

## Monthly Board Meeting 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 April 28, 2021  
**Time** 1:00 p.m.  
**Location** Berks County Agricultural Center, 1238 County Welfare Road, Leesport, PA and via Zoom

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

### ***Pledge the Flag***

### ***Executive Session***

There will be an Executive Session immediately following the regular business meeting to discuss real estate and personnel

### ***Public Comment -None***

**Presentation** – Juan Bol, Ag Resource Conservationist

### **Attendees:**

#### Directors:

Jesse Bitler, Brian Boyer, Commissioner Leinbach, Joseph Rosenbaum, Piper Sherburne

#### Associate Directors:

Jason Bailey, David Beane,

#### Cooperating Agencies:

Berks County Department of Agriculture: Kim Fies

NRCS: Daman Painter

FSA: Kayla Shaak, Anne Bulter

DEP: Elwood Blake

#### Staff:

Tammy Bartsch, Juan Bol, Dean Druckenmiller

**Action on Minutes of Previous Board Meeting** – a motion was made to approve the minutes of the March 31, 2021 Board meeting – J. Rosenbaum, C. Leinbach, motion passed, no comment

**Financial Statements and E&S Fee Report** - on file

**Approval of Payment of Bills** - A motion was made to approve payment of the bills. B. Boyer, J. Rosenbaum, motion passed, no comment

**Correspondence** - filed

### ***Cooperating Agency Reports***

### ***Committee Reports***

#### **Admin Tech –**

Meeting was cancelled

#### **RMC - Brian Boyer**

No actionable items

#### **D&GR – Piper Sherburne**

#### **Building Committee – Dean Druckenmiller**

Update will be provided in Executive Session

#### **Legislative Committee – Larry Kehl**

Nothing to report

### ***Old Business***

#### **A Countywide Action Plan**

- Update

#### **B Board Meetings**

- The Directors decided to hold the June Board Meeting at Kauffman's BBQ, Bethel, PA at the outdoor pavilion.
- In person Board meetings

#### **C Permit**

- Little Cacoosing Project permit through the CD. A motion was made to approve BCCD as the co-permittee for the project. B. Boyer, J. Rosenbaum, motion passed, no comment

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### D 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

- The date has been set for Monday August 9, 2021 at the Oley Fair Hall. A motion was made to approve the date of the celebration for Monday August 9, 2021. B. Boyer, J. Rosenbaum, motion passed, comment: Director's discussed and decided to hold the celebration outdoors.

### New Business

#### A PACD Update

#### B Affiliate Memberships

#### C Upcoming Events, Conferences, Trainings

- High School Envirothon – Virtual – April 20, 2021
- Middle School Envirothon – Virtual – April 27, 2021
- Don Hartman Conservation Leadership School has been cancelled
- Envirothon Clay Shoot will be held in the fall, date details to follow

#### D State Envirothon Coordinator Position

#### E Signatures Needed

- Electronic Signatures Needed**  
DEP Environmental Education Grant, \$19,614, will support the Urban Ag Grant, to be used for materials to complete vacant lot transitions into gardens or rain gardens. A motion was made for the Chair to sign. C. Leinbach, J. Bitler, motion passed, no comment
- Conservation District Watershed Specialist Grant Renewal**  
Signature needed  
A motion was made for the Chair to sign. J. Rosenbaum, C. Leinbach, motion passed, no comment

### Nutrient Management Plan – Requesting Removal

Name	Municipality	Animal Numbers	Acres	Plan Type	AEU	AEU / Acre	Reviewer
Penn Valley Farm	Centre Twp.	2600 sows, 800 gilts	0	CAO/CAFO	1291.2	1291.2	Seidel
Animals were transferred to Jeff Rohrer's NMP earlier this year. There are no more animals under Penn Valley's (Country View Family Farms) management control.							
A motion was made to approve the removal of the Nutrient Management Plan for Penn Valley Farm. C. Leinbach, J. Rosenbaum, motion passed, no comment.							

### Nutrient Management Plan - New

Name	Municipality	Animal Numbers	Acres	Plan Type	AEU	AEU / Acre	Reviewer
Kevin Brubaker	Jefferson	130,200 Broilers	58.5	CAO/CAFO	235.5	4.02	Seidel
A motion was made to approve the Nutrient Management Plan for Kevin Brubaker. J. Rosenbaum, C. Leinbach, motion passed, no comment.							

### Nutrient Management Plan – Amendments

Name	Municipality	Animal Numbers	Acres	Plan Type	AEU	AEU / Acre	Reviewer
A&L Farms	Bethel	155,000 Layers, 185 Sheep, 6 Cow/Calf Pairs	35	CAO/CAFO	505.26	14.44	Savani
A motion was made to approve the Nutrient Management Plan Amendment for A&L Farms. J. Rosenbaum, J. Bitler, 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.

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### SC-1 REQUESTS:

Name	OP/OW	Coop	Municipality	Watershed	Acres	Reason
Mervin Kreider	OP	Yes	Tulpehocken	Ches Bay	90	Planning
Penn Jersey Pork & Beef	OW/OP	Yes	Bethel	Ches Bay	100	Planning
Glenn Brubacher	OW/OP	Yes	Caernarvon	Ches Bay	500	Planning
A motion was made to approve the SC-1 Requests for Mervin Kreider, Penn Jersey Pork & Beef, Glenn Brubacher. J. Rosenbaum, C. Leinbach, motion passed, no comment						

### Reports

### Comments

At 2:06 p.m., a motion was made to recess into an Executive Session. J. Rosenbaum, C. Leinbach, motion passed, no comment.

At 2:21 p.m. the Board of Directors returned to the Board Meeting.

### Adjournment

At 2:23 p.m. a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. J. Rosenbaum, C. Leinbach, motion passed, no comment.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Tammy L. Bartsch*, Secretary

Berks County Conservation District Board of Directors