

BCD Supervisor Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 3, 2024 at 4:30pm

*The Berkshire Conservation District convened a remote Supervisors Meeting via Zoom at the link provided.
Members of the public were invited to attend and were welcome to speak
during the public comment period.*

1. Call to order and Determination of Quorum - Adam Galambos.
There was a quorum and Adam convened the meeting at 4:38pm.
Present: Supervisors: Adam Galambos (Chair), Ron Kujawski (Vice Chair), Donna Kittredge (Secretary), Dan Harris, Ned Kirchner, Ambrose Clausen (Program Manager), Cynthia Grippaldi (District Administrator), Lynn Browne (Bookkeeper and Treasurer), Ngowari Jaja (NRCS), and David Klimowicz.
2. Public Comment Period
There were no members of the public present.
3. Report from NRCS Representative - Ngowari Jaja updated us on current NRCS contracts.
4. Secretary's Report – Submitted by Donna Kittredge
-Review and approval of May 13, 2024 Meeting Minutes
Ron made a motion to accept the Secretary's Report, seconded by Dan. There was a roll-call and all were in favor, except Ned who was not present at the last meeting.
5. Treasurer's Report – Submitted by Lynn Browne
-Review and approval of Treasurer's Report
Lynn is a little behind on Quickbooks, but she will put time into it this month.
Ron made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Ned. There was a roll-call and all were in favor.
6. Program/Grant Update
-FY24 Grant update — Adam received an email from Tom Anderson stating that we will receive the Challenge Grant. Because they are late in awarding the grant, we will be able to spend the money into 2025 and 2026. It will go into a soil trust fund.
Ambrose mentioned the Challenge Grant is about events. He suggested inviting people we know for the success of events. There will be three events winter through spring with local food. Adam met with Doug Brown who is Director of Stewardship at BNRC. Ambrose has spoken with Jamie Pottern several times around the Challenge Grant and she has been helpful.
-NACD conference— Ambrose would like to attend in Boston August 11th to 14th. The cost of the conference is \$460.

-Fall Plant Sale update — Ambrose launched the 1st part of the social media campaign. He's covering 6 species each week. July 10th is when Plant Sale goes live. He has started handing out fliers. Donna mentioned that Holiday Brook Farm suggested they might be able to have their café open for the event.

-No-till update— we have had 6 renters this year. Ambrose is waiting for the actual acre count for MA and NY. Ambrose ordered some paint from Esch for touch up. Daniel Dunton is interested in being the second caretaker for the new no-till drill. The question of whether the new no-till will need a plate came up. Mike puts his plate on the no-till when he drives it around. Ned suggested for around \$200 we get a Farm Bureau membership, and which would allow us to get legal advice from them. The mini grant program cash on hand is \$10,000 to do no-till subsidy and seed subsidy.

7. Supervisor/Staff Comments and/or Announcements

-Nominate Dave Klimowicz as an Associate

Ron made a motion to accept Dave Klimowicz as an associate, seconded by Ned. There was a roll-call, and all were in favor.

8. Motion to Adjourn Public Meeting

Ned made a motion to adjourn the public meeting at 5:55pm, seconded by Ron. There was a roll-call with all in favor.

9. Motion to Enter into Executive Session for the specific purposes outlined in MGL C30A S21. The Board will not reconvene in open session after the executive session closes. The meeting will adjourn promptly thereafter.

-Performance and Compensation review of the District Administrator

10. Adam made a motion to adjourn at 6:15pm, seconded by Ron. There was a roll-call and all were in favor.