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Berks County Conservation District 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 June 28, 2017
Time: 1:00 p.m. – Monthly Board Meeting
Location: Kauffman's Bar-B-Q
33 Gravel Pit Road
Bethel, PA

Call to Order at 1:12 p.m. by Chair Piper Sherburne

Pledge the Flag

Public Comment – None

Present

Chair: Piper Sherburne

Directors: Brian Boyer, Larry Gelsinger, Commissioner Leinbach, Joe Rosenbaum

Associate Directors: Jason Bailey, T. John Bicksler, Leonard Good, Larry Kehl, Ross Stowell

BCCD Staff: Dean Druckenmiller, Olivia Carlson, Shane Conville, Christine Griesemer, Josh Hanna, Eric Hout, Kent Himelright, Gus Meyer, Jeff Overstreet, Kelsey Schwenk, Rita Seidel, Tammy Bartsch

NRCS: Nick Ramsey

Ag Land Preservation/Department of Ag: Kim Fies

FSA: Theresa Tracey and Lori Cogley

DEP: Elwood Blake

Guests: Val Lacis Reading Eagle

Action on Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

Financial Statements for the Month

Approval of Payment of Bills

- Motion
A motion was made to pay the bills (G. Seidel, J. Rosenbaum)

Correspondence – On File

Presentation – Brian Shields, Urban Resource Conservationist

Cooperating Agency Reports

Committee Reports

Admin Tech – Glenn Seidel

New Employee Training Policy

- Motion
A motion was made to rescind the old *New Employee Training Policy*.
(G Seidel, B. Boyer)
Motion was amended to add "within the first 30 days" (B. Boyer, B. Seidel)
Motion passed

Nutrient Management Plan of Leonard Hoover

This is notification to the board that compliance action may be required at the June Board Meeting if a complete plan is not submitted by June 5, 2017.

RMC - Brian Boyer

Trout in the Classroom

Committee recommends using Clean Water funds to introduce one school in each school district (that is not already participating) to the Trout in the Classroom program.

- Motion
A motion was made to introduce Trout in the Classroom to one school in each of the Berks County school districts (that are not already participating) by purchasing the initial

equipment. (B. Boyer, G. Seidel.
Motion passed

D&GR – Piper Sherburne

New Business

- A PACD Update** – Glenn Seidel
- B PACD/SCC Joint Annual Conference – Harrisburg, PA**
- B Affiliate Memberships**
- C June Board Meeting at Kauffman’s Chicken Bar-B-Q**
- D Signature Needed**

Watershed Specialist Program

Amount: \$46,750.00

Term: February 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

- Motion
 - A motion was made to sign the Watershed Specialist Program Grant. (T. Alderfer, J. Rosenbaum)
- Motion passed

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

Name	Municipality	Animal Numbers & Type	Acres	Plan Type	AEU	AEU/Acre	Reviewer
Mike Martin	Jefferson Twp.	72,300 Broilers, 30 Beef	50	CAO	183.92	5.05	Seidel
Don Rice	Albany	105 Dairy Cows; 75 Heifers	78.8	CAO	178.19	2.26	Hanna

Motion

- A motion was made to approve the NMP amendments of Mike Martin and Don Rice. (J. Rosenbaum, T. Alderfer)
- Motion passed

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.

Nutrient Management Plan Requesting Removal (1)

Name	Municipality	Animal Numbers & Type	Acres	Plan Type	AEU	AEU/Acre	Reviewer
Galen Boyd	Centre	No Animals	80	CAO	0	0	Griesemer

Motion

- A motion was made to approve the removal of the NMP of Galen Boyd. (C. Leinbach, T. Alderfer)
- Motion passed
Comments: Reason for request, property was sold

SC-1 Requests (2)

Name	OP/OW	Municipality	Watershed	Acres	Reason
David Stutzman	Owner/Operator	Greenwich	Saucony Creek	110	Farm Stewardship Program
Mervin Martin	Owner/Operator	Tulpehocken	Ches. Bay		Conservation Plan

Motion

- A motion was made to approve the SC1 requests of David Stutzman and Mervin Martin. (C. Leinbach, J. Rosenbaum)
- Motion passed

Conservation Plans to be Rescinded (3)

Name	Municipality	Acres	Tract#	Planner
Hasch Daal Farms T:11677	Greenwich	16	11677	Kerstetter
Hasch Deal Farms T:11678	Greenwich	26	11678	Kerstetter
Hasch Daal Farms T:2802	Greenwich	94	2802	Kerstetter

Motion

- A motion was made to approve the rescinding of the conservation plans of Hasch Daal Farms (3).
(T. Alderfer, C. Leinbach)
Motion passed

Conservation Plans (10)

Name	Municipality	Acres	Tract#	Planner
Hasch Daal Farms T:11677	Greenwich	16	11677	Kerstetter
Hasch Daal Farms T:2802	Greenwich	94	2802	Kerstetter
John Rost	Centre	19.5	12456	Griesemer
Megan & Jeff Ruth	Maxatawny	46.8	12461	Hanna
Megan & Jeff Ruth	Maxatawny	31.8	12462	Hanna
Carl Good	Tulpehocken	105	426	Hanna
Carl Good	Tulpehocken	18	66	Hanna
Linda Youse	Oley	9.57	11874	Carlson
Linda Youse	Oley	29.93	3418	Carlson
Linda Youse	Oley	15	10268	Carlson

Motion

- A motion was made to concur with Conservation Plans of Hasch Daal Farms (2), John Rost, Megan and Jeff Ruth (2), Carl Good (2) and Linda Youse (3).
(L. Gelsinger, T. Alderfer)
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:

Dean – everyone is very busy

Commissioner Leinbach – thanked Dean for meeting with Mid Atlantic Air museum; building remodel update, rate is 4.57 + Urban CPI

Troy – is not seeking re-election to board in 2018

Recessed into Executive Session at 2:15 p.m.

Returned from Executive Session at 2:28 p.m.

Motion

- A motion was made to authorize District Executive to hire an attorney to deal with personnel matters.
(C. Leinbach, B. Boyer)

Adjournment

Motion

- A motion was made to adjourn. (G. Seidel, J. Rosenbaum)
Motion passed
Meeting adjourned at 2:31

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy L. Bartsch, Secretary to the Board of Directors

Month	Date & Time	Event
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
	27 th - 29 th	Don Hartman Conservation Leadership School
	28 th – 12:00 p.m.	DGLVR Meeting
	28 th – Beginning at 11:00 a.m.	Board Meeting at Kauffman’s Bar B Q 11:00 a.m. Mini Golf; 12:00 p.m. Lunch; 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
	23 rd – 5:30 p.m.	70 th Anniversary Banquet and A Bite of Berks Celebration!
	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