



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 February 27, 2020
Time 1:00 p.m.
Location Berks County Agricultural Center, 1238 County Welfare Road, Leesport, PA

Meeting was called to order at 1:01 by Chair Piper Sherburne

Pledge the Flag

Public Comment – None

Present

Chair: Piper Sherburne

Directors: Jesse Bitler, Brian Boyer, Larry Gelsinger, Commissioner Leinbach, Joseph Rosenbaum, Glenn Seidel

Associate Directors: Jason Bailey, Leonard Good, Larry Kehl, Jim McCarthy, Geoffrey Price, Ross Stowell

BCCD Staff: Dean Druckenmiller, Tammy Bartsch, Christine Griesemer

NRCS: Nicholas Ramsey

Ag Land Preservation: Kim Fies

FSA: Kayla Shaak

Action on Minutes of Previous Meeting

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. (B. Boyer, J. Rosenbaum)

Motion passed; no comment

Financial Statements for the Month – filed for audit

Approval of Payment of Bills

A motion was made to pay the bills. (C. Leinbach, L. Gelsinger)

Motion passed; no comment

Correspondence – None

Presentation – Kent Himelright, Zartman/PennDOT Project

Swearing In

Commissioner Leinbach was sworn in as the Commissioner Member, by the Chair

Directors Brian Boyer and Larry Gelsinger were sworn in as Directors, by Commissioner Leinbach

Cooperating Agency Reports – on file

Committee Reports

Admin Tech – Glenn Seidel – No Actionable Items

RMC - Brian Boyer – No Actionable Items

A Berks County Clean Water Fund Request

A motion was made to approve request from the Tulpehocken Creek Watershed for up to \$4,735.00 to be used for tree plantings, tubes and public education day. (B. Boyer, J. Rosenbaum)

The March RMC meeting will be rescheduled from Tuesday March 17, 2020 to Monday March 16, 2020

D&GR – Piper Sherburne

Building Committee – Dean Druckenmiller

Legislative Committee – Larry Kehl

Old Business

Scholarships – scholarships will be ready to review Monday March 20, 2020; reviews need to be completed no later than Wednesday April 29, 2020

Poster Contest – posters will be ready for judging Monday March 23, 2020; voting closes April 10, 2020



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Paint the Rain Contest – rain barrels will be at the Ag Center Friday April 10, 2020; voting will open that day and continue through Friday April 17,2020

New Business

A PACD Update

Building was sold

B Affiliate Memberships

C ~~March 10, 2020~~ CANCELLED

- **2020 Regional Director Training Workshop – Back to Basics**

April 16, 2020

- **Seeding Sale & Backyard Basics – *Volunteers Needed***

Pick and Pack at the **Berks County Ag Center**, under the tent

April 17, 2020

- **Seeding Sale & Backyard Basics - *Volunteers Needed***

11:00 am – 7:00 pm at the **Berks County Ag Center**, under the tent

April 30, 2020

- **PACD South East Region Meeting - *Hennings Market***, Harleysville, PA

June 8, 2020

- **A Bite of Berks Scholarship Fundraiser - *Volunteers Needed***

Doors open at 5:00 pm at the **Leesport Farmer's Market Banquet Hall**

August 28, 2020

- o **Envirothon Sporting Clay Fundraiser**

D Statement of Financial Interests

Complete, sign and return to the Office Manager no later than March 25, 2020

Nutrient Management Plans Requesting Removal

Name	Municipality	Animal Numbers	Acres	Plan Type	AEU	AEU/Acres	Reviewer
Amos Esh	Bethel	Sold farm, moving out of county					Lutz

A motion was made to approve removing the Nutrient Management Plan of Amos Esh. (C. Leinbach, L. Gelsing)
Motion passed; no comment

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.

Conservation Plans

Name	Municipality	Acres	Tract#	Planner
Charlie Zimmerman	Centre	65.14	10266	Carlson
Mike Heiter	Albany	102	188	Hanna
Mike Heiter	Albany	17.5	2184	Hanna
Mike Heiter	Albany	81	2185	Hanna
Ronald Miller	Upper Bern	6	871	Hanna
Oscar Manbeck	Bethel	75	75	Overstreet

A motion to concur with the Conservation Plans of Charlie Zimmerman, Mark Heiter (3), Ronald Miller & Oscar Manbeck. (C. Leinbach, J. Rosenbaum) Motion passed; no comment



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"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 – Larry Gelsinger and Joe Rosenbaum will not be at the March Board Meeting; Brian Boyer will not be at the April Board Meeting

Directors recessed into an Executive Session at 2:20 p.m.; returned at 3:09 p.m.

A motion was made for the District Executive to move forward with Proposal #2 and have the flexibility with salary and benefits to negotiate the best deal for the District. (C. Leinbach, J. Rosenbaum) Motion passed; no comment

A motion was made to give the District Executive authority to negotiate multiple Letters of Intent (LOI) on County property and non-County property in order to keep us eligible for the NRCS RFP. (B. Boyer, L. Gelsinger) Motion passed; no comment

Adjournment - A motion was made to adjourn. (J. Rosenbaum, C. Leinbach)
Motion passed; no comment
Meeting adjourned at 3:13

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy L. Bartsch, Secretary

Berks County Conservation District Board of Directors



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2 0 1 9 BOARD CALENDAR

January							February							March							April						
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	Monthly Conference Call Workshops - 2nd Wednesday, 10:00 am
	Admin Tech Meeting - 2nd Thursday, 9:00 am
	RMC Meeting - 3rd Tuesday, 8:00 am
	DGLVR Meeting - Noon; Board Meeting - last Wednesday, 1:00 pm *
	Holiday - Office Closed
	- June location to be determined

Berks County Conservation District

**2019 Committee Meeting Dates,
Board Meeting Dates, Events &
Observed Holidays**

Events: 4/26/18 Seedling Sale; 5/2/18 HS Envirothon; 5/7/18 MS Envirothon; tentative 6/25-28/18 DHCLS; 6/26/18 Annual Bd Mtg/Picnic; 9/23 Bite of Berks