

**Pennsylvania Association of RC&D Councils**  
**2009 Business Meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 15, 2009**  
**8:30 – 12:00 PM**

**Perry Street Station**  
**407 South Perry St.**  
**Titusville, PA 16354**

Call to order 9:35 AM. Introductions made, lack of quorum noted. Marilyn Black gave a brief history of the Oil Heritage Area and welcomed the group to the area.

**Council Reports:**

Maryann Warren gave EM RCD report; Headwaters- Matt Marusiak; Brian Oram- PNE RC&D; Sherene Hess- Penns Corner; Dave Steele- Southern Alleghenies; Kevin Morgan- Community Partnerships; Susan Parry- Capital.

Gary Smith- Program Manager, NRCS- provided comments and regards from Craig Derickson, State Conservationist. Gary urged all of the councils to sign up for the "Circle of Diamonds," which is a self-certification program through the National RC&D Association. The certification program indicates that the Council meets certain non-profit standards, and can be used to educate legislators about what the RC&D Councils in PA are doing.

**Committee Reports and Actions:**

- Nominating- Brian Oram/Maryann Warren nominated Beth Rider for Secretary. Susan to talk with Beth about the duties involved. Motion tabled to provide for time to have that discussion.
- Election of Officers- Jack Preston  
No nominations provided.
- Approval of 2008 Minutes – Susan P. Distributed; Oram/Marusiak approved for ratification
- Treasurer's Report & Approval of 2010 Budget – Joann McCready  
Joanne reviewed Treasurer's report; Marusiak/Oram motion to file subject to audit. Jack reviewed the proposed 2010 budget; request to increase Postage line to \$300.00, Increase Strategic Plan allocation to \$3,000. Motion: Oram/Marusiak. Above items approved for ratification.
- 2009-2013 Strategic Plan Review and Approval – Jack Preston; Motion to approve for ratification- Oram/Warren.

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**Other Business:**

- 2010 Meeting Schedule (January 13, April 14, July 14)  
Jack requested that each Council send a representative to each of the scheduled meetings.
- Host Council and Date for 2010 Annual Meeting  
If there is no Council desiring to host annual meeting (Sherene will ask her Council), then the PA RC&D will propose having the meeting in conjunction with the MA RC&D conference (with call-in option).
- PACD meeting- Member suggested 2011 RC&D meeting to coincide with summer PACD meeting (July 20-21); holding it either day before or after, so as not to conflict with the tight schedule for PACD/SCC meeting.
- MA RC&D Report- No Report provided.  
Matt: What is the purpose of each Association (National, Mid-Atlantic, Pennsylvania)? Mid-Atlantic: represent multi-state region, host meetings between to National events (every three years). Susan will send out a "write-up" for each of the above organizations.
- Annual Report- Ryan discussed the development and distribution of the annual report. PNE RC&D will send out the pdf file for each of the Councils, the last two pages, outlining the projects, as well as the entire report. Brian agreed to generate a press release outlining the cumulative accomplishments that could be sent along to legislature and/or other local elected officials.

Motion to adjourn (Marusiak/Oram); Meeting Adjourned at 11:40 AM.