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Berks County Conservation District Board Meeting Minutes

Mission Statement: "Dedicated to the encouragement and instruction of the wise stewardship of the soil and waters of Berks County, so that the present and future generations may have healthy land on which to live and work, and clean water for drinking and recreation."

Date: Wednesday August 30, 2017
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Berks County Agricultural Center, 1238 County Welfare Road, Leesport, PA

Meeting was called to order at 1:10 by Chair Piper Sherburne

Pledge the Flag

Public Comment – William M. Seddon, Sr. expressed concerns regarding on-going issues in Colebrookdale Township.

Present

Chair: Piper Sherburne

Directors: Troy Alderfer, Brian Boyer, Larry Gelsing, Commissioner Leinbach, Joseph Rosenbaum, Glenn Seidel

Associate Directors: Leonard Good, Jim McCarthy, Ross Stowell

BCCD Staff: Dean Druckenmiller, Olivia Carlson, Josh Hanna, Tammy Bartsch

NRCS: Nick Ramsey

Ag Land Preservation/Berks County Dept. of Ag – Kim Fies

Guests: April Rosenbaum, William M. Seddon, Sr.

Action on Minutes of Previous Meeting

- Motion
A motion was made to accept the minutes of the previous meeting (B. Boyer, J. Rosenbaum)
Motion carried

Financial Statements for the Month

Approval of Payment of Bills

- Motion
A motion was made for payment of the bills. (C. Leinbach, G. Seidel)
Motion carried

Correspondence – On File

Presentation: Olivia Carlson, Agricultural Resource Conservationist presenting on "Schuylkill Acts & Impacts"

Cooperating Agency Reports

Committee Reports

Admin Tech – Glenn Seidel

Nutrient Management Delegation Agreement

- Motion
A motion was made to sign the Nutrient Management Delegation Agreement.
(G. Seidel, J. Rosenbaum)
Motion carried

RMC - Brian Boyer

Trout in the Classroom

- Motion
Amend the previous motion to add:
Up to \$500.00 reimbursement can be requested for travel expenses for each school, during the first year and up to \$600.00 reimbursement can be requested for travel and maintenance for year two and further. (B. Boyer, T. Alderfer)
Motion carried

Fee Schedule

- Motion
A motion was made to change the effective date of the fee increase to October 1, 2017.
(B. Boyer, T. Alderfer)
Motion carried

D&GR – Piper Sherburne

Low Volume Road Project

- Motion
A motion was made to approve the project:
Womelsdorf Borough
Water Street
Drainage issues
\$132,694.56
(B. Boyer, C. Leinbach)
Motion carried

New Business

A PACD Update

B PACD South East Region Meeting

C PACD/SCC Winter Meeting

B Affiliate Memberships to date \$14,379.22

D Reading High School Project

- Motion
A motion was made to send a letter to support the original contract and also advise the District will support Boyertown in their efforts to look for funding. Draft letter is to be presented to the Admin Tech committee for review. (B. Boyer, T. Alderfer)
Motion carried

E Signatures Needed

1) Schuylkill River Restoration Fund Grant/Irish Creek Stream Restoration

Amount: \$19,800.00

Project: Install 350' of streambank restoration & vegetation; implantation of 5 rock barbs & install 100' of rock armor along the streambank

Term: 01/01/17 – 12/31/19

- Motion
A motion was made to sign the Schuylkill River Restoration Fund Grant/Irish Creek Stream Restoration. (G. Seidel, B. Boyer)
Motion carried

2) Agricultural Conservation Technician Assistance Program (ACT)

Amount: \$16,219.00

Term: FY 2017-2018

- Motion
- A motion was made to sign the Agricultural Conservation Technician Assistance Program agreement. (B. Boyer, J. Rosenbaum)
- Motion carried

3) Watershed Specialist Program Amendment

Amendment is to increase agreement

Amount: \$46,750.00 to \$53,950.00 (\$7,200.00 increase)

- Motion
A motion was made to sign the Watershed Specialist Program Amendment. (C. Leinbach, G. Seidel).
Motion carried

F Berks County Sewer and Water Golf Outing

- Motion
A motion was made to sponsor a hole in the amount of \$150.00. (T. Alderfer, C. Leinbach)
Motion carried



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G BARN Bountiful Berks Banquet

- Motion
A motion was made to sponsor the banquet not to exceed \$100.00. (G. Seidel, C. Leinbach)
Motion carried

H 70th Anniversary Celebration and A Bite of Berks Fundraiser

Tickets are available
Participants, Sponsors & Silent Auction items are still needed

