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Berks County Conservation District Board Meeting Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Berks County Conservation District held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday **February 22, 2017** at 1:00 p.m. at the Berks County Agricultural Center, 1238 County Welfare Road, Leesport, PA

Meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by Chair Piper Sherburne.

Allegiance was pledged to the flag.

No public comment

Present:	Chair	Piper Sherburne
	Vice-Chair	Troy Alderfer
	Directors	Brian Boyer, Larry Gelsing, Commissioner Christian Leinbach, Joseph Rosenbaum & Glenn Seidel
	Associate Directors	Leonard Good and Ross Stowell
	BCCD Staff	Dean Druckenmiller, Josh Hanna & Tammy Bartsch
	NRCS	Nick Ramsey
	Ag Land Preservation/PA Department of Ag	Kim Fies
	PA DEP	Elwood Blake
	Public	Val Lacis, Reading Eagle

Approval of previous Board meeting minutes

- **Motion**
A motion was made to approve the January board minutes. (Glenn Seidel, Joe Rosenbaum) Motion carried.

Oath of Office

- Commissioner Leinbach swore in Glenn Seidel as a Farmer Director for another four year term.

Financial Statements – Filed for audit

Payment of Bills

- **Motion**
A motion was made to pay the bills. (Brian Boyer, Troy Alderfer)
Motion carried

Correspondence – On file

Cooperating Agency Reports

- **NRCS** – *Nicholas Ramsey*
- **Ag Land Preservation/Department of Ag** – *Kim Fies*
- **PA DEP** – *Elwood Blake*

BCCD Committee Reports

- **Admin Tech Committee** - *Glenn Seidel*
Meeting was cancelled, due to weather.
Note – Chesapeake Bay update letter was sent to farmers.

○ **Resource Management Committee – Brian Boyer**

Schuylkill Headwaters Event (Schuylkill Acts & Impacts)

Schuylkill Headwaters is looking for a sponsorship of one Berks County student for their annual event.

• **Motion**

A motion was made to sponsor a student for the Schuylkill Acts & Impacts in the amount of \$1,000.00, scholarship funds will be used. (Brian Boyer, Commissioner Leinbach)

Motion carried

Banquet – October 23, 2017

Banquet committee would like to move forward with renting the 4H building

• **Motion**

A motion was made to rent the 4H building for the banquet. (Brian Boyer, Troy Alderfer)

Motion carried

Creekside Stables

Staff requested that monies are paid to landowner prior to grant reimbursement since there is at least 90 days until funds are received; total amount requested is \$7,817.77.

• **Motion**

A motion was made to pay the \$7,817.77 to the landowner when construction is ready to begin. (Brian Boyer, Commissioner Leinbach)

Motion carried

WNV/Stroud Position

Stroud is requesting BCCD staff assist with technical assistance; communication is on-going with Stroud to determine what funding will be available.

• **Motion**

A motion was made to authorize Dean to negotiate with Stroud for the buffer and NRCS work in accordance with direction from the RMC committee. (Brian Boyer, Glenn Seidel)

Motion carried

○ **DG&LVR Committee – Piper Sherburne**

• **Motion**

A motion was made to approve two projects:

1. District Township – Keim Road - \$34125.00
2. Marion Township – Hickory Road - \$94585.00 (Emergency Project)

(Glenn Seidel, Brian Boyer)

Motion carried

Old Business - None

New Business

A. PACD Update – Glenn Seidel

B. Affiliate Memberships

Marion Township - \$25.00

C. Conservation District Week

Dean and Piper are going, if anyone would like to go along, let Dean know

D. National Ag Day

Tuesday March 21, 2017

There will be two panels, tour and open house with lunch

E. State Water Plan Committee

• **Motion**

A motion was made to email Maryjo Gibson and recommend that the commissioners appoint Jim McCarthy to the State Water Plan Committee. (Brian Boyer, Troy Alderfer)

Nutrient Management Plan (New)

Name	Municipality	Animal Numbers	Acres	Plan Type	AEU	AEU/Acres	Reviewer
Nelson Sadler	Bethel	200 Dairy Beef Cows	4.38	CAO	33.69	7.69	Overstreet
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion A motion was made to accept the Nutrient Management Plan of Nelson Sadler. (Troy Alderfer, Joe Rosenbaum) 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.

Conservation Plans

Name	Municipality	Acres	Tract#	Planner
Linda Youse	Oley	67.65	1675	Carlson
Mark Hassler	Bethel	61	178	Overstreet
Linda Youse	Oley	20.5	1626	Carlson
Linda Youse	Oley	7.9	10525	Carlson
Larry Shelmire	Hereford	98.9	2911	Carlson
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion A motion was made to concur with the Conservation Plans of Linda Youse (3), Mark Hassler and Larry Shelmire. (Commissioner Leinbach, Troy Alderfer) Larry Gelsinger). Motion carried 				

Reports: Filed

Closing Comments: None

Adjournment:

- Motion**
 A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. (Joe Rosenbaum, Troy Alderfer).
 Motion passed.
 Meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy L. Bartsch

Tammy L. Bartsch, Secretary to the Board of Directors

Reports: Filed

Comments: None

Month	Date & Time	Event
February	8 th – 10:00 a.m.	Workshop Conference Call
	9 th – 9:00 a.m.	Admin Tech Meeting
	20 th	President's Day – Office Closed
	21 st – 8:00 a.m.	RMC Meeting
	22 nd – 12:00 p.m.	DGLVR Meeting
	22 nd – 1:00 p.m.	Board Meeting
March	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
	29 th – 12:00 p.m.	DGLVR Meeting
	29 th – 1:00 p.m.	Board Meeting
April	12 th – 10:00 a.m.	Workshop Conference Call
	13 th – 9:00 a.m.	Admin Tech Meeting
	18 th – 8:00 a.m.	RMC Meeting
	21 st – 11:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m.	Seedling Sale and Backyard Basics
	26 th – 12:00 p.m.	DGLVR Meeting
	26 th – 1:00 p.m.	Board Meeting
May	10 th – 10:00 a.m.	Workshop Conference Call
	11 th – 9:00 a.m.	Admin Tech Meeting
	16 th – 8:00 a.m.	RMC Meeting
	29 th	Memorial Day – Office Closed
	31 st – 12:00 p.m.	DGLVR Meeting
	31 st – 1:00 p.m.	Board Meeting
June	8 th – 9:00 a.m.	Admin Tech Meeting
	14 th – 10:00 a.m.	Workshop Conference Call
	20 th – 8:00 a.m.	RMC Meeting
	28 th – 12:00 p.m.	DGLVR Meeting
	28 th – 1:00 p.m.	Board Meeting
July	4 th	Independence Day – Office Closed
	12 th – 10:00 a.m.	Workshop Conference Call
	13 th – 9:00 a.m.	Admin Tech Meeting
	18 th – 8:00 a.m.	RMC Meeting
	26 th – 12:00 p.m.	DGLVR Meeting
	26 th – 1:00 p.m.	Board Meeting
August	9 th – 10:00 a.m.	Workshop Conference Call
	10 th – 9:00 a.m.	Admin Tech Meeting
	15 th – 8:00 a.m.	RMC Meeting
	30 th – 12:00 p.m.	DGLVR Meeting
	30 th – 1:00 p.m.	Board Meeting
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



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	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