACD District Employees Committee recommends that a Conservation District Employee be appointed as a member of the PCEE board.

It was moved by Don Bowser (Fayette) and seconded by Judy Becker (Northumberland) to approve the motion as presented. The votes were counted: 17 in favor and 20 opposed. Motion failed.

2. The following motion regarding the PACD appointee to the PCEE board was brought forward from the PACD District Employees Committee via the PACD Operations Committee:

The PACD District Employees Committee recommends that Jaci Lucas, Environmental Educator from Northumberland Conservation District and Chair of the PACD Education and Outreach Committee, or Rich Gulyas, Environmental Educator from Bradford Conservation District, be appointed to the PCEE Board.

It was moved by Deborah Wilson (Jefferson) and seconded by Sandy Thompson (McKean) to approve the motion as presented. Motion carried.

3. The following motion regarding training for new E&S technicians was brought forward from the PACD District Employees Committee via the PACD Operations Committee:

Recognizing that the PA Department of Environmental Protection provides some training opportunities for E&S Technicians, PACD feels that supplemental basic training is necessary in order to deliver a uniform and quality 102 program. Therefore, PACD asks that the PA State Conservation Commission and the PA Department of Environmental Protection commit to working with us to provide a mechanism and funding to initiate a basic training program.

It was moved by Paul Lohin (Schuylkill) and seconded by Don Baker (Mifflin) to approve the motion as presented. Motion carried.

4. The following motion regarding the PACD Appropriation Request for FY 2009/10 was brought forward from the PACD District Employees Committee via the PACD Operations Committee:

That PACD reprioritize the Appropriation Request for FY 2009/10 to include only existing programs that are included in the current allocation by the PA State Conservation Commission (SCC). This will remove items number three and number five. PACD should create a separate document requesting items number three and five for the PA Fair Share for Clean Water Plan request.

It was moved by Larry Martick (Adams) and seconded by Jacquelyn Rouse (Sullivan) to approve the motion as presented. The votes were counted: 28 for and 7 against. Motion carried.

Motions and resolutions from the PACD Operations Committee

The following motion regarding actions of the PACD Executive Board was brought forward from the PACD Operations Committee:

The PACD Operations Committee requests that the PACD Executive Board forward any agenda to each conservation district prior to each PACD Executive Board meeting or conference call, and that the PACD Executive Board forward any minutes or a summary of actions, as appropriate, to each conservation district following each PACD Executive Board meeting or conference call.

It was moved by David Collura (Allegheny) and seconded by Sam Worley (Franklin) to approve the motion as presented. Motion carried.

Election of Officers

Ron Rohall reported that the members of the nominating committee (Jack Tressler, Somerset CD; Ron Rohall, Westmoreland CD; and Victor Cappucci, Wyoming CD) met via conference call. All candidates meet the criteria for their respective positions and have agreed to run. The proposed slate of candidates is:

Larry Kehl, President

Irvil Kear, 1st Vice President

MaryAnn Warren 2nd Vice President

Drew Gilchrist, Secretary

Ken Meck, Treasurer

Pat Sueck, NACD Director

It was moved by Mike Lovegreen (Bradford) and seconded by Harold Kulp (Chester) that nominations be closed and that the Secretary cast one vote for the officers. Motion carried.

Changes to PACD Bylaws

Amendments to the PACD bylaws were provided to members for review and final approval. The changes are:

1. Insert the following new article after the current Article XI:

ARTICLE XII - AUXILIARY

Section 1. Purpose

The purpose of the PACD Auxiliary is to provide volunteer services and fundraising efforts to further conservation education and the mission of the PACD.

Section 2. Membership

Members are volunteers who support the purpose of the PACD Auxiliary. The PACD Auxiliary may collect voluntary membership dues that will be held by the PACD and may be used to further the purpose of the PACD Auxiliary.

Section 3. Officers

The PACD Auxiliary may elect officers from their membership to oversee the activities of the PACD Auxiliary.

Section 4. Auxiliary Scholarship

The Auxiliary Scholarship Fund will be used to provide an annual scholarship to a Pennsylvania resident who will or is attending a Pennsylvania college or university and majoring in a field related to agriculture, conservation, or the environment. An application form and other application requirements may be determined by the PACD Auxiliary. The selection of the scholarship recipient will be determined annually by the PACD Auxiliary. In the event that the PACD Auxiliary is not able to fulfill this responsibility, the PACD Executive Board will accept applications and determine the scholarship recipient. The Auxiliary Scholarship Fund will be managed by the PACD and held as a semi-restricted account to be used for the purposes of providing an annual scholarship in an amount determined by the PACD Auxiliary in cooperation with the PACD Executive Board. Interest earned on the Auxiliary Scholarship Fund will be credited to the Auxiliary Scholarship Fund.

