

**RESOLUTION R-2019-127**  
**LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL**

*A Resolution by Luzerne County Council Consenting to the  
Reduction in Size of the Conservation District Board of Directors*

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Conservation District Law, Act 217 of 1945, provides that “when a county has been declared a conservation district, a board of directors, consisting of seven members, shall be appointed by the county governing body and the total number of directors shall always be seven, unless the commission, upon request of the district and the county governing board, approves a lesser or greater number in unusual or extenuating circumstances”; and

WHEREAS, the Luzerne County Conservation Board of Directors believes it is in the best interest of the Conservation District to reduce the number of members on the Conservation Board in order to put the district more in line with the intent of Pennsylvania's Conservation District Law and provide for a more manageable size which will aid in achieving a quorum in months when some directors find it difficult to make the meetings; and

WHEREAS, the reduction in number of the Conservation Board of Directors would maintain the current balance of representation by reducing the size by 1 Farmer Director and 1 Public Director; and

WHEREAS, on August 15, 2019, the Luzerne Conservation District Board of Directors unanimously passed a motion adopting a resolution requesting the State Conservation Commission's approval to change the size of the Luzerne Conservation District Board of Directors to seven members, and to authorize the Executive Director to request support of the resolution from the Luzerne County Council.; and

WHEREAS, Luzerne County Council believes it is the best interest of the Conservation District and Conservation Board of Directors to reduce the number of board members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Luzerne County Council hereby approves of the reduction in size of the Luzerne County Conservation District Board of Directors to seven members.

This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED at a meeting of the Luzerne County Council held on December 03, 2019.

ROLL CALL VOTE (11-0)

YES: Bilbow, Haas, Houck, McGinley, Morelli, Perry, Saidman, Schnee, SAUrban, Vough and Waitkus

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of Council

LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL

By: Tim McGinley  
Tim McGinley, Chair

LUZERNE COUNTY MANAGER

By: C. David Pedri  
C. David Pedri, Esq., County Manager