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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 September 27, 2017
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Berks County Agricultural Center, 1238 County Welfare Road, Leesport, PA

Meeting was called to order at 1:02 by Chair Piper Sherburne
Pledge the Flag
Public Comment –
Stephanie Shirk, Director Client Relations Penn State Extension
Tara Mondock, Associate Director Client Relations Penn State Extension
They offered to assist the District in any way that they can and hope to partner on projects in the future.

Present

Chair: Piper Sherburne

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

Associate Directors: T. John Bicksler, Leonard Good, Larry Kehl, Jim McCarthy, Ross Stowell

BCCD Staff: Dean Druckenmiller, Josh Hanna, Tammy Bartsch

NRCS: Nick Ramsey

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

FSA – Theresa Tracey

DEP – Elwood Blake

Penn State Extension: Stephanie Shirk – Penn State Extension; Tara Mondock – Penn State Extension;

Tanner Delvalle – Penn State Extension

Guests: Val Lacis – Reading Eagle;

Action on Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

Financial Statements for the Month

- Motion
A motion was made give Dean Druckenmiller authority to write a letter contacting Legislators pertaining to budget issues using the draft letter sent out by PACD. Letter is to be emailed and mailed does not need to go through committee. (C. Leinbach, B. Boyer)
Motion carried

Approval of Payment of Bills

- Motion
A motion was made for payment of the bills. (B. Boyer, L. Gelsinger)
Motion carried

Correspondence – On File

Presentation: None"

Cooperating Agency Reports

Committee Reports

Admin Tech – Glenn Seidel
No actionable items

RMC - Brian Boyer

Purchase a vehicle

- Motion
A motion was made to purchase a vehicle, to replace vehicle 4 (2001 Ford Explorer), with something smaller. (B. Boyer, T. Alderfer)



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Motion carried

Comments: The Chair asked if this will deplete our vehicle fund, Treasurer replied no.

Transfer of Funds

- Motion
A motion was made to transfer \$100,000 from the General Checking Account to the Erosion Control Reserve Restricted Account and maintain a minimum of \$250,000 in the Restricted Account from here forward. (B. Boyer, G. Seidel)
Motion carried

D&GR – Piper Sherburne

Awards

Awards will be given to the following for their good projects:
Dirt, Gravel Road – Weidner Road
Low Volume Road – Adams Hotel Road

Old Business

A 70th Anniversary Celebration and A Bite of Berks Fundraiser

Direction was given to invite previous District Managers

New Business

A PACD Update

B PACD/NRCS Agreement

- Motion
A motion was made to sign the agreement. (G. Seidel, B. Boyer)
Motion carried

C UGWF Funding Proposed Resolution from Armstrong County

- Motion
A motion was made to for our delegation to bring this motion from the floor to support the current funding system. (C. Leinbach, G. Seidel)
Motion carried

Nutrient Management Plan Amendments & Tri-Annual Reviews

Name	Municipality	Animal Numbers & Type	Acres	Plan Type	AEU	AEU/Acre	Reviewer
Elvin Martin	Bethel	2,200 Swine, 55 Beef Cows/Calves, 200 Finishers, 30 Custom Heifers	140	CAO/CAFO	376.41	2.06	Overstreet
David Weaver	Marion	107,000 Layers	163	CAO/CAFO	337.05	2.11	Seidel
Herman Manbeck	Marion	1,000 Finishing Hogs, 235 Sows, 510 Nursery Pigs, 4 Beef, 1 Horse	155.3	VAO	267.2	1.81	Seidel

- Motion
A motion was made to approve the Nutrient Management Plan Amendment & Tri-Annual Review of Elvin Martin, David Weaver, and Herman Manbeck. (C. Leinbach, G. Seidel)
Motion carried

Nutrient Management Plans Requesting Removal

Name	Municipality	Animal Numbers & Type	Acres	Plan Type	AEU	AEU/Acre	Reviewer
Tim Luckenbill	Tilden	20 Cow/Calf Pairs, 1 Bull & 13 Steers	59.8	VAO	26.57	0.44	Griesemer
Calvin Zerbe	Upper Tulpehocken	102,000 Pullets	166.5	VAO	150.71	1.05	Seidel

- Motion
A motion was made to approve the Nutrient Management Plans requesting removal for Tim Luckenbill, Calvin Zerbe.

(C. Leinbach, J. 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.

SC-1 Requests

Name	OP/OW	Municipality	Watershed	Acres	Reason
Adam Robles	Owner/Operator	Windsor	Schuylkill	38.5	Conservation Plan
Mark Weber	Operator	Brecknock	Ches. Bay	150	Conservation Plan/MMP
Troy Alderfer	Owner/Operator	Oley	Manatawny	120	Conservation Plan
Glenn Brubacker	Owner/Operator	Caernarvon	Ches. Bay	500	Conservation Plan/MMP

- Motion
A motion was made to approve the SC-1 Requests of Adam Robles, Mark Weber, Troy Alderfer, and Glen Brubacker.
(J. Rosenbaum, C. Leinbach)
Motion carried
Comments: Troy Alderfer recused himself from voting.

Conservation Plans

Name	Municipality	Acres	Tract#	Planner
Leroy Kerschner	Albany	182	1939	Hanna
Leroy Kerschner	Albany	34	10735	Hanna

- Motion
A motion was made to concur with the 2 Conservation Plans of Leroy Kerschner. (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: None

Adjournment

- Motion
A motion was made to adjourn. (J. Rosenbaum, C. Leinbach)
Motion carried
Meeting adjourned at 2:39 p.m.

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