

# Minutes from the Berks County Conservation District Monthly Board Meeting December 28, 2011

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Chairman Glenn Seidel called the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Berks County Conservation District to order on Wednesday, December 28, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. in the auditorium 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:*** Glenn R. Seidel, Chairman; Piper L. Sherburne, Vice-Chairman; Mark A. Wolfskill, Treasurer; Larry E. Kehl; T. John Bicksler and Brian D. Boyer.

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

***The following District Staff was present:*** Dan Greig, District Executive; Ann Sellers, Agricultural Conservation Technician and Tammy Bartsch, Office Administrator.

***The following Cooperating Agencies representatives were present:*** Nicholas Ramsey, NRCS; Rick Hartlieb, DCNR and Rick Kauffman, Penn State Extension.

***The following were also present:*** Jeff Whalen, Government Liaison and Val Lacin, Reading Eagle

**Public Comment:** None

- Action on Minutes of November 30, 2011 meeting  
**Motion** to accept the November 30, 2011 minutes, was made by **Brian Boyer**, seconded by **Piper Sherburne**, motion passed.  
**Discussion:** Correct Dan Greig's title and date of minutes
- Payment of December 2011 bills  
**Motion** to pay the bills was made by **Brian Boyer**, seconded by **T. John Bicksler**, motion passed.  
**Discussion:** None

**Correspondence:** None

## **Cooperating Agency Reports**

***PA DEP – No Report***

***PA DCNR – No Report***

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## **NRCS – Nicholas Ramsey**

- Brad Yothers will begin employment January 17, 2012 as a Soil Conservation Technician;
- Cory Moore will begin employment January 17, 2012 as an Engineer in Training;
- CSP deadline for sign-ups is January 13, 2012; currently have 12 applicants
- Received rankings and cost lists for 2012 farm bill applications in EQIP, CBWI etc., have approximately 55 applicants; deadline for sign up is extended to February 3, 2012;

## **FSA – No Report**

## **PA Fish & Boat Commission – No Report**

## **PA Game Commission – No Report**

## **Cooperative Extension Update – Rick Kauffman – See Attachments**

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

## **Agricultural Coordinator – No Report**

## **Agricultural Land Preservation – Larry Kehl**

- Theresa Tracey received a certificate for 25 years of service;

## **Committee Reports**

## **SEPA RC&D – No Report**

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

- \$34,240.72 in D&GR account; \$18,086.55 is dedicated; \$16,154.17 for future projects;

**Motion** to release funds in the amount of \$6,555.00, which is 50% of the project cost, for the Hereford Township project was made by

**Piper Sherburne**, seconded by **Mark Wolfskill**, motion passed.

**Discussion:** None

## **Workshop Conference Call – Meeting Cancelled**

## **Admin Tech / Ag Committee – Larry Kehl – Minutes Attached**

## **Resource Management Committee – Brian Boyer – Minutes Attached**

**Motion** to adopt 2012 balanced budget in the amount of \$858,550.00 was made by **Brian Boyer**, seconded by **Larry Kehl**, motion passed.

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**Discussion:** None

**Motion** to accept lease addendum as presented, was made by **Brian Boyer**, seconded by **Larry Kehl**, motion passed.

**Discussion:** None

**Direction:** Dan Greig is to set up a meeting with the Commissioners.

**Unfinished Business:**

- **2012 Budget** – see motion above

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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

<b><i>Name of Affiliate Member</i></b>	<b><i>Amount of Membership</i></b>
Berks Surveying & Engineering	\$ 25.00
Marion Township	\$ 50.00

- ***Office Procedure for Internet and Phone Outages***
- ***Setting Up a Flexible Spending Account with VIST***

**Motion** to sign the paperwork for the new account, was made by **Brian Boyer**, seconded by **Larry Kehl**, motion passed.

**Discussion:** None

**NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLANS: Five (5)**

Name	Municipality	Animal Numbers	Acres	Plan Type	AEU	AEU/Acre	Reviewer
Charles Plushanski	Greenwich	350 Milking Cows, 60 Dry Cows, 120 Calves, 6 Bulls	284.00	CAO	677.00	2.38	Drzal
Gerald Martin	Tulpehocken	2,450 Finishing Hogs	184.76	VAO	358.00	1.93	Lanc CCD
Jeremy Martin	Bethel	130 Cows, 110 Replacements	232.0	VAO	220.5	0.95	Drzal
David Weaver	Marion	97,000 Layers, 24 Beef Cattle	93.40	CAO/ CAFO	352.11	3.77	Drzal
Donald "DJ" Duncan	Heidelberg	140 Milking Cows, 160 Replacements	350.00	VAO	281.5	0.89	Drzal

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**Motion** to acknowledge the Nutrient Management plans of C. Plushanski, G. Martin, J. Martin, D. Weaver and D. Duncan, was made by **Piper Sherburne**, seconded by **T. John Bicksler**, motion passed.  
**Discussion:** None

**NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN AMMENDMENTS:** Zero (0)

**NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLANS REQUESTING REMOVAL:** Zero (0)

**NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLANS EXPIRING:** One (1)

Name	Municipality	Animal Numbers	Acres	Plan Type	AEU	AEU/Acre
Irvin Weaver	Marion	Winterville Farm: 130,000 Layers, Smaltz Farm: 180,000 Layers	0.00	CAO/ CAFO	443.70	443.70

**SC-1 REQUESTS:** Two (2)

Name	OP/OW	Coop	Municipality	Acres	Reason
Richard Berger	OP/OW	Ag Pres	Greenwich	100	Ag Pres
Kervin Weaver	OW	Ag Pres	Richmond	66	Ag Pres

**Motion** to acknowledge the SC-1 Requests for Richard Berger and Kervin Weaver was made by,  
**Piper Sherburne**, seconded by **T. John Bicksler**, 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. “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:**

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## **ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion** was made to adjourn at 2:47 p.m. by **Brian Boyer**, seconded by **Larry Kehl**, motion passed.  
**Discussion:** None

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS, EVENTS and HOLIDAYS:**

### ***January***

- Jan. 11, 2012 - Admin Tech Meeting – 9:00 a.m.
- Jan. 12, 2012 - Workshop Conference Call – 10:00 a.m.
- Jan. 17, 2012 - RMC Committee Meeting – 8:00 a.m.
- Jan. 18 & 19 – PACD Winter Conference at State College
- Jan. 25, 2012 – Board Meeting – 1:00 p.m.

### ***February***

- Feb. 8, 2012 - Workshop Conference Call – 10:00 a.m.
- Feb. 9, 2012 - Admin Tech Meeting – 9:00 a.m.
- Feb. 21, 2012 - RMC Committee Meeting – 8:00 a.m.
- Feb. 29, 2012 – Board Meeting – 1:00 p.m.

### ***March***

- Mar. 8, 2012 - Admin Tech Meeting – 9:00 a.m.
- Mar. 14, 2012 - Workshop Conference Call – 10:00 a.m.
- Mar. 20, 2012 - RMC Committee Meeting – 8:00 a.m.
- 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. 25, 2012 – Board Meeting – 1:00 p.m.

### ***May***

- 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.