



Monthly Board Meeting Agenda

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 May 25, 2022

Time 1:00 p.m.

Location Berks County Agricultural Center, 1238 County Welfare Road, Leesport, PA with a virtual option

Call the Meeting to Order

Pledge the Flag

Public Comment

Note: There will be an Executive Session immediately following the Board Meeting to discuss Personnel Issues

Presentation – Veronica Erenberg, Agricultural Resource Conservationist

Approval of Minutes of Previous Board Meeting

Action Item

Financial Statements and E&S Fee Report

Approval of Payment of Bills

Action Item

Correspondence

Cooperating Agency Reports

Committee Reports

Admin Tech – Glenn Seidel

A Threats Policy

A copy of the policy was included in the pre-board packets

Action Item

B Director Reimbursement Policy

A copy of the policy was included in the pre-board packets

Action Item

RMC – Jason Bailey

A Pennsylvania Land Conservation Conference

Workshop Conference Call – Piper Sherburne

Dirt, Gravel Low Volume Road – Piper Sherburne

Legislative Committee – Larry Kehl

Old Business

A Swag Bus

New Business

A PACD Update

B Delegation Agreement Summary

A summary of changes for each of the programs below, was included in the pre-board packets

- Dirt, Gravel and Low Volume Roads
- Chesapeake Bay Technician
- Nutrient Management
- Watershed Specialist

C New Office Space Floor Plan

A copy of the floor plan was included in the pre-board packets

D Building Security

E Signatures Needed

- **MOU's for various municipalities**
- **Watershed Specialist Grant**

Action Item

Action Item

\$45,250

07/01/2022 – 06/30/2023

Use of funds – fund the Watershed Specialist position

- **Coldwater Heritage Partnership Grant / Cacoosing Creek Habitat Restoration, Phase II**

Action Item

\$9,500

04/01/2022 – 09/30/2023

Use of funds – In-stream habitat structures, streambank protection & riparian enhancements on 500' of the Cacoosing Creek



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- **ACT Application for Fund** **Action Item**
\$16,225
07/01/2022 – 06/30/2022
Use of funds – fund the ACT position
- **RCCP Supplement Agreement Amendment** **Action Item**
Adding Jeff Overstreet and travel costs to the original Technical Assistance Implementation (TAI) agreement

F Upcoming Events, Conferences, Workshops

- **June 29, 2022**
Mini-golf, Lunch and Board Meeting at Kauffman’s Restaurant
- **July 20 – 21, 2022**
PACD/SCC Joint Annual Conference – details will be provided when they are available
- **August 8, 2022**
Annual Awards and Scholarship Recognition Dinner

Nutrient Management Plan Amendments

| Name | Municipality | Animal Type & Numbers | Acres | Plan Type | AEU | AEU/Acre | Reviewer |
|------------|--------------|-----------------------|-------|-----------|--------|----------|--------------------|
| Otto Shick | Greenwich | Swine 1,823 | 0 | CAO | 242.82 | 242.82 | Hanna |
| | | | | | | | Action Item |

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 Requests

| Name | OP/OW | Coop | Municipality | Watershed | Acres | Reason |
|------------------------|-------|------|--------------|-----------|-------|--------------------------------------|
| Tyler & Emily Sensenig | OP/OW | | Bern | Tully | 16 | New farmers, assistance with pasture |
| | | | | | | Action Item |

Conservation Plans

| Name | Municipality | Acres | Tract# | Planner |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------|--------|--------------------|
| Barry Smith | Greenwich | 92 | 10904 | Hanna |
| Leon Burkholder | Albany | 44 | 2202 | Seidel |
| Leon Burkholder | Albany | 90 | 2237 | Seidel |
| Wayne Stertzel | Upper Tulpehocken | 64 | 408 | Seidel |
| Wayne Stertzel | Upper Tulpehocken | 36 | 12145 | Seidel |
| | | | | Action Item |

“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.”

Staff Reports

Environmental Education and Outreach Coordinator Update

- Finalized PA Envirothon mini-grant
- Developed marketing for upcoming Education & Outreach events
- Created a vegetated swale film for the PACD mini-grant that will be made available to municipalities
- Paint the Rain program; Scholarship Program
- Conservation Celebration; Seedling Sale
- High School (75 students attended) & Middle School (100 attended) Envirothons

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- SWAG Bus wrap, working with Horst Signs in Denver
- Wilson West Middle School Field Day (over 1,000 students attended); Tulpehocken Field Day (over 650 students attended); Kutztown Middle School Field Day
- Upper Tulpehocken School Trout Release
- Reading High School Green Courtyard Grand Opening
- Met with Goggle Works and BCCD staff to discuss partnership for Urban Ag Programs

