CAMERON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

JULY 11, 2022

**In Attendance – Directors:** Mark Johnson, Dave Gelnett, Steve Zoschg, Paul Lyon, Marsha

Hendrickson, Kirk Bainey

**Associate Directors:** None

**Staff:** Todd Deluccia, Jim Zoschg Jr., Jon-Marc Burdick, Jenn Dixon,

**Agency Reps.:** Darrell Miller (PF&BC)

**Guests:** Brooke Deluccia

**Call to Order:** The meeting is called to order by Chairman Mark Johnson at 4:34 PM at the Andrews Farm pavilion. A picnic will follow the meeting.

**June Minutes:** Steve makes a motion to accept the minutes, Paul seconds, and the motion carries unanimously**.**

**Treasurer's Report:**  The PUC 22/23 deposit is from Act 13 funds and is based on 2021 revenue. Steve makes a motion to accept the report, Marsha seconds, and the report is accepted unanimously.

**Bills to be Paid:** The expenditures for SLF traps will be reimbursed with funds dedicated for that purpose.Paul makes a motion to pay the bills, Kirk seconds, and the motion carries unanimously.

**District Manager’s Report:** Marsha makes a motion to accept the report, Paul seconds, and the report is accepted unanimously.

**Conservation Resource Technician Report:** Steve makes a motion to accept the report, Kirk seconds, and the report is accepted unanimously.

**Watershed Technician’s Report:** Marsha makes a motion to accept the report, Paul seconds, and the report is accepted unanimously.

**Administrative Assistant Report:** Paulmakes a motion to accept the report, Marsha seconds, and the report is accepted unanimously.

**QAB / Dirt & Gravel:** Lumber Township has finished repairing the 2nd slide area and will now install 1800 feet of underdrain to complete the entire project. The Jerry Run project was probably completed today. The project encountered many delays and challenges including 21 contractor flat tires believed to have been caused by the Moshannon State Forest’s use of #3 aggregate on Three Runs Road. The Center for D&GR was pleased with the project’s result.

**Agency Reports:** PF&BC (Darrell): With final results still pending, thus far, the investigation into the Seneca Resources production fluid (brine) spill in the Four Mile Hollow area revealed approximately 1.5 miles of affected area with perhaps 75 yards of lethal impact on a small tributary of North Creek. The announcement of penalties is similarly pending. Also pending is action (if any) against a vendor at the annual carnival found dumping cooking grease into a street storm drain. The cause of a fish kill on Dents Run, after a trout stocking, is not clear but may have been caused by the release of AMD resulting from a heavy rain event although a 2nd trout kill doesn’t seem to be associated with a rain event. The stream will be monitored but stocking is likely to be suspended until there is a more definitive conclusion and remedy, if available.

DEP (Todd): Glitches in the 105 e-permitting system has prevented it from going paperless as IT personnel work on the problem. No date has been set for the system to go paperless.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Cameron County Fair Donation Request: Five hundred dollars is budgeted annually for the purpose of donating to the fair and has been the case for quite some time. Todd recommends that the Board approve the donation again this year. Steve makes a motionto donate $500.00 to the Cameron County Fair Committee, Marsha seconds, and the motion passes with 1 abstention.

State Budget Update: Transfers to the Conservation District Fund include $2.669 million ($869,000 last year) from the PA Dept. of Ag and $7.516 million ($2.506 last year) from the PA DEP. The spending of $640 million in unspent COVID relief funds for environmental programs under the Growing Greener III program has been approved by the legislature. Of this $320 million would fund grants for water, sewer and storm water infrastructure projects. Two hundred twenty million dollars can be used for agriculture projects to reduce nutrient and sediment runoff and provide technical assistance and will be administered similar to the D&GR program. One hundred million dollars are provided for establishing a program to support the repair, rehabilitation, and development of parks and forests areas with an additional $56 million being allocated from the state’s oil and gas revenue. Also, CDs will receive a $6.8 million increase to operate programs related to nutrient management and flood control and permitting. While Chapter 105 projects will receive revenue from these sources, no monies have been dedicated strictly for 105 purposes. These revenues represent the largest increase in environmental funding in at least the last 20 years.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:** Jenn: There are still plans to install electricity at the county recycling center.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Paul makes a motion to adjourn, Marsha seconds, and the motion carries unanimously. The meeting adjourns at 5:08 PM. The next meeting will be Monday,08 August 2022 at 4:30 PM in the CCCD office.

Kirk Bainey, Secretary