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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 July 26, 2017
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Berks County Agricultural Center, 1238 County Welfare Road, Leesport, PA

Call to Order at 1:06 p.m. by Chair Piper Sherburne

Pledge the Flag

Public Comment – Gus Meyer thanked the Board of Directors and staff for allowing him to work at the District for a few months.

Present

Chair: Piper Sherburne

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

Associate Directors: Jason Bailey, Leonard Good, Ross Stowell

BCCD Staff: Dean Druckenmiller, Evan Corondi, Josh Hanna and Tammy Bartsch

NRCS: Nick Ramsey

DEP: Elwood Blake

Guests: Mary Buerer, Reading Eagle Correspondent Val Lacin

Action on Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

Financial Statements for the Month

Approval of Payment of Bills

- Motion
A motion was made to pay the bills with the correction of invoice payable to Rita Seidel, the amount should be \$7.20 not \$7.50. (B. Boyer, T. Alderfer)

Correspondence – On File

Presentation: Evan Corondi, Mosquito-Borne Disease Control Technician and Outreach Coordinator

Cooperating Agency Reports

Committee Reports

Admin Tech – July's Meeting was cancelled

RMC - Brian Boyer

E&S Review Fees

- Motion
A motion was made to increase E&S fees 5% effective September 1, 2017. (B. Boyer, T. Alderfer)
Motion carried.
- Motion
A motion was made to increase E&S fees annually a minimum of 2% beginning January 2019. (B. Boyer, G. Seidel)
Motion carried.

BCCD Mini Grant Request

- Motion
A motion was made approve the Mini Grant Request from Jenna Ulrich in the amount of \$2,110.00 using funds from the Clean Water account. (B. Boyer, T. Alderfer)
Comments: Glenn Seidel asked if this request would impact the BCCD Mini Grant program; no it would not, these funds are coming out of the Clean Water Account.
Motion carried.

D&GR – No Meeting in July

New Business

A PACD Update – Glenn Seidel

- Glenn is no longer President of PACD
- There are three things that occurred during his two year term:
 - PACD's budget went from a \$70,000 deficit to a \$70,000 surplus
 - Mortgage on the building PACD owns will be paid off in about 8 months.
 - Two more face-to-face meetings were added each year

B Affiliate Memberships

Nutrient Management Plans (1)

Name	Municipality	Animal Numbers & Type	Acres	Plan Type	AEU	AEU/Acre	Reviewer
Randy & Jimmy Reppert	Tilden	38,000 Ducks & 4 Beef Steer	70.1	VAO/CAFO	87.39	1.4	Carlson
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion A motion was made to approve the Nutrient Management Plan of Randy and Jimmy Reppert. (C. Leinbach, J. Rosenbaum) Motion carried 							

Nutrient Management Plan Amendments & Tri-Annual Reviews (2)

Name	Municipality	Animal Numbers & Type	Acres	Plan Type	AEU	AEU/Acre	Reviewer
Bowman Trust	Bethel	70,000 Pullets	100	VAO	64.4	1.73	Overstreet
Jay Rutt	Mario	600 Swine	8.6	CAO	80.26	9.33	Seidel
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion A motion was made to approve the Nutrient Management Plan Amendments & Tri-Annual Review of Bowman Trust and Jay Rutt. (C. Leinbach, T. Alderfer) Motion carried 							

Nutrient Management Plan Amendments Requesting Removal (1)

Name	Municipality	Animal Numbers & Type	Acres	Plan Type	AEU	AEU/Acre	Reviewer
Donald Kerchner	Greenwich	15 Beef Cows, 1 Bull	120	VAO	29.44	0.55	Hanna
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion A motion was made to approve the Nutrient Management Plan Requesting Removal from Donald Kerchner. (T. Alderfer, C. Leinbach) Comments: What is reason for withdrawal? Full-filled requirements and has committed to follow the Nutrient Management Manual. (T. Alderfer, C. Leinbach) 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 (3)

Name	OP/OW	Municipality	Watershed	Acres	Reason
Lime Mist Holsteins	Owner/Operator	Oley	Manatawny	150	Cons Plan
Drew & Misty Toothman	Owner/Operator	Robeson	Schuylkill	8.3	Cons Plan
Limekiln Farm	Owner/Operator	Oley	Maxatawny	150	Cons Plan

- Motion
A motion was made to accept the SC-1 requests of Lime Mist Holsteins, Drew & Misty Toothman and Limekiln Farm. (C. Leinbach, J. Rosenbaum)
Motion carried.

Conservation Plans (20)

Name	Municipality	Acres	Tract#	Planner
Leon Lauver	Brecknock, Robeson	95	2063	Overstreet
Hasch Daal Farm	Greenwich	93	10238	Hanna
Ray & Cathleen Stoltzfus	Maiden Creek	145	2127	Hanna
Ryan Gelsinger	Greenwich	39	2236	Hanna
Hasch Daal Farm	Greenwich	25.9	11678	Hanna
Glenn Dietrich	Penn	45	2236	Hanna
Glenn Dietrich	Penn	16	3749	Hanna
Clyde Loump T 909	Penn	47.2	909	Seidel
Clyde Loump T910	Penn	7.8	910	Seidel
Clyde Loump T 923	Penn	205	923	Seidel
Clyde Loump T 924	Penn	6.6	924	Seidel
Clyde Loump T 925	Penn	67	925	Seidel
Clyde Loump T 1186	Penn	72.7	1186	Seidel
Clyde Loump T 1192	Penn	44.2	1192	Seidel
Clyde Loump T 11060	Penn	11.5	11060	Seidel
Jeff Madenford	Centre	6.9	1083	Griesemer
Bent Limb Farm, LP	Perry	56.5	1079	Carlson
Keiffer Farms, Inc.	Windsor	203	1853	Carlson
Keiffer Farms, Inc.	Windsor	31	1834	Carlson
Keiffer Farms, Inc.	Windsor	106	1852	Carlson

- Motion
A motion was concur with the Conservation Plans of Leon Lauver, Hasch Daal Farm (2), Ray and Cathleen Stoltzfus, Ryan Gelsinger, Glenn Dietrich (2), Clyde Loump (8), Jeff Madenford, Bent Limb Farm, Kieffer Farms (3). (G. Seidel, C. Leinbach)
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:

At 2:10 board recessed into an executive session regarding real estate.

At 2:32 board returned to board meeting.

Direction was given to the District Executive to address the District's position on rent in the building they are in; review letter with Directors and bring to the Conference Call Workshop on August 9, 2017.



Adjournment

- Motion
A motion was made to adjourn at 2:37 p.m. (L. Gelsinger, J. Rosenbaum)
Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,
Tammy L. Bartsch, Secretary to the Board of Directors

Month	Date & Time	Event
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
	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