



# LANCASTER COUNTY Conservation District

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## Special Meeting Minutes Farm & Home Center 3/16/26

Attending Directors: Sonia Wasco, Herb Kreider, Dale Herr, Roger Rohrer, Deryk Shaw  
Staff: Chris Thompson, Kevin Lutz, Kent Bitting, Matt Kofroth  
Guest: Sarah Xenophon, Director Farm Viability & Natural Resource Division at the SCC

*Purpose of the Special Meeting: Purpose of the meeting is to review and vote to preserve funding for the Conservation Excellence Grant (CEG) Program and approve awarding the office of Director Emeritus to Frank Burkhart"*

- I. Called the meeting to order - After noting that a quorum was present, Sonia Called the meeting to order at 5:03pm.

### II. New Business

1. CEG Agreement - Sonia Wasco reviewed the action item to approve shifting from a 5-year delegation agreement for our Conservation Excellence Grant (CEG) to an Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA). She then introduce Sarah Xenophon (SCC) to explain the details of the requested action.

After discussion, Roger Rohrer made the motion, seconded by Deryk Shaw, to approve moving from a 5 year delegation to a Inter-governmental Agreement contingent on assurances from the PA Dept of Treasury that the District is protected if a landowner defaults on their loan. The motion passed unanimously. Sonia charged with researching the Treasury's stand and reporting back for final action/signatures.

Update: Sarah responded the following morning with written policy statements and confirmation that the District would be protected against any corrective default actions. This was shared with the directors who attended. The IGA was signed and submitted by 3/18/2026.

2. Appointing a new Director Emeritus – Chris Thompson Reviewed the existing Director Emeritus policy and requirements to honor an individual with the classification. Sonia then reviewed some of Frank's history at LCCD. Currently serving as an active Associate Director, representing the Agriculture, Municipal Official and Excavation communities. He had also served LCCD for many years as a full director, 5 years as LCCD Board Chairman, many years as D&G Road's Quality Assurance Board, Chairman and an active member of several committees.

The motion to designate Frank Burkhart with the office of Director Emeritus was made by Herb Krieder and seconded by Roger Rohrer. Motion passed unanimously. Frank will be joining Bob Wagner and Ken Meck as sitting Director Emeritus and he will be recognized at the March 24<sup>th</sup> Awards Banquet.

3. Adjourned

Sonia thanked everyone for attending and without objection adjourned the meeting at 5:25pm