Ag Team Update - Ag Team Summary for work done in April 2022

Josh Hanna

- Reviewed 3 Nutrient Managements Plans
- Working on Conversation Plans in support of EQIP Contracts
- Construction checks on 2 different projects
- Administrative work – interviewing N.M. applicants; attended various meetings

Jeff Overstreet

- Obtained N load reductions, prepared project summary for the NFWF MEB grant
- Assessing and ranking RCPP applicants
- Performed farm inspections; wrote conservation plans; reviewed Nutrient Management Plans; implementing the Berks County Chesapeake Bay CAP; provided assistance with REAP applications

Rita Seidel

- Wrote Conservation Plans;
- Managed existing EQIP contracts, assessing & ranked new EQIP/NFWF applications
- Quarterly & mid-year reporting for NFWF and PACD/NRCS

Brandy Savani

- Completed 5 status reviews and 1 Nutrient Management Plan technical review
- RCPP tasks including amendment to the supplement agreement
- Getting I&Es done for applicants to prepare for the assessment and ranking process

Veronica Erenberg

- Attended 3 Nutrient Management trainings
- Continues to review Urban Ag Grant materials and connect with Reading Community partners to discuss Urban Ag and food access initiatives
- Attended City of Reading Greenhouse meeting and visited Goggle Works Center to discuss Urban Agriculture initiatives.

Urban Team Update - Urban Team Summary for work done in April 2022

| # of Projects this Month | Item | + / - Compared to Last Month |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 17 | Chapter 102 Applications Received | -10 |
| 3 | Chapter 105 Applications Received | -2 |
| 25 | Plan Reviews Received | +2 |
| 26 | Inspections Completed (0 NOT) | -16 |
| 19 | New Complaints Received | +3 |
| 13 | E&S Plans Approvals Issued | -6 |
| 4 | Chapter 102 Permits Issued | -1 |
| 3 | Chapter 105 Permits Issued | -2 |
| 102 Projects Disturbed Acres | | |
| | Project Acres | Disturbed Acres |
| Total Disturbances | 121.12 | 54.08 |

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Enforcement and Potential Enforcement Actions:

- 60 Cherry Dr., District Twp (CM-06-00259): Glenn Mehlman. Wetland and Stream Encroachments. The site wasn't officially referred to DEP. However, the RP is now resolving the draft restoration plan with DEP.
- Timberlake Subdivision, L. Heidelberg Twp (ESP-06-00071) PAG-0006-04-068R: Ch 102 PCSM & Permitting issues. Walter T. Greth, Greth Development Group. The site wasn't referred to DEP, but Tom and I are trying to resolve PCSM issues or else the case will get referred.
- 242 Pilgert St., Longswamp Twp (CM-06-00244): Mr. Gallina. Wetland and Stream Encroachments. The site wasn't officially referred to DEP. However, the RP is now resolving the corrective actions with DEP.
- 313 Bowers Rd., Maxatawny Twp (CM-06-00394): Ethan & Anita Burkholder (Plain Sect Farmers). Floodway Encroachment. The site wasn't officially referred to DEP. However, the RP is now resolving the draft restoration plan with DEP.
- 102 Conrad Rd., Ruscombmanor Twp (CM-06-00469): Justin Xander. Repeat offender. This ongoing case can't be referred to DEP because his LOD is less than one acre.
- 401 Madison St., Shillington Borough (CM-06-00303): Arthur Turaj. Floodway Encroachment. Lawyers are involved on both sides. I've been asking for over seven months for an enforcement referral.
- Stone Rd., Tulpehocken Twp (CM-06-00239): Robert & Lester Moyer (Former Farmer). Wetland and Stream Encroachments. The site was officially referred to DEP on 12/29/2020. However, the RP is now resolving the draft restoration plan and possibly an ATF GP-7 with DEP.
- 437B Hoch Rd., Oley Twp (CM-06-00314): John and Kathleen Christie. Stream, Floodway, Pond Encroachments. The site wasn't officially referred to DEP. However, the RP is supposed to be working towards compliance with Todd Gipe.
- 51 Berger Rd., Greenwich Twp, (CM-06-00327): Isaac Burkholder (Plain Sect Farmer). Stream, Wetland, Pond Encroachments. The site was officially referred to DEP on 12/29/2020.
- 84 Fisher Mill Road, Oley Twp CM-06-00460: Amanda Odriscoll & Ross Allen Striver. Manatawny Creek Obstruction. Case referred to Dam Safety Division on 9/13/2021.
- Longview Rd., Earl Twp (CM-06-00386): James Smith (Farmer). Stream, Floodway, Wetland Encroachments. Case referred to DEP on 9/16/2021.
- 225 Ammon Rd., Caernarvon Twp (CM-06-00390): Paul & Jean M. Dovin. Stream and Wetland Encroachments. The site wasn't officially referred to DