

BRADFORD COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
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JANUARY 2009 MEETING

The January meeting of the Bradford County Conservation District was called to order by Keith Heimbach, Vice Chairperson of the BCCD, on January 5, 2009, at 12:30 PM, at the Stoll Natural Resource Center, Wysox, PA.

OLD BUSINESS:

Right-To-Know Policy – Mike Lovegreen reported that most other counties have accepted the proposed policy as presented. The new State law requires there to be an Open Records Officer appointed. Mike Lovegreen will be the point person, and Jane Carman alternate. John Sullivan made a motion to approve the Right-To-Know Policy as presented. Al Herman seconded the motion and it was passed, with Bruce Chase opposed.

Chesapeake Bay Special Projects Contract Approvals – John Sullivan made a motion to approve Chesapeake Bay grants for nutrient management planning for Jim Madigan - \$1,632.00, Al Herman - \$1,296.00, Roger Brown - \$497.00; cancel Mark Hutchinson contract; and correct original contract approved for Mike Plouse to William Plouse. Bruce Chase seconded the motion and it was passed with Al Herman abstaining.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Officers – Keith Heimbach turned the meeting over to Bill Kahler.

Keith Heimbach nominated Jim VanBlarcom for Chairman, seconded by Bruce Chase. Keith Heimbach made a motion to close nominations for Chairman, seconded by Bruce Chase and unanimously passed.

Al Herman nominated Keith Heimbach for Vice Chairman, seconded by John Sullivan. Bruce Chase made a motion to close nominations for Vice Chairman, seconded by Al Herman and unanimously passed.

Keith Hemibach nominated Bruce Chase for Secretary/Treasurer, seconded by John Sullivan. Keith Heimbach made a motion to close nominations for Secretary/Treasurer, seconded by Al Herman and unanimously passed.

Officers for 2009 are Jim VanBlarcom – Chairman, Keith Heimbach – Vice Chairman, Bruce Chase – Secretary/Treasurer.

The meeting was turned back over to the Vice Chairman.

Committee Appointments – Michelle Hepp will replace John George on our committees. Chairman Van Blarcom will be making appointments based on input.

Associate Directors – Bruce Chase made a motion to keep Jim Lacek and Janet Lewis as Associate Directors and to add John George and Roger Madigan as Associate Directors. John Sullivan seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Stream Training Institute – Bruce Chase made a motion to pursue grants to formalize the stream training currently being given by District staff. John Sullivan seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Agronomic Ed Conference – Bruce Chase made a motion to send Terry Lutz and Abe Brister to the 2009 PA Agronomic Ed Conference. John Sullivan seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

PROGRAM REPORTS:

Dirt & Gravel Roads – Training will be held January 21st & 22nd for Township officials. We are still working with the gas companies on dirt and gravel road maintenance.

VACD – Mike Lovegreen reported on the Virginia Association of Conservation Districts' meeting he attended. They are dealing with some of the same type of situations as Pennsylvania.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM by Keith Heimbach, Vice Chairperson.

The next meeting of the Bradford County Conservation District will be on February 2, 2009, at 12:30 PM at the Stoll Natural Resource Center, Wysox, PA.