CAMERON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 13, 2022

**In Attendance – Directors:** Mark Johnson, Steve Zoschg, Paul Lyon, Lori Reed,

Marsha Hendrickson, Kirk Bainey

**Associate Directors:** None

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

**Agency Reps.:** Amanda Murdock (NRCS)

**Guests:** Chase Streich (intern)

**Call to Order:** The meeting is called to order by Chairman Mark Johnson at 4:31 PM in the Cameron County Conservation District office.

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

**Treasurer's Report:**  Lori makes a motion to accept the report, Steve seconds, and the report is accepted unanimously.

**Bills to be Paid:** Paul makes a motion to pay the bills, Lori seconds, and the motion carries unanimously.

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

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

**Watershed Technician’s Report:** A landowner in Driftwood borough moved some possibly SLF infected logs to an undisclosed location after being advised not to. The landowner also did not sign required treatment forms. The PA Dept. of Ag will be doing an investigation. Marsha makes a motion to accept the report, Steve seconds, and the report is accepted unanimously.

**Administrative Assistant Report:** Lori makes a motion to accept the report, Paul seconds, and the report is accepted unanimously.

**QAB / Dirt & Gravel:** Regarding the Jerry Run Road project, 2A aggregate has been put down and the DSA may have been laid down today. The release of additional D&GR funds to cover increased fuel costs was informally pre-approved by the Board earlier this month. Paul makes a motion to allot $103,600.00 from the D&GR account to compensate for the unexpected increase in fuel costs for the Jerry Run Road project. Lori seconds the motion and it passes unanimously. The Indian Camp Run AOP culvert replacement project may end up requiring 2 bridges or possibly 1 bridge and 1 culvert. The Western PA Conservancy will be consulted as to the best course of action. Lori makes a motion to allot $65,000.00 from the D&GR account to replace the existing culvert with an AOP approved structure at the Indian Camp Run project in Shippen Township. Paul seconds the motion and it passes unanimously.

**Agency Reports:** NRCS (Amanda): Funding for some irrigation and other systems has been authorized. A change in the record release policy is that now only the farmer can approve the release of their records. The “Soil My Undies Challenge” program has been launched. The amount of biodegradation of 100% cotton fabric buried in dirt for about 60 days is an indicator of soil health. The Joint Chiefs Grant in the PA NRCS is aimed towards forest producers and landowners. Proposals are due in August in the 6-county area of Cameron, Clearfield, Elk, Jefferson, McKean, and Potter. Conservation Districts in the area are being sought to partner with the NRCS to support the initiative by performing public outreach. Paul makes a motion for the CCCD to support the Joint Chiefs Grant program, Steve seconds, and the motion passes unanimously.

DEP (Jim): The DEP Section 319 Nonpoint Source Management program is backed by federal funding. The REAP tax credit program is geared toward encouraging certain conservation practices on farmlands.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** CDFAP Application for Funding: Applications are due by 01 July for this funding source for District Managers and E&S Techs. Steve makes a motion at approve the application for CDFAP funding, Lori seconds, and the motion passes unanimously.

ACT Application Approval: ACT funds the Conservation Resource Technician position. Lori makes a motion to approve submitting an application for ACT funding, Marsha seconds, and the motion passes unanimously.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:** The 11 July BoD meeting will be held at the pavilion at the Andrews farm and will feature a picnic. Jenn will be coordinating the menu with those anticipating to attend.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Steve makes a motion to adjourn, Lori seconds, and the motion carries unanimously. The meeting adjourns at 5:14 PM. The next meeting will be Monday, 11 July 2022 at 4:30 PM at the pavilion at the Andrews farm.

Kirk Bainey, Secretary