

Minutes from the Berks County Conservation District Monthly Board Meeting February 29, 2012

Piper Sherburne called the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Berks County Conservation District to order on Wednesday, February 29, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Berks County Agriculture Center, 1238 County Welfare Road, Leesport, PA 19533.

The group pledged their allegiance to the flag.

The following Directors were present: Piper L. Sherburne, Chairperson; Glenn R. Seidel, Vice-Chairman; Mark A. Wolfskill, Treasurer; Larry E. Kehl; T. John Bicksler, Brian D. Boyer and Commissioner Christian Leinbach.

The following Associate Directors were present: Henry Bohn; John Schueller; Ross Stowell; Leonard Good; and Jim McCarthy.

The following District Staff was present: Dan Greig, District Executive; Stephanie Drzal, Agricultural Resource Conservationist, Holly Kaplan Urban Resource Conservationist and Tammy Bartsch, Office Administrator.

The following Cooperating Agencies representatives were present: Nicholas Ramsey, NRCS; Rick Hartlieb, DCNR; Theresa Tracey, FSA; John Sabaitis and Tom Burrell, PA Fish & Boat Commission and Sheila Miller, Agricultural Coordinator.

The following were also present: Jeff Whalen, Government Liaison; Corey Moore, NRCS; Ron Rohrbach and Christian Malesic, Home Builder's Association and Val Lacin, Reading Eagle.

Public Comment: None

- Action on Minutes of January 25, 2012 meeting
Motion to accept the January 25, 2012 minutes, was made by **Brian Boyer**, seconded by **T. John Bicksler**, motion passed.
Discussion: None
- Payment of February 2012 bills
Motion to pay the bills, was made by **Commissioner Christian Leinbach**, seconded by **Mark Wolfskill**, motion passed.
Discussion: None

Staff Presentation: Holly Kaplan, Urban Resource Conservationist gave a short power point presentation of duties and tasks.

Correspondence: See Attached

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Cooperating Agency Reports

PA DEP

- Deactivation of the Titus Plant on or around April 2015 will affect approximately 65 employees.
- The Conservation District thanked DEP Liason Jeff Whalen for facilitating the Chapter 105 meeting between the Conservation District and DEP on February 22, 2012.

PA DCNR – Rick Hartlieb

- Weaber Hardwoods in Lebanon County has changed ownership.
- Gypsy Moth Spray Program *may* be needed in 2013 or 2014.

NRCS – Nicholas Ramsey

- The Cooperative Working Agreement between NRCS and the Conservation District has been reviewed; no real concerns or changes requested; no additional actions are needed.

FSA – Theresa Tracey

- See Attached

PA Fish & Boat Commission – John Sabaitis and Tom Burrell

- Trout stocking begins March 1, 2012.
- New regulation allows use of 3 rods for fishing.
- New PA Waterpatch Series
- Visit website for information.

PA Game Commission – No Report

Cooperative Extension Update – No Report

Berks County Association of Township Officials – No Report

Agricultural Coordinator – Sheila Miller

- March 2, 2012 is Career Day at Ag Center; from 8:30 am – 11:30 am.
- March 16, 2012 is National Ag Day; trip to Berks Career & Technology West Campus.

Agricultural Land Preservation

- March 7, 2012 at 1:00 pm is the tentative date and time set for representatives from Ag Land Preservation and the Berks County Conservation District to meet.

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Committee Reports

SEPA RC&D – No Report

D & G R Quality Assurance Board – Piper Sherburne

- No meeting held

Workshop Conference Call – Meeting Cancelled

Admin Tech / Ag Committee – Larry Kehl – Minutes Attached

Resource Management Committee – Brian Boyer – Minutes Attached

To Do: Need volunteers to pick and pack – please sign up.

Motion to sign West Nile Virus contract was made by **Brian Boyer**, seconded by **Glenn Seidel**, motion passed.

Discussion: None

Motion to adopt Employee Certification Incentive Program was made by **Brian Boyer**, seconded by **Commissioner Christian Leinbach**, motion passed.

Discussion: None

Unfinished Business:

Scholarships

To date we have received seven scholarships and anticipate receiving at least two tomorrow.

Employee Certification Incentive Program

Both committees have received the proposed program; approval is needed so document can be added to the BCCD Employee handbook

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NEW BUSINESS:

- ***Affiliate Membership(s) for 2012***

<i>Name of Affiliate Member</i>	<i>Amount of Membership</i>
Borough of Robesonia	\$25.00
Borough of Wernersville	\$25.00
Perry Twp. Game Assoc.	\$2500
Richmond Township	\$25.00
Systems Design Engineering, Inc.	\$25.00
N Heidelberg Township	\$25.00
Leesport Gun Club	\$25.00
Tulpehocken Chapter Trout Ultd.	\$25.00
Borough of Laureldale	\$50.00
Brecknock Township	\$50.00
Borough of Hamburg	\$50.00
Penn Township	\$50.00
VIST Financial Corp.	\$99.00

<i>Name of Affiliate Member</i>	<i>Amount of Membership</i>
Wyomissing Data Systems Inc	\$100.00
Borough of Kutztown	\$100.00
Boyer Engineering	\$100.00
Bursich Associates	\$100.00
Maidencreek Township	\$100.00
Landis C. Deck & Sons	\$125.00
Landmark Homes	\$200.00
Barwis Construction	\$250.00
Leesport Borough	\$250.00
County of Berks	\$500.00
Terre Hill Sotrmwater Systems	\$500.00

SIGNATURES REQUIRED:

- ***West Nile Virus Grant Application for January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 (See RMC Minutes).***
- ***Updated Signature Cards for CD's at National Penn Bank***
Motion to have signature cards at National Penn Bank be consistent with signature cards at VIST Financial, signors are Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and District Executive was made by
Commissioner Christian Leinbach, seconded by **T. John Bicksler**, motion passed.
Discussion: None

NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLANS: *One (1)*

Name	Municipality	Animal Numbers	Acres	Plan Type	AEU	AEU/Acre	Reviewer
Donald Rice	Albany	100 Milking Cows, 36 Heifers, 20 Goats	54.7	CAO	158.85	2.9	Drzal

Motion to acknowledge the Donald Rice Nutrient Management Plan was made by **Commissioner Christian Leinbach**, seconded by **Glenn Seidel**, motion passed.
Discussion: None

NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN AMMENDMENTS: *Zero (0)*

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NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLANS REQUESTING REMOVAL: *Two (2)*

Name	Municipality	Animal Numbers	Acres	Plan Type	AEU	AEU/Acre
Ralph Moyer	Bethel	220 Milking Cows, 40 Dry Cows, 140 Heifers, 100 Calves	438.1	VAO	501.5	1.21
Charlie Zimmerman	Centre	42,000 Layers, 350 Milking Cows, 40 Dry Cows, 120 Calves, 100 Heifers	616.0	VAO	797.8	1.29

Motion to remove Ralph Moyer was made by **Glenn Seidel**, seconded by **Mark Wolfskill**, motion passed.
Discussion: None

NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLANS EXPIRING: *Three (3)*

Name	Municipality	Animal Numbers	Acres	Plan Type	AEU	AEU/Acre
Sam Stalter	Tulpehocken	124,000 Layers	0	CAO/CAFO	413.5	413.5
Anthony Oberholtzer	Tulpehocken	160,000 Broilers, 20 Sheep	73.8	CAO/CAFO	374.8	5.3
Stephen Olesh	Tulpehocken	75,000 Broilers	0	CAO	199.1	199.1

SC-1 REQUESTS: Six (6)

Name	OP/OW	Coop	Municipality	Acres	Reason
Girogi Mushroom (Phil Coles)	OP	BCCD	Maidencreek	7.5	MFEMP
Christy Deihm	OP/OW	BCCD	Brecknock	6.5	Ag E&S Plan
Lawrence and Donna Arnold	OP/OW	TBD	Tulpehocken	51	BCALP Plan
Kenneth Bicksler	OP/OW	TBD	Upper Tulpehocken	52	BCALP Plan
Russell Heiter	OP/OW	TBD	Greenwich	130	BCALP Plan
Daniel Martin	OP	NRCS	Penn	69.7	Potential EQIP
Robert Waszkiewicz	OW	TBD	Bern	38	BCALP
Pearl C. Noll	OW	TBD	Richmond	47	BCALP
Daryl Kunkel	OW/OP	TBD	Greenwich	70	BCALP

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. "The Berks County Conservation District concurs with these plans, based on NRCS certification that the plans meet the standards and

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specifications of the Pennsylvania Field Office Technical Guide for NRCS.” OR AS APPROPRIATE
“The Berks County Conservation District concurs with these plans, based on the contracted 3rd
Party Planner’s certification that the plans meet the standards and specifications of the
Pennsylvania Field Office Technical Guide for NRCS.”

REPORTS: District Executive and Staff Reports are attached.

COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made to adjourn at 2:15 p.m. by
Glenn Seidel, seconded by **Commissioner Christian Leinbach**, motion passed.
Discussion: None

UPCOMING MEETINGS, EVENTS and HOLIDAYS:

March

- Mar. 1, 2012 – Schuylkill Watershed Congress
- Mar. 8, 2012 - Admin Tech Meeting – 9:00 a.m.
- Mar. 9 – 11, 2012 – SEPA Home and Garden Show
- Mar. 14, 2012 - Workshop Conference Call – 10:00 a.m.
- Mar. 16, 2012 – PACD South East Region Meeting – 9:00 a.m.
- Mar. 19, 2012 - Annual Banquet – Pike Township Sportsmen’s Club – 6:00 p.m.
- Mar. 20, 2012 - RMC Committee Meeting – 8:00 a.m.
- Manure Management and PA OneStop Workshop
- Mar. 28, 2012 – Board Meeting – 1:00 p.m.

April

- Apr. 11, 2012 - Workshop Conference Call – 10:00 a.m.
- Apr. 12, 2012 - Admin Tech Meeting – 9:00 a.m.
- Apr. 17, 2012 - RMC Committee Meeting – 8:00 a.m.
- Apr. 20 – 21, 2012 – Tree Seedling Sale
- Apr. 25, 2012 – Board Meeting – 1:00 p.m.

May

- May 1, 2012 – High School Envirothon
- May 9, 2012 – Middle School Envirothon
- May 9, 2012 - Workshop Conference Call – 10:00 a.m.
- May 10, 2012 - Admin Tech Meeting – 9:00 a.m.
- May 15, 2012 - RMC Committee Meeting – 8:00 a.m.
- May 30, 2012 – Board Meeting – 1:00 p.m.

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June

- *Jun. 13, 2012 - Workshop Conference Call – 10:00 a.m.*
- *Jun. 14, 2012 - Admin Tech Meeting – 9:00 a.m.*
- *Jun. 19, 2012 - RMC Committee Meeting – 8:00 a.m.*
- *Jun. 25 – 29, 2012 – Don Hartman Conservation Leadership School*
- *Jun. 27, 2012 – Board Meeting – 1:00 p.m.*

July

- *Jul. 11, 2012 - Workshop Conference Call – 10:00 a.m.*
- *Jul. 12, 2012 - Admin Tech Meeting – 9:00 a.m.*
- *Jul. 17, 2012 - RMC Committee Meeting – 8:00 a.m.*
- *Jul. 25, 2012 – Board Meeting – 1:00 p.m.*