



**LOCAL COMMON SENSE CONSERVATION**

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*The Liberty County Conservation District Public Meeting December 10, 2024*

*Present:*

<i>Lanny Jones</i>	<i>Tyler Jones</i>	<i>Megan Hedges</i>	<i>Geoff Osterman</i>
<i>Diane Roberts</i>	<i>Kurt Matkin</i>	<i>Rod Oraw</i>	
<i>Tyler Streit</i>	<i>Mike Nelson</i>		

*Absent/Excused:*

<i>Robert Pugsley</i>	<i>Ray Morkrid</i>	<i>Rodney Svenson</i>
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**CALL TO ORDER:** *Lanny Jones called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.*

**DISTRICT BUSINESS**

**Motion** by Megan Hedges, seconded by Kurt Matkin to approve the minutes of the November meeting. Motion carried.

**Motion** by Megan Hedges, seconded by Tyler Streit to file the Treasurer’s Report for November. Motion carried.

**Motion** by Megan Hedges, seconded by Tyler Streit to pay November bills. Motion carried.

**Income  
 November 2024**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Memo</b>	<b>Account</b>	<b>Amount</b>
▶ 11/13/2024	Liberty Co.	7350 Special Assessment	317350 · Special Assessment	923.31 ◀
11/13/2024	Liberty Co.	7351 Permissive Health	317351 · Permissive Health	357.74
11/13/2024	Liberty Co.	7352 Regular Assessment	317352 · Regular Assessment	412.65
11/29/2024		Interest	371000 · Interest and Dividend Income	3.28
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b><u>1,696.98</u></b>

**Payments  
November 2024**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Num</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Memo</b>	<b>Account</b>	<b>Paid Amount</b>
11/04/2024	DBT	Anita Bangen	MACD Gift Basket	350.1 · Convention	18.00
11/13/2024		Hobby Lobby	Gift Basket expense MACD C...	350.1 · Convention	11.47
11/15/2024	241	NACD	NACD 2025 Dues	332 · Dues Expense	75.00
11/19/2024	DBT	Dairy Queen	T & E MACD Convention	350.1 · Convention	5.50
11/19/2024	DBT	Smith's Grocery	T & E MACD Convention	350.1 · Convention	3.85
11/19/2024	BP	Diane Roberts	Travel T & E MACD Convent...	350.1 · Convention	127.30
11/22/2024	BP	HSA Bank	HSA November Contribution...	130.1 · LCCD contr...	34.58
11/22/2024	BP	HSA Bank	HSA November Contribution...	130.2 · Permissive ...	529.42
11/29/2024	ACH	PERS	November Contribution Diane...	131 · Retirement	247.08
11/29/2024	BP	Diane M Roberts	November Net Pay Diane Ro...	Net Payroll	1,105.36
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>2,157.56</b>

**URBAN SUPERVISOR MEGAN HEDGES:** Megan Hedges Urban Supervisor appointment was placed on the 12/10/24 agenda for the Town of Chester. A motion was passed with a unanimous vote to appoint her to the Urban Supervisor position on the LCCD board for another 3-year term.

***NRCS Written Report – Misty Vermulm, (not in attendance, no written report.)***

**Extension Report – Jesse Fulbright (not in attendance)**

**District Business**

**LOCAL ACTIVITY**

**LCCD Interviews:**

Three interviews were conducted for the LCCD Administrator position.

- **Debora Dolezal**
- **Madison Hodges**
- **Julie Gagnon**

**Paula Larson** withdrew her application because she accepted a full-time position elsewhere.

**Motion** was made by Tyler Jones and seconded by Mike Nelson to offer the Administration position to Julie Gagnon at a base pay of \$17 per hour plus benefits that include contributions to a Pers retirement account and a Health Savings account that would equal the equivalent of \$21.00 per hour. Diane Roberts will work in a limited capacity until Julie is available, June 2025. Motion carried.

**LCCD Personnel Policy:**

The LCCD Personnel Policy was reviewed and signed as is. No changes were made.

**REGIONAL AND STATE**

***A handout was presented as an update from Kasydi Lucas.***

*Next Meeting – February 13, 2025*

**ADJOURNMENT**

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*Diane Roberts, Administrator*

*Lanny Jones, Chairman*

Diane Roberts

*Lanny Jones*

District meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at the USDA Service Center, Chester, 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noticed.

**MISSION: TO RAISE PUBLIC AWARENESS BY PROVIDING LEADERSHIP, EDUCATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF PROGRAMS TO CONSERVE, IMPROVE AND SUSTAIN OUR NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT.**

**VISION: Having a community that is economically stable with the natural resources conserved by:**

1. providing education and encouraging control of nuisance weeds and eradication of noxious weeds
2. having no soils blowing above their tolerance level—ideally no soil or water erosion
3. sustaining and improving water quality, with rivers and streams running clear.
4. encouraging tree planting for shelterbelts and wildlife
5. encouraging recycling
6. working jointly with all other agencies/organizations to enhance conservation practices within the district.
7. improving the public perception of the Conservation District