



LOCAL COMMON SENSE CONSERVATION

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The Liberty County Conservation District Public Meeting June 12, 2025

Present:

Lanny Jones	Geoff Osterman	Megan Hedges	Patty Bierma
Diane Roberts	Kurt Matkin	Rod Oraw	Mike Nelson

Absent/Excused:

Robert Pugsley Tyler Jones Tyler Streit

CALL TO ORDER: Lanny Jones called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M.

DISTRICT BUSINESS

Motion by Rod Oraw, seconded by Megan Hedges to approve the minutes of the March meeting.
Motion carried.

Motion by Megan Hedges, seconded by Kurt Matkin to file the Treasurer's Report for April & May 2025.
Motion carried.

Motion by Megan Hedges, seconded by Kurt Matkin to pay April & May bills. Motion carried.

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Payments April 2025

Date	Num	Name	Memo	Account	Paid Amount
04/23/2...	BP	HSA Bank	Permissive mill levy con...	130.2 · Permiss...	529.42
04/25/2...	258	Fed Ex	FED EX Delivery site ch...	201.5 · Trees	78.00
04/25/2...	259	Lincoln-Oakes Nu...	Payment for Tree order	201.5 · Trees	10,180.36
04/25/2...	7	Flat Acre Farms	Cost share Credit for T...	201.5 · Trees	-945.00
04/25/2...	8	Wayne Kolstad F...	Cost Share credit for tre...	201.5 · Trees	-1,160.00
04/25/2...	7	Flat Acre Farms	Cost Share Expense fo...	400 · Cost Shar...	945.00
04/25/2...	8	Wayne Kolstad F...	Cost Share expense fo...	400 · Cost Shar...	1,160.00
04/30/2...	260	Osterman, Matti	Supplies for Ag in the C...	380 · Education...	61.52
04/30/2...	Ach	PERS	Diane Roberts April con...	131 · Retirement	237.58
04/30/2...	BP	Diane M Roberts	Diane Roberts April Ne...	Net Payroll	1,048.30
TOTAL					12,602.01

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**Payments
May 2025**

Date	Num	Name	Memo	Account	Paid Amount
05/21/2...	DBT	Staples	Printer Ink	210 · Office Sup...	115.38
05/23/2...	BP	HSA Bank	HSA contribution Diane...	130.1 · LCCD c...	34.58
05/23/2...	BP	HSA Bank	HSA contribution Diane...	130.2 · Permiss...	529.42
05/30/2...	BP	Northern Plains In...	Liability Insurance	510 · Insurance	3,167.00
05/30/2...	Ach	PERS	Diane Roberts May Con...	131 · Retirement	190.06
05/30/2...	BP	Diane M Roberts	Diane Roberts May Net...	Net Payroll	952.34
TOTAL					4,988.78

NRCS Written Report – Misty Vermulm, (Not in attendance, no written report below.)

Extension Report – Jesse Fulbright (not in attendance)

District Business

LOCAL ACTIVITY

NEW ADMINISTRATOR PATRICIA BIERMA ADDED TO BANK ACCOUNTS: Patricia Bierma accepted the position as LCCD administrator as of June 2, 2025. Diane will train her in the month of June and then will help as needed as a new associate supervisor. Patricia will be added to the LCCD bank accounts and Diane Roberts will be taken off.

Motion by Mike Nelson, seconded by Rod Oraw to add Patricia Bierma to the LCCD Bank accounts for administrative purposes. Motion carried.

DNRC Administrative Grant application: The DNRC FY2026 Administrative Grant application was submitted on March 26th with a grant request of \$11, 440.64 for FY 25-26. The grant cycle closed May 31st and the DNRC will be reviewing all applications. Award letters will go out the week of June 16th.

PUGSLEY BRIDGE Future Fisheries Grant Funding: LCCD joined a zoom call with FWP, and Future Fisheries for a grant request of \$59,025. to complete funding for the project. After discussion a motion was made to say that Future Fisheries will contribute \$50,000. to phase two of the project leaving a shortfall of \$9025. from the initial grant request application.

Motion by Kurt Matkin, seconded by Megan Hedges that the LCCD would fund the remaining balance of \$9025.00 of the grant request if needed to complete the project. Motion carried.

2025 MACD DUES: The LCCD dues invoice for \$4000 is still pending until we receive notice of approval for the 2025-2026 administrative grant request. Notification letters will go out to districts the week of June 16, 2025.

ASSOCIATE SUPERVISOR POSITIONS: There was a discussion of who the LCCD could be invited to fill the vacant associate supervisor position. Diane will reach out to Garrett Graff to see if he is available.

REGIONAL AND STATE

A handout was presented as an update from Kasydi Lucas.

Next Meeting – July 17, 2025

ADJOURNMENT

Diane Roberts, Administrator



Lanny Jones, Chairman



District meetings are held on the 3rd 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