



## 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 January 27, 2021

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

**Location** Berks County Agricultural Center, 1238 County Welfare Road, Leesport, PA

Meeting was called to order at 1:03 by Chair Piper Sherburne

### **Pledge the Flag**

**Presentation:** Scholarship Recipient Recognition

**Public Comment – None**

### **Attendees:**

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

Associate Directors: Jason Bailey, Jim McCarthy

Cooperating Agencies: Berks County Department of Agriculture: Kim Fies

Farm Service Agency: Jessica Gerhart, Kayla Shaak

NRCS: Nick Ramsey

DEP: Elwood Blake

Home Builders Assoc.: Cathy Sloan

Staff: Tammy Bartsch, Dean Druckenmiller

Guests: Alysha Ulrich, Heather Ulrich, Norm Ulrich, Jonathan Hope, Lauren Posey, Julia Ulsh, David Beane

### **2021 Nominations and Appointments**

Chair turned meeting over to Dean Druckenmiller, District Executive

Dean Druckenmiller opened nominations

#### **Nominations for Chair**

- Piper Sherburne was nominated as Chair. (B. Boyer, J. Rosenbaum)  
No other nominations; nominations were closed  
The meeting was turned the meeting over to Chair Piper Sherburne.

#### **Nomination for Vice Chair**

- Joseph Rosenbaum was nominated as Vice Chair. (L. Gelsinger, B. Boyer)  
No other nominations; nominations were closed  
Joseph Rosenbaum was nominated at Vice Chair

#### **Nomination for Treasurer**

- Brian Boyer was nominated as Treasurer. (J. Rosenbaum, L. Gelsinger)  
No other nominations; nominations were closed  
Brian Boyer was nominated as Treasurer

#### **Appointments by Chair**

- **Secretary to the Board of Directors**  
Tammy Bartsch
- **Associate Directors**  
Jason Bailey, David Beane, Leonard Good, Larry Kehl, Jim McCarthy, Geoffrey Price, John Rost
- **Committee Chairperson(s)**
  - Admin Tech Committee – Glenn Seidel, Chair; Joseph Rosenbaum, Vice Chair
  - RMC Committee – Brian Boyer
- **Ad-hoc Committee(s)**
  - Seedling Sale Committee
    - Brian Boyer, Evan Corondi, Tammy Bartsch
  - Banquet Committee
    - Brian Boyer, Joe Rosenbaum, Tammy Bartsch
- **PACD Voting Delegates**
  - 2021 Voting Delegates will be Piper Sherburne, Joe Rosenbaum, Glenn Seidel, Alternate

### **Action on Minutes of Previous Meeting**



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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, J. Rosenbaum)

Motion passed; no comment

**Correspondence** – Filed

**Presentation** - None

**Cooperating Agency Reports**

**Committee Reports**

**Admin Tech** – *Joe Rosenbaum*

**A** Employment Classifications

A motion was made to approve the classifications. (B. Boyer, C. Leinbach)

An amendment to the motion was made, approve the classifications with the addition of “for the purpose of determining benefits”. (C. Leinbach, J. Rosenbaum)

Motion passed; Comments: Chair asked that previous policies and the Employee Handbook are reviewed to determine hours full-time employees are to work.

**B** Virtual Meeting Policy

A motion was made to approve the policy. (J. Rosenbaum, L. Gelsinger)

Motion passed; no comment

**C** Urban Ag – BCCD Resolution Required by NACD for Grant

A motion was made to approve the resolution. (J. Rosenbaum, L. Gelsinger)

**D** 2021 Work Plan

A motion was made to approve the 2021 Work Plan. (J. Rosenbaum, L. Gelsinger)

**RMC** - *Brian Boyer* – no actionable items

**D&GR** – *Piper Sherburne* – no meeting

**Building Committee** – *Dean Druckenmiller* – no report

**Legislative Committee** – *Larry Kehl* – no report

**Old Business**

**A** **RCPP Ches Bay Grant**

A motion was made for the District Executive to sign the paperwork, if needed, due to time restrictions. (B. Boyer, J. Rosenbaum)

Motion passed; no comment

**New Business**

**A** **PACD Update**

**B** **Affiliate Memberships**

**D** **Upcoming Events, Conferences, Trainings**

### Nutrient Management Plans Requesting Removal

Name	Municipality	Animal Numbers	Acres	Plan type	AEU	AEU/Acre	Reviewer
Herman Manbeck	Marion	1,745 Swine	155.3	VAO	271.47	1.84	Seidel

A motion was made to approve the Nutrient Management Plan Removal for Herman Manbeck. (L. Gelsinger, J. Rosenbaum,) Motion passed; no comment



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### Nutrient Management Plan Amendments

Name	Municipality	Animal Numbers	Acres	Plan type	AEU	AEU/Acre	Reviewer
Jeff Rohrer, JSR Management	Upper Bern	2,036 Sows, 600 gilts, 4,200 Nursery Pigs, 6 Boars, 40,000 Layers, 45,000 Pullets, 6 Beef Cows, 6 Calves	16.4	CAO / CAFO	1,390.37	84.78	Seidel

A motion was made to approve the Nutrient Management Plan Amendment for Jeff Rohrer,, JRS Management. (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

### SC-1 Request Forms

Name	OP/OW	Coop	Municipality	Watershed	Acres	Reason
Laverne Stoltzfus	OP	No	Union	Hay Creek	106	Conservation Planning
Linford and Kristen Martin	OP/OW	No	Bethel	Ches Bay	144	Conservation Planning
Christopher Beitler	OP/OW	No	Penn	Tully	40	Conservation Planning
A motion was made to approve the SC1 Request Forms for Laverne Stoltzfus, Linford and Kristen Martin, Christopher Beitler. (J. Rosenbaum ,L. Gelsinger.) Motion passed; no comment						<b>Action Item</b>

### Reports Comments

**Adjournment** - A motion was made to adjourn. (J. Rosenbaum, B. Boyer)  
Motion passed; no comments  
Meeting adjourned at 2:37

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

### Comments

### Adjournment

**Action Item**