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# **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 December 16, 2020

**Time** 1:00 p.m.

**Location** Meeting held via Zoom

Meeting was called to order at 1:12 by Chair Piper Sherburne

Public Comment: None

Attendees:

Directors: Brian Boyer, Joseph Rosenbaum, Glenn Seidel, Piper Sherburne

Associate Directors: Jason Bailey

Cooperating Agencies: Kim Fies - Berks County Dept. of Ag., Elwood Blake – DEP, Kayla Shaak – FSA

Staff: Tammy Bartsch, Dean Druckenmiller

# **Action on Minutes of Previous Meeting**

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

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, G. Seidel)

Motion passed; no comment

Correspondence - on file

# **Cooperating Agency Reports**

## **Committee Reports**

Admin Tech - Glenn Seidel - No Actionable Items

RMC - Brian Boyer

# A Clean Water Fund Request from Albright Center for Excellence in Local Government

A motion was made to approve the Clean Water Fund Request for \$2,500 to purchase equipment and hope other sponsors participate financially. (B. Boyer, J. Rosenbaum)

Motion passed; no comment

# **B** BCCD Fee Schedule

A motion was made to approve the changes to the BCCD Fee schedule; changes are effective February 1, 2021. (B. Boyer, G. Seidel)

Motion passed; comment: what I the percentage of increase; response: no increase, changes are wording to clarify the previous fee schedule.

## Workshop Conference Call – No Meeting

**D&GR** - Piper Sherburne - No Meeting

**Building Committee** – Dean Druckenmiller - No Meeting

**Legislative Committee –** Larry Kehl - No Meeting

# **Old Business**

A County Wide Action Plan

#### **New Business**

- A PACD Update
- **B** Affiliate Membership
- C BCCD Office and Field Operations COVID update

## D January Board Meeting

January 27, 2021 is the first meeting of the Board of Directors, nominations are held and Director Appointment(s) are sworn in.

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# E NACD's 75th Anniversary: A Diamond Out of the Dirt

Annual Meeting will be held virtually February 1 – 10, 2021

\$50 registration fee; Keynote Speaker is Ebony Webber, chief operating officer for the National Society for Minorities in Agriculture. Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANRRS)

# F MOU between BCCD and Center for Watershed Protection

A motion was made to sign the MOU. (B. Boyer, L. Gelsinger)

Motion passed; no comment

# **G** Beneficiary Update

Chair has asked for suggestions as to how the funds should be used; she will take through both committees and take to RMC for decision.

## **Nutrient Management Plan Amendments**

Name	Municipality	Animal Numbers	Acres	Plan Type	AEU	AEU / Acre	Reviewer		
John Kissling	Penn Twp.	108,000 Broilers	62	CAO	169.47	169.47	Seidel		
Eugene Martin	Tulpehocken Twp.	61,500 Broilers	43	CAO	140.79	140.79	Overstreet		

A motion was made to approve the Nutrient Management Plan of John Kissling and Eugene Martin.

(J. Rosenbaum, L. Gelsinger)

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.

A motion was made to recess into an Executive Session to discuss personnel issues at 1:57 p.m.

(G. Seidel, J. Rosenbaum)

Motion passed; no comment

Directors returned to regular meeting at 2:25

A motion was made that based on current personnel issues; Dean is to be given discretion to act independently of the board and work with attorney to solve the issue and poll the board as needed. (B. Boyer, G. Seidel)

Motion passed; no comment

A motion was made to go with Option Two on document provided. (B. Boyer, J. Rosenbaum) Motion passed; no comment

**Adjournment** - A motion was made to adjourn. (J. Rosenbaum, L. Gelsinger)

Motion passed; no comment

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy L. Bartsch, Secretary

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