

# 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 August 26, 2020

Time 1:00 p.m.

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

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

#### Public Comment: None

#### Attendees:

Directors: Brian Boyer, Larry Gelsinger, Christian Leinbach, Joseph Rosenbaum, Glenn Seidel, Piper Sherburne Associate Directors: Jason Bailey, Jim McCarthy, Geoffrey Price

Cooperating Agencies: Nick Ramsey, NRCS; Elwood Blake, DEP; Jessica Gerhart and Kayla Shaak, FSA; Kim Fies, Berks County Dept. of Ag.

Staff: Tammy Bartsch, Dean Druckenmiller

**Notice** was given that there will be an Executive Session following the Board Meeting to discuss personnel **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. (J. Rosenbaum, L. Gelsinger)

Motion passed; no comment

### Cooperating Agency Reports - on file

## Committee Reports

Admin Tech – Glenn Seidel

### A Watershed Restoration and Protection (WRPP) Grant Resolution Review

A motion was made to approve the \$17,500 for the Antietam Creek Watershed Streambank Projection Project. (G. Seidel, J. Rosenbaum)

Motion passed

Comment: what is location of project; there is no actual address, it covers an area of erosion

#### RMC – Brian Boyer

### A Staff Organization Membership and dues

A motion was made to pay memberships and dues that support the education and certifications for wetland. (B. Boyer, L. Gelsinger)

Motion passed; no comment

### Workshop Conference Call – No Meeting

## **D&GR** – Piper Sherburne

- A A motion was made to change the language of the Statement of Policy, as per recommendation of the audit this year. (G. Seidel, J. Rosenbaum)
- B A motion was made to approve the Dirt and Gravel Road project in Penn Township on Bootleg Road in the amount of \$41,445.15. (L. Gelsinger, J. Rosenbaum) Motion passed; no comment
- C A motion was made to approve the Dirt and Gravel Road project in North Heidelberg Township on North Hill Road in the amount of \$18,699.00 (J. Rosenbaum, L. Gelsinger) Motion passed; no comment

Building Committee – Dean Druckenmiller

A letter was received asking for clarification and additional information for the RLP

Legislative Committee – Larry Kehl – Nothing to report

### **Old Business**

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#### **New Business**

### A PACD Update **B** Upcoming Events-**Envirothon Sporting Clay Fundraiser** A motion was made to move leave it up to the District Executive to postpone the event, if necessary. (B. Boyer, L. Gelsinger) Motion passed; no comment C BCCD Employee Update Brooke Berube is the Administrative and Urban Team Assistant Juan Bol is an Ag Resource Conservationist Brandy Savani is an Ag Resource Conservationist D Signature Needed: Agricultural Conservation Technical (ACT) Assistance Program \$16,225.00 - 07/01/2020 - 06/30/2021 A motion was made to approve. (B. Boyer, J. Rosenbaum) Motion passed; no comment NFWF Delaware Watershed Conservation Fund Grant for Irish Creek Stables \$132,000.00 - 10/01/2020 - 10/01/2022 A motion was made to approve. (G. Seidel, J. Rosenbaum) Motion passed; no comment PaFish&BoatCommission Tully and Quitty Watershed Grant \$96,580.70 - August/September 2020 - June 30, 2022

A motion was made to approve. (J. Rosenbaum, L. Gelsinger) Motion passed; no comment

E Authorization to Enter Information into DEP Greenport Needed: <u>UGWF Allocation</u> - \$12,076.00 – 07/1/2020 – 06/30/2021 A motion was made to approve. (B. Boyer, L. Gelsinger) Motion passed; no comment

Nutrient Management Plans (New)														
Name	Municipality	Animal Numbers	Acres	Plan Type	AEU	AEU/Acres	Reviewer							
Glendon Nolt	Greenwich	16,000 Ducks	133.8	VAO/CAFO	109.6	0.91	Seidel							
A motion was made to approve the Nutrient Management Plan of Glendon Nolt. (J. Rosenbaum, L. Gelsinger) Motion passed; no														
comment														

#### **Nutrient Management Plans (Amendments)**

Name	Municipality	Animal Numbers	Acres	Plan Type	AEU	AEU/Acres	Reviewer
Curtis Lehman	Upper	175,400 Broilers	153	CAO/CAFO	487.9	3.19	Lutz
	Tulpehocken						
Skyline Acres	Upper Bern	880 Dairy Cows	709	VAO/CAFO	1358	1.92	Lutz
Joe Jurgielewicz Nielson	Perry	23,500 Ducks	0	CAO/CAFOI	104.19	104.19	Lutz
Farm							
Dwayne Brubacker	Bethel	85,000 Layers	88.2	CAO/CAFO	266.9	3.03	Hanna
A motion was made to app	prove the Nutrient M	lanagement Plan Amend	lments of	Curtis Lehman	, Skyline	Acres, Joe Jur	gielewicz
Neilson Farm and Dwayne	Brubacker. (J. Ros	senbaum, L. Gelsinger) N	lotion pa	ssed; no comm	ent		-

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.



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A motion was made to go into Executive Session. (J. Rosenbaum, L. Gelsinger). Motion passed; no comment

At 1:56 p.m. entered into Executive Session At 2:07 p.m. returned from Executive Session

A motion was made to withdraw the appeal for Unemployment Compensation for Leslie Thurman. (C. Leinbach, J. Rosenbaum) Motion passed; no comment

Adjournment - A motion was made to adjourn. (J. Rosenbaum, L. Gelsinger) Motion passed; no comment Meeting adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, *Tammy I. Bartsch*, Secretary Berks County Conservation District Board of Directors



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