



***Pennsylvania Association
of Resource Conservation and
Development Councils***

***PA Association of RC&D Councils
Meeting/Conference Call Minutes with motions and
important info in ***Bold italic***
Wednesday April 11, 2012
1:00 -2:00 PM***

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1:00 Welcome and roll call: by Jack Preston-President

Attendance: Jack Preston-Penns Soil & President; Brian Oram-Pocono NE; Mike Bloom-Headwaters; Wes Ramsey-Penns Soil; Sue Price- Community Partnerships; Doniele Russell-Penns Corner, Laura Hewitt-Endless Mountains; JoAnn McCready- Penns Soil & Treasurer; Robb Piper- S. Alleghenies & V. Chair (took minutes.)

1:10 Review of Minutes of January 25, 2012 meeting/conference call:

Laura asked about a copy of the corrected minutes. They were not to be found. Also she needed annual report information, and under old business, web site update was needed to be detailed and discussion followed by Wes making an attempt to make clarification. She has been trying to make corrections to the web site without effect. Who is the web site administrator? Wes will attempt to get Cheryl the information on how to make changes to be distributed to all the councils. It seemed that Capital would be the web site administrator? What is SE role in this? It was thought that they took the lead in web site development as he web master. Pocono NE has the web site domain. (Laura)-Endless MT has agreed to be the web master at the \$25/hr rate. It was asked and felt that the budget was adequate for this rate.

Doniele Russell -Penns Corner/Mike Headwaters motion to accept minutes and carried.

1:15 Treasurer's Report: JoAnn gave report. Old balance was \$3,218.70. Expenses were \$450.57 so \$2,768.13 is the current balance. Invest Account= \$6,266.77 and there is \$14,000 in a 36 month CD. ***Motion to accept for audit Doniele Russell-Penns Corner/Mike-Headwaters and carried.***

1:20 Old Business

- **PARCD Annual Report Update (5 minutes):** The email went out to all councils with the format. Wes sent theirs this morning to Sue. Doniele had a question about the format within the text box that was discussed. Sue said that this was the only one received to date. She has the maps for each council and can change the color if needed. Jack reminded all of the April 15 deadline and that he wanted to take it to the national meeting. Printing and shipping was discussed. Wes felt they could be printed by him from the electronic version. He encouraged each council to get a report in ASAP and as the notice only came out last week from Cheryl, ***a new deadline was set at April 30.***
- **Bylaw Revision Proposal to Section 5 of Article III: defining board of directors eligibility to clear up who can be an officer of the association. The current Bylaws read Section 5. The Board of Directors shall consist of one (1) delegate from each member RC&D Council. Reason for proposed change: The proposed change would allow the possibility of alternate delegates serving as officers of the Association which could be an employee of a Council. The proposed change would read Section 5. The Board of Directors shall consist of one (1) delegate or Alternate Delegate from each member RC&D Council.**(10 minutes): Wes discussed the proposed change which intended that an alternate could serve as an officer. Robb reiterated that Sue Moon of Somerset CD (and his alternate), had agreed to serve as Treasurer if this was passed. We need the secretary to mail out this proposed change at least 30 days before the annual meeting. Sue asked for most recent bylaws, she has a 2004 vintage copy. It was thought that the most recent was Aug of 2008. Cheryl is to send out to everyone the most recent BYLAWS to everyone and also it should be

posted on the web site. *Doniele Russell/Brian Oram-Pocono NE motion to send language to all for the proposed change and carried.*

Council Updates:

S. ALLEGHENIES: good attendance by electorate at the January meeting.

HEADWATERS: Dale fox new ex director with a new program called headwaters conservation partnerships focusing on industries particularly the natural gas industry. It is hoped that it will help with staffing needs. A new approach that they are excited about.

PENNS CORNERS: Will be doing phone interviews for an ex director soon and are planting 600 acres on a mine reclamation site. There are at least 10 partners and she gave Credit to Dave Beale of ACCD. Majority of funding was from the GenOn fine \$.

PENNSOIL: Wes reported on raising \$86,000 for a trail in the ANF and are moving ahead with NRCS to farmland protection contracting; looking at a new regional geo-cashing project; two new grants for a nutrient reduction program (conservation innovation grant and a growing greener grant) that involves composting manure for bedding. The august meeting will be in Warren or Clarion County.

Jack asked what the status of the dues was, where they sent out? It was determined that the \$75 dues notice was not sent out yet. *That notice needs sent out to all councils for consideration and JoAnn the treasurer will send it out.*

1:35 New Business

- **Set date and location of Annual Meeting (August-September)(10 minutes):** First, the next 1/4ly conference call scheduling was set at July 18, 2012 at 1pm using the same number we are using today as it is toll free with acceptable number of lines.
- Set date, time, and method for next quarterly conference call (5 minutes): *State College at Hoss's Restaurant was discussed. Date September 12, 2012 at 10am-2pm pending confirmation.*
- **Other business from the floor 5-10 minutes**

If Jack attends the National Meeting in Madison, WI June 10-13, 2012, he asked for consideration for costs. Discussion followed; as we have

\$300 budgeted for travel for officers. Also at \$25/hr there is \$150 budgeted. *Motion to allocate \$500 to help with Jack's costs Brian/Doniele and carried.*

2:11 Adjourn: motion Doniele Russell/Brian Oram and carried.

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