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September 26, 2012  
Board Meeting Minutes

Piper Sherburne called the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Berks County Conservation District to order on Wednesday, September 26, 2012 at 1:03 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 and T. John Bicksler.

***The following Associate Directors were present:*** John Schueller, Ross Stowell, Leonard Good and Jim McCarthy.

***The following District Staff was present:*** Dan Greig, District Executive; Eric Konzelmann, Urban Resource Conservationist; Damian Painter Ag Resource Conservationist and Tammy Bartsch, Office Administrator.

***The following Cooperating Agencies representatives were present:*** Nick Ramsey, NRCS Elwood Blake, DEP; John Sabaitis, PA Fish and Boat Commission; Chase D. Rhoades, PA Fish and Boat Commission.

***The following were also present:*** Jason Bailey, Lori Sandman, Jeff Whalen, DEP; Kellsey Hart, Student at Kutztown University and Val Lacin, Reading Eagle.

**Public Comment:** None

***Associate Director*** – Piper Sherburne, Chair appointed Lori Sandman as an Associate Director to the Board.

Action on Minutes of August 29, 2012 Meeting

- ❖ **Motion** to accept the August 29, 2012 minutes, was made by Glenn Seidel, seconded by T. John Bicksler; Motion was amended to reflect correction of name and title of Damian Painter, Ag Resource Conservationist by Jason Bailey; Motion passed; Discussion: None

Payment of September 2012 bills

- ❖ **Motion** to pay the bills, was made by Glenn Seidel, seconded by Mark Wolfskill Motion passed; Discussion: None

**Correspondence:** Filed with Minutes

**Cooperating Agency Reports**

***PA DEP – Elwood Blake – Talking Points attached***

***PA DEP – Jeff Whalen***

- Direction has been given to standardize their review; no money back guarantees; everyone will be held to these standards and delegation agreements may change.

**PA DCNR Bureau of Forestry – No Report**

**NRCS – Nick Ramsey**

- Manure Storage – research is being done as to whether there or not there is a connection to the increase of gases released and the use of gypsum in bedding.

**FSA – Theresa Tracey – Milk Report attached**

- The Lebanon and Lancaster FSA offices are combining;
- Authorization has been given to post a position for staff who is retiring in December.

**PA Fish & Boat Commission – John Sabaitis and Chase Rhoades**

- Trout stocking will begin in October.
- November 1, 2012 through April 30, 2013 – all occupants of canoes, kayaks under 16’ long must wear life jackets.
- Cold Water Heritage opened grants for 2013.

To Do: Dan Greig is going to look into partnering with other associations to educate various clubs and organizations on building dams for fishing rodeos.

**PA Game Commission – No Report**

**Cooperative Extension Update – No Report**

**Berks County Association of Township Officials – No Report**

**Agricultural Coordinator – No Report**

- Farm Tour note cards were handed out

**Agricultural Land Preservation - No Report**

**Committee Reports**

**SEPA RC&D – Steve Miller**

- A draft copy of the reconfiguration was sent out; Berks County Cons. Dist. did not receive the letter.

To Do: Dan Greig is to get a copy of the reconfiguration from Chester County Cons. Dist.

To Do: Dan Greig is to write a letter to SEPA RC&D regarding lack of information and communication with the Districts; letter to go out before RC&D’s October meeting.

- The planting trailer can be borrowed; it will be delivered and then picked up at a fee of \$1.87 per mile.

**D & G R Quality Assurance Board – Piper Sherburne**

- Brian Withiam will be the primary and Eric Konzelmann back up as the District staff member for the RC&D Board
- Getting additional funds in November.

- ❖ **Motion** to give a one year extension for two projects on Gift Road in Richmond Township was made by Glenn Seidel, seconded by Mark Wolfskill.  
Motion passed; Discussion: None

**Workshop Conference Call – Meeting Cancelled**

**Admin Tech / Ag Committee – Glenn Seidel – Minutes Attached**

- Legislative Breakfast  
Date is October 23, 2012, invites have been sent to Legislators

To Do: Send invites to Jeff Whalen and Elwood Blake with DEP

**Resource Management Committee – Dan Greig – Minutes Attached – No action required**

**Unfinished Business:**

- **Topton Borough Erosion Issue** – Bring up at Legislative Breakfast.
- **Cabinet or Display Case** – Work in progress.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **PACD**
  - PACD/SCC Winter Meeting – Jan. 23 – 24, 2013 – State College, PA
- **PENNVEST**- Update
- **Affiliate Membership(s) for October 2012**
- **MS4** – Update
- **Permit Decision Guarantee Process**

