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 Lasic, 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
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 Liaison 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.
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
NEW BUSINESS:

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

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<td>Terre Hill Stormwater Systems</td>
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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)**

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<td>Donald Rice</td>
<td>Albany</td>
<td>100 Milking Cows, 36 Heifers, 20 Goats</td>
<td>54.7</td>
<td>CAO</td>
<td>158.85</td>
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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)**
**NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLANS REQUESTING REMOVAL:** Two (2)

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<td>Charlie Zimmerman</td>
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Motion to remove Ralph Moyer was made by Glenn Seidel, seconded by Mark Wolfskill, motion passed.

Discussion: None

**NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLANS EXPIRING:** Three (3)

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**SC-1 REQUESTS:** Six (6)

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<td>Christy Deihm</td>
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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
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.
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. 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.