Section 5. Fundraising Activities

The PACD Auxiliary may conduct fundraising projects to support the Auxiliary scholarship and other efforts that further the purpose of the PACD Auxiliary. All fundraising activities will be reported to the PACD Executive Board and conducted in accordance with PACD's fiscal policies and any applicable state and federal guidelines.

Section 6. Fiscal Management

All monies collected by the PACD Auxiliary will be deposited and held by the PACD. The PACD will be responsible for managing all Auxiliary accounts and reporting on monies generated and expended. All expenditures by the PACD Auxiliary will not exceed available Auxiliary funds unless approved by the PACD Executive Board.

2. Insert the following new item g in the current Article X Section 1:

ARTICLE X - MEETINGS

Section 1. Order of Business

The order of business for all Executive Council meetings will be as follows:

- a. Roll Call
- b. Reading of the Minutes of the Preceding Meeting
- c. Reports of Officers
- d. Executive Director's Report
- e. Treasurer's Report
- f. Reports of Committees
- g. Report from PACD Auxiliary
- h. Old and Unfinished Business
- i. New Business
- j. Reports from Partner Organizations
- k. Adjournment

It was moved by Ron Rohall (Westmoreland) and seconded by Jim Luce (Wyoming) to approve the changes as presented. Motion carried.

PACD Policies - Update to PACD Policy Handbook

PACD policies that were preliminarily approved in January were presented for final approval.

The following policy would replace the existing prevailing wage policy in the PACD Policy Handbook:

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A. State

2. PACD supports an increase in the threshold of the prevailing wage law. Following each twelve month period thereafter, the estimated cost threshold shall be increased by an annual cost adjustment calculated by applying the percentage change in the consumer price index. Because of the limited amount of funding available for conservation projects, this increase will allow conservation districts to work more effectively with the agricultural and conservation community.

It was moved by Drew Gilchrist (Montgomery) and seconded by Mike Kennis (Clearfield) to approve the updates to the PACD Policy Handbook. Motion carried.

PACD Appropriation Request for FY 2009-10

The request was provided for those in attendance. Susan reported that the request was e-mailed to members and also explained during the Issues Forum. Susan explained the report, and the amendments passed by Executive Council. She reported that the allocations made yesterday by the SCC will be added where necessary to complete the request.

It was moved by Ron Rohall (Westmoreland) and seconded by Judy Becker (Northumberland) to approve the "Appropriation Request for Conservation Districts for 2009/10 Fiscal Year" as amended, and with the correct figures added. Motion carried.

Proposed PACD Budget and Dues for FY 2008-09

The proposed PACD budget and dues for FY 2008-09 were presented to the council for review. It was reported that these materials were also mailed out in advance of the meeting, as required by the PACD bylaws. In addition, it was reported that the budget was reviewed by the Ways and Means Committee and includes a 5% increase in district dues. Susan Marquart reviewed the budget items the dues are allocated to cover, including lobbying efforts, which must be paid for using unrestricted funds.

It was moved by LeRoy Gross (Erie) and seconded by Drew Gilchrist (Montgomery) to approve the PACD budget and dues for FY 2008-2009. There was a roll call vote: 21 for and 18 against. Motion carried.

Nays (18): Larry Martick (Adams); David Collura (Allegheny); William Schall (Armstrong); Blaine Smith (Blair); Michael Lovegreen (Bradford); Robert Ritchey (Cambria); James Clauser (Carbon); John Orr (Dauphin); Donald Bowser (Fayette); Samuel Worley (Franklin); Deborah Wilson (Jefferson); Don Bashore (Juniata); Sandy Thompson (McKean); Donald Baker (Mifflin); Judy Becker (Northumberland); Jacquelyn Rouse (Sullivan); Carl Koch (Tioga); Marc Rickard (Venango).

