CAMERON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

MAY 9, 2022

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

 Marsha Hendrickson, Kirk Bainey

 **Associate Directors:** Steve VanEerden

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

 **Agency Reps.:** None

 **Guests:** None

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

**April Minutes:** Paul makes a motion to accept the minutes, Lori 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:** Staff wages will be paid upon reimbursement. Paul makes a motion to pay the bills, Steve seconds, and the motion carries unanimously.

**District Manager’s Report:** Several loads of logs will be needed for upcoming projects. It is not economically feasible to purchase logs in smaller than tri-axle load quantities. There is competition for Hemlock logs in the southern NY / northern PA area. A Cameron County team placed 2nd overall in the envirothon. Steve makes a motion to accept the report, Marsha seconds, and the report is accepted unanimously.

**Conservation Resource Technician Report:** The various states and the federal government all have their own lists of invasive and noxious plants. Federal regulations supersede the states. Paul makes a motion to accept the report, Lori seconds, and the report is accepted unanimously.

**Watershed Technician’s Report:** The movement of logs, in regards to containing invasive pests, lies within the purview of the PA Dept. of Ag. Also, commercial timber operations need to be certified and require a permit. Marsha makes a motion to accept the report, Steve seconds, and the report is accepted unanimously.

**Administrative Assistant Report:** An environmental education summer program, similar to last year’s, is planned again for school agers this summer. Lorimakes a motion to accept the report, Marsha seconds, and the report is accepted unanimously.

**QAB / Dirt & Gravel:** It’s anticipated that the Jerry Run project will resume in June. Potential LVR projects in Shippen Township include Four Mile or Sizer Run Roads and Alpine Village Road. These 2 projects will exhaust all LVR funds for this year. Lumber Township is proposing a LVR project on Sterling Run Road.

**Agency Reports:** DEP (Todd): Game Warden Wayne Hunt has retired and his former district is being covered by Blaine Groshek of Potter Co. He will be supplying the CD with EE props and is planning on doing a bear program for an upcoming trout release day as part of the Trout in the Classroom program. The CD has no firm plans, at this time, to apply for any Growing Greener grants. HPAI has only shown up in commercial avian operations in Lancaster Co. so far.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Envirothon Lodging for State Competition: It’s a 3-hour trip to the state competition so lodging for the participants will be desirable. CCOYA will be paying for the hotel rooms but is requesting that the CD pay for half. Total cost is $526 making the district’s half $263. The CD has received enough Envirothon donations to cover the cost. Steve makes a motion to allot $263.00 for hotel costs for the Cameron County Envirothon competitors. Lori seconds the motion and it passes unanimously.

Donation for Wildlife Leadership Academy Scholarship: There is the potential for 3 youths to receive a scholarship. Two have already been awarded by CCOYA and the NWTF with 1 not yet accepted. CCOYA is requesting $500 from the CCCD for the 3rd, should they be accepted. The district typically makes an annual donation. Lori makes a motion to donate $500.00 to sponsor 1 individual to attend the academy contingent upon their acceptance. Marsha seconds the motion and it passes unanimously.

Donation for Elk Camp Donation for Bus Transportation: The one-day event will be held at the Elk Country Visitors Center. Last year, 12 youths attended a 2-day affair which featured 2 separate events with $125 transportation costs. This year the cost to transport to and from the 1 event will be $480. CCOYA will pay the costs to transport participants to the event but are requesting financial assistance. Steve makes a motion to donate $200.00 to augment transportation costs to and from the Elk Camp. Paul seconds the motion and it passes unanimously.

56th Anniversary Discussion: To recognize the anniversary, the staff recommends that the regularly scheduled 11 July BoD meeting be moved to the Salt Run pavilion on the Andrews farm. Steve makes a motion to hold the 11 July board of directors meeting to the Andrews farm Salt Run pavilion. Paul seconds the motion and it passes unanimously.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:** Jon-Marc announces 2 upcoming events geared towards assisting watershed associations. Todd will be unable to attend the 13 June BoD meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**  Marsha makes a motion to adjourn, Steve seconds, and the motion carries unanimously. The meeting adjourns at 5:17 PM. The next meeting will be Monday, 13 June 2022 at 4:30 PM in the CCCD office.

 Kirk Bainey, Secretary