Nutrient Management Plans (1)

| Name | Municipality | Animal Numbers & Type | Acres | Plan Type | AEU | AEU/Acre | Reviewer |
|---|--------------|-----------------------|-------|-----------|--------|----------|------------|
| Eugene Martin | Tulpehocken | 92,400 Broilers | 0 | CAO | 140.79 | 140.79 | Overstreet |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion A motion was made to approve the Nutrient Management plan of Eugene Martin. (G. Seidel, J. Rosenbaum) Motion carried | | | | | | | |

Nutrient Management Plan Amendments & Tri-Annual Reviews (1)

| Name | Municipality | Animal Numbers & Type | Acres | Plan Type | AEU | AEU/Acre | Reviewer |
|--|-------------------|--------------------------------|-------|-----------|--------|----------|----------|
| Leonard Hoover | Upper Tulpehocken | 140,200 Broilers & 100 Heifers | 146.6 | CAO/CAFO | 352.59 | 3.37 | Seidel |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion A motion was made to approve the Nutrient Management Plan Amendment & Tri-Annual Review of Leonard Hoover. (J. Rosenbaum, T. Alderfer) Motion carried | | | | | | | |

The delegated conservation district shall approve, modify or disapprove any NMP within 90 days of receipt of the complete plan.

- The district's action on the plan requires a formal action of the board.
- If a NMP operation plan is disapproved, the NMP operation submitting the plan for the first time shall have 90 days after receipt of a written notice explaining specific reasons for the disapproval to resubmit a revised plan.

SC-1 Requests

| Name | OP/OW | Municipality | Watershed | Acres | Reason |
|---|---------------|--------------|-----------|-------|-----------|
| Lowell Seip | Huff's Church | Hereford | Perkiomen | 8 | Waterway |
| Elizabeth Peifer | Owner | Oley | Manatawny | 60 | NRCS/EQIP |
| John Dietrich | Owner | Greenwich | Sacony | 60 | Cons Plan |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion A motion was made to approve the SC-1 Requests of Lowell Seip, Elizabeth Peifer and John Dietrich. (J. Rosenbaum, L. Gelsinger) Motion carried | | | | | |

Conservation Plans

| Name | Municipality | Acres | Tract# | Planner |
|--|---------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| Linda Youse | Oley | 13.64 | 11876 | Carlson |
| Linda Youse | Oley | 5.67 | 11875 | Carlson |
| Keith Hoppes | Albany | 25 | 10718 | Hanna |
| Linda Youse | Oley | 7.85 | 1621 | Carlson |
| Linda Youse | Oley | 6.39 | 11452 | Carlson |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion A motion was made to concur with the Conservation Plans of Linda Youse (4) and Keith Hoppes. (T. Alderfer, J. Rosenbaum) Motion carried | | | | |

"The Berks County Conservation District concurs with these plans, based on NRCS certification that the plans meet the standards and specifications of the Pennsylvania Field Office Technical Guide for NRCS - "OR AS APPROPRIATE".

Reports: Filed

Comments: None

Adjournment

- Motion
A motion was made to adjourn. (T. Alderfer, J. Rosenbaum)
Motion carried
Meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.mn.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tammy L. Bartsch, Secretary
Berks County Conservation District

| Month | Date & Time | Event |
|------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| September | 4 th | Labor Day – Office Closed |
| | 13 th – 10:00 a.m. | Workshop Conference Call |
| | 14 th – 9:00 a.m. | Admin Tech Meeting |
| | 19 th – 8:00 a.m. | RMC Meeting |
| | 27 th – 12:00 p.m. | DGLVR Meeting |
| | 27 th – 12:00 p.m. | Board Meeting |
| October | 9 th | Columbus Day – Office Closed |
| | 11 th – 10:00 a.m. | Workshop Conference Call |
| | 12 th – 9:00 a.m. | Admin Tech Meeting |
| | 17 th – 8:00 a.m. | RMC Meeting |
| | 23 rd – 5:30 p.m. | 70 th Anniversary Celebration, Banquet & A Bite of Berks Tasting! |
| | 25 th – 12:00 p.m. | DGLVR Meeting |
| | 25 th – 1:00 p.m. | Board Meeting |
| November | 8 th – 10:00 a.m. | Workshop Conference Call |
| | 9 th – 9:00 a.m. | Admin Tech Meeting |
| | 21 st – 8:00 a.m. | RMC Meeting |
| | 23 rd | Thanksgiving – Office Closed |
| | 24 th | Black Friday – Office Closed |
| | 29 th – 12:00 p.m. | DGLVR Meeting |
| | 29 th – 1:00 p.m. | Board Meeting |
| December | 12 th – 10:00 a.m. | Workshop Conference Call |
| | 13 th – 9:00 a.m. | Admin Tech Meeting |
| | 19 th – 8:00 a.m. | RMC Meeting |
| | 25 th | Christmas Day – Office Closed |
| | 27 th – 12:00 p.m. | DGLVR Meeting |
| | 27 th – 1:00 p.m. | Board Meeting |