Yeas (21): Larry Kehl (Berks); Catherine Skwara (Bucks); James Coslo (Centre); Harold Kulp (Chester); Mike Kennis (Clearfield); Larry Butler (Clinton); Cheryl Brobst (Columbia); LeRoy Gross (Erie); C. LeeRoy Vatter (Indiana); Kenneth Meck (Lancaster); Charles Wertz (Lebanon); Paul Sell (Lehigh); Donald Koontz (Mercer); Andrew Gilchrist (Montgomery); Lynn Stauffer (Northampton); Paul Lohin (Schuylkill); David Mankamyer (Somerset); Mary Ann Warren (Susquehanna); Ronald Rohall (Westmoreland); Jim Luce (Wyoming); Wayne Sweitzer (York).

Region Meeting Minutes

It was noted that not all PACD regions are taking minutes during the region meetings. Susan Marquart responded that taking minutes during region meetings is the responsibility of each region, and said that PACD would encourage the PACD Region Directors to ensure that minutes are taken and provided to PACD to post on the website.

SCC Report

SCC Executive Secretary Karl Brown presented the following report:

The changes to Act 217 are proving to be both exciting and challenging.

The conservation district community has had some very important successes over the past year, including the passage of the changes to Act 217.

Commission staff has been working hard on the REAP program and will be consumed with REAP over the next month or so.

Karl reported that he thought the new conference format worked well and encouraged attendees to let PACD know what they thought.

NRCS Report

Wayne Carvell, Acting State Conservation Engineer for NRCS, presented the following report:

Bill Bowers has retired, and Wayne is filling in. The position has been advertised.

There was a Chesapeake Bay listening session on July 14 in Annapolis, MD.

NRCS will be making increasing use of Technical Service Providers, both private consultants and other agencies.

NRCS Pennsylvania is emphasizing a common sense four-tier program: no till and minimum till, nutrient management, cover-cropping, and buffers.

Anyone who wants to work on the federal system will have to obtain a federal ID card, as required by homeland security. Wayne reported that the deadline for laptop users is the end of September. There are about ten users that need to be taken care of to continue working on the system. NRCS will be working to get those people taken care of.

DEP Report

Steve Taglang, Chief of DEP's Division of Conservation Districts and Nutrient Management, gave the following report, accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation:

DEP provided funding to conservation districts for a number of programs, as well as the CDFAP. Funding categories included the Chesapeake Bay technicians and engineers, BMP construction, Growing Greener, Conservation District Watershed Specialists, and West Nile.

The Conservation District Fund Allocation Program (CDFAP) cost-shares the salaries for 187 conservation district staff, allowing for up to 50% of the salary for district managers and technicians. Of the \$3,758,000 budget (2007-2008), \$3.60 million was allocated from DEP and \$158,000 was allocated from PDA in cost share support for district manager salaries. PDA also provided \$823,604 in cost share for salary costs and

\$38,680 for technical training for Agricultural Conservation Technicians, to 49 conservation districts.

Steve stressed the importance of DEP's partnership with PACD. This partnership includes funding for the Bay Education Office and a Non-Point Source (319) Grant. These fund the mini-grant program and other projects. DEP also partners with PACD to administer the CREP program, and to provide the PACD Engineering Assistance Program. Steve reported that PACD is invaluable because the Association makes it possible for DEP to deliver services to conservation districts and the agricultural community through one point of contact.

PACD Auxiliary Report

Sharon Sweitzer, PACD Auxiliary President, gave the following report:

Sharon provided an update on the Auxiliary Quilt Project, which benefits the PACD Auxiliary Scholarship Fund. She reported that auxiliary members were on-hand selling raffle tickets during PACD Capitol Day in March. The Auxiliary also requested money from the conservation districts to help defray the cost of the quilt. Support was received from 20 districts, and Sharon thanked these districts for contributing. Sharon reported that, all told, the Auxiliary netted a profit of \$700 from this year's quilt project. The Auxiliary has already begun working on the raffle for 2009, so look for that during the 2009 PACD Winter Meeting in January.

Sharon thanked the districts that participate in the annual poster contest and reported that this year the Auxiliary increased the award for poster contest winners to \$35 each.

Sharon reported that Hannah Smith, PACD Education Specialist, is looking for grant monies on the Auxiliary's behalf in order to expand the scholarship program.

Sharon and other Auxiliary officers are planning to attend the NACD NE Region Meeting in August and will take part in NACD Auxiliary activities there.

She thanked Susan Marquart, Molly Burns, and the PACD staff for their support and assistance.

Adjournment

It was moved by Ron Rohall (Westmoreland) and seconded by Jim Luce (Wyoming) to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.