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 July 29, 2020

Time 1:00 p.m.

Location Meeting held at the Berks County Ag Center, 1238 County Welfare road, Leesport as well as via Zoom

Meeting was called to order at 1:07 by Chair Piper Sherburne

Public Comment: None

Attendees:

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

Piper Sherburne

Associate Directors: Jason Bailey, Jerry Haimowitz Jim McCarthy, Geoffrey Price

Cooperating Agencies: Nick Ramsey, NRCS; Elwood Blake, DEP; Lisa Scheid, Reading Eagle

Staff: Tammy Bartsch, Dean Druckenmiller, Josh Hanna

Pledge the Flag

Notice was given that there will be an Executive Session following the Board Meeting to discuss personnel and real estate.

Action on Minutes of Previous Meeting

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. (G. Seidel, 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. (B. Boyer, L. Gelsinger)

Motion passed; no comment

Cooperating Agency Reports – on file

Committee Reports

Admin Tech – Glenn Seidel – No actionable items

RMC - Brian Boyer – No actionable items

Workshop Conference Call - No Meeting

D&GR - Piper Sherburne – No actionable items

Building Committee - Dean Druckenmiller

There is a topic for discussion in the Executive Session at the end of the Board Meeting

Legislative Committee – Larry Kehl – Nothing to report

Old Business

New Business

A PACD Update

The 1st virtual conference was held; approximately 100 people attended

B Envirothon Sporting Clay Fundraiser

A motion was made to move the event to late September with a boxed lunch. (B. Boyer,

J. Rosenbaum) Motion passed; no comment

Scholarships – Judging & Recognition

Scholarship recipients will be recognized at a future Board Meeting whether in person or via Zoom. Details will be provided at a later date.

A Bite of Berks

Event is cancelled for 2020

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C Signatures Needed

Nutrient Management Program Funding Application

A motion was made to sign the new application. (J. Rosenbaum, L. Gelsinger) Motion passed; no comment

Nutrient Management Plans (Amendments)

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Name	Municipality	Animal Numbers	Acres	Plan	AEU	AEU/Acres	Reviewer
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Michael Martin	Jefferson	70,100 Broilers; 28 Beef	50	CAO	179.16	4.94	Seidel
Dennis Musser	Bethel	46,000 Broilers	14.8	CAO	97.31	10.81	Hanna
Leonard Hoover	Upper Tulpehocken	140,200 Broilers, 100 Heifers	193.2	VAO/CAFO	38009	1.97	Lutz
Joe Jurgielewicz Hoover Farms	Center	30,000 Ducks	0	CAO/CAFO	133.01	133.01	Lutz
David Weaver	Marion	107,000 Layers	163.1	CAO/CAFO	335.98	2.1	Seidel

A motion was made to approve the Nutrient Management Plan Amendments of Michael Martin, Dennis Musser, Leonard Hoover, Joe Jurgielewicz Hoover Farms, David Weaver. (J. Rosenbaum, Larry Gelsinger)

Motion passed; no comment

Nutrient Management Plans (New)

Name	Municipality	Animal Numbers	Acres	Plan Type	AEU	AEU/Acres	Reviewer
Vernon Nolt	Jefferson	21,000 Turkeys	18.4	CAO	152.72	8.25	Lutz
A motion was made	A motion was made to approve the Nutrient Management Plans of Vernon Nolt. (G. Seidel, J. Rosenbaum)						
Motion passed; no o	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
Dana Stoudt	Jefferson	72.1	446	Seidel
Davis Farms	Upper Tulpehocken	32.7	9540	Seidel
A motion was made to concur with the Conserva	ation Plans of Dana Stoud	t and Davis Fa	arms. (G. Seid	el, L. Gelsinger)

A motion was made to concur with the Conservation Plans of Dana Stoudt and Davis Farms. (G. Seidel, L. Gelsinger) Motion passed; no comment

"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".

A motion was made to recess into an Executive Session (G. Seidel, J. Rosenbaum) at 1:45 p.m.

All parties returned from Executive Session at 2:31 p.m.

A motion was made not to pursue anymore. (B. Boyer, J. Rosenbaum) Motion passed; no comment

A motion to postpone making a decision until communication is made from the Federal Government and/or the County of Berks. (B. Boyer, G. Seidel)

Motion passed; no comment



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Adjournment - A motion was made to adjourn. (B. Boyer, J. Rosenbaum) Motion passed; no comment Meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy L. Bartsch, Secretary
Berks County Conservation District Board of Directors





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