**TO DO:** Dan Greig is to put comments together on behalf of the District

- **REAP Program** – See Admin Tech minutes

**SIGNATURES REQUIRED:**

- **CDFAP ACT FY 2012-2013** - This document needs to be signed by the Chair.
  - ❖ **Motion** to have the Chair sign the CDFAP ACT FY 2012-2013 agreement was made by Glenn Seidel, seconded by T. John Bicksler  
Motion passed; Discussion: None
- **MOU** – Township of Spring, Bechtelsville Borough, Amity Township and City of Reading need to be signed by the Chair.
  - ❖ **Motion** to have the Chair sign the MOU's for Township of Spring, Bechtelsville Borough, Amity Township and City of Reading by T. John Bicksler, seconded by Mark Wolfskill.  
Motion passed; Discussion: None
- **Coastal Non-Point Pollution Program; October 2, 2012 through September 30, 2013; \$20,000.00** - needs to be signed by the Chair.
  - ❖ **Motion** to sign **Coastal Non-Point Pollution Program Agreement**, was made by Glenn Seidel, 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
T. John Bicksler	Richland	70,000 Broilers, 31 Cow/Calf Pairs, 70 Beef Steers	513	VAO	201.9	0.39	Damian Painter

- ❖ **Motion** to approve the **Nutrient Management Plan** of T. John Bicksler was made by Glenn Seidel, seconded by Mark Wolfskill  
Motion passed; Discussion: None
- *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 AMENDMENTS:** Two (2)

Name	Municipality	Animal Numbers	Acres	Plan Type	AEU	AEU/ Acre	Reviewer
J. Walter Kolb	Myerstown	1050 Hogs	8	CAO	131	16.39	Damian Painter
David Burkholder	Bethel	5300	5.7	CAO	102	17.89	Jeff Overstreet

**NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLANS REQUESTING REMOVAL:** One (1)

Name	Municipality	Animal Numbers	Acres	Plan Type	AEU	AEU/ Acre	Reviewer
Harlan Burkholder	Maxatawny Twp.		115.5	VAO	61.85	0.54	

**NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLANS EXPIRING:** Zero (0)

**NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLANS UPDATED:** Zero (0)

**SC-1 REQUESTS:** Zero (0)

- ❖ **Motion** to acknowledge the SC-1 Requests listed above was made by Glenn Seidel, seconded by Commissioner Leinbach  
*Motion passed; Discussion: None*

**CONSERVATION PLANS:** One (1)

Name	Municipality	Acres	Tract #	Planner
Dale & Carolyn Machmer	Mohrsville	109.1	1473	Damian Painter

- ❖ **Motion** to acknowledge the Conservation Plan above was made by Glenn Seidel, seconded by Mark Wolfskill  
*Motion passed; Discussion: None*

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:**

Dan Greig – see his Talking Points for updates.

To Do: Dan Greig is to talk to Commissioner Leinbach regarding Camp Joy, status, who is responsible and so forth.

Ross Stowell - Questioned the Directors as to whether or not they are meeting expectations.

Glenn Seidel – If anything is needed from PACD, put it in writing.

Mark Wolfskill – He is with the District 46 years and 6 months.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

- ❖ **Motion** to adjourn at 3:17 p.m. was made by Mark Wolfskill, seconded by Glenn Seidel  
*Motion passed; Discussion: None*

**UPCOMING MEETINGS, EVENTS and HOLIDAYS:**

***October***

- *Oct.31, 2012 – Board Meeting – 1:00 p.m.*

***November***

- *Nov. 8, 2012 - Admin Tech Meeting – 9:00 a.m.*
- *Nov. 14, 2012 - Workshop Conference Call – 10:00 a.m.*
- *Nov. 20, 2012 - RMC Committee Meeting – 8:00 a.m.*
- *Nov. 28, 2012 – Board Meeting – 1:00 p.m.*

***December***

- *Dec. 12, 2012 - Workshop Conference Call – 10:00 a.m.*
- *Dec. 13, 2012 - Admin Tech Meeting – 9:00 a.m.*
- *Dec. 18, 2012 - RMC Committee Meeting – 8:00 a.m.*
- *Dec. 26, 2012 – Board Meeting – 1:00 p.m.*