CAMERON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 14, 2022

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

Marsha Hendrickson, Kirk Bainey

**Associate Directors:** Steve VanEerden

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

**Agency Reps.:** Amanda Murdock (NRCS), Jaci Kerstetter (DEP)\*

**Guests:** None

\*Via Teleconference Call

**Call to Order:** The meeting is called to order by Chairman Mark Johnson at 4:30 PM in the Cameron County Conservation District office.

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

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

**Bills to be Paid:** Fourth quarter wages will be paid upon reimbursement by the state. Paul makes a motion to pay the bills, Steve seconds, and the motion carries unanimously.

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

**Conservation Resource Technician Report:** The Seneca brine leak was discovered through a routine inspection. Changes in the Driftwood Br. water quality at the SRBC remote monitoring station was detected but still within acceptable limits. In order to get relevant entities in the info loop, Jaci will inform DEP that the CCCD has concerns that county EMS and the Emporium Water Co. were not informed of the leak in a timely fashion. Steve makes a motion to accept the report, Paul seconds, and the report is accepted unanimously.

**Watershed Technician’s Report:** The SLF signs supplied by the PA Dept. of Ag are of an educational nature. The tree species that the CD applied for through the 10 Million Tree Partnership are typically planted in areas closer to the Chesapeake Bay but are suitable for the ~10 acres wanting to be planted by the district. Paul makes a motion to accept the report, Marsha seconds, and the report is accepted unanimously.

**Administrative Assistant Report:** Trout eggs for the school program were delivered last Wednesday.Marsha makes a motion to accept the report, Steve seconds, and the report is accepted unanimously.

**QAB / Dirt & Gravel:** Todd has just completed summary reports. He has been informally in contact with the townships about upcoming projects. He will be contacting Gibson Twp. about their qualified personnel, if any.

**Agency Reports:** NRCS (Amanda): The Civil Rights Responsibilities for Partners Checklist is reviewed. Local work groups for EQIP rankings will be meeting in March in Elk Co. EQIP applications are being processed. Applications for CSP (forestry and Ag) are due 02 May. The 2 years wait period for CSP is being waived. There will be no federal monies available locally for Gypsy moth spraying.

DEP (Jaci): Out of 65 Growing Greener grants (G/G) that were awarded, 19 went to CDs ($4.5 million). Less funding was distributed through G/G this past year. PACD applied for 2 G/G grants. Statements of Financial Interests are due in the SCC office from district directors by 01 May. Jaci was not aware of Dave Gelnett’s appointment to the CCCD board.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Northwest Grazing Conference – Scholarshipsfor local farmers to attend, $45 per person: It is to be held for 1 day in March in Clarion. Typically, 4 to 5 individuals attend. Steve makes a motion to fund NW Grazing Conference scholarships for local farmers that will be attending, Paul seconds, and the motion passes unanimously.

PA Envirothon Donation: The District has received a request for a donation which in the past has typically been $100. Marsha makes a motion to donate $100.00 to the Envirothon, Paul seconds, and the motion passes unanimously.

Cameron County School Scholarship Discussion: Previously, $1000 has been offered as a scholarship for CCHS graduates that intend to major in Ag or science-related curriculums in a post-high school education. Applications involve composing a 1-to-2-page essay. In lieu of a scholarship, a CCCD internship may be an option. That option would have to be approved by the County. The discussion is table until March’s meeting when Lori may be able to attend and provide her insight. In the meantime, Todd will approach the County about the matter.

Headwaters Sinnemahoning Watershed Grant Program: Todd reviews the SSWGP Round 14 Applications spreadsheet distributed to those in attendance.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:** Steve comments that the water quality of Cameron County’s waterways is now considered the best in PA.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Kirk makes a motion to adjourn, Steve seconds, and the motion carries unanimously. The meeting adjourns at 5:46 PM. The next meeting will be Monday, 14 March 2022 at 4:30 PM in the CCCD office.

Kirk Bainey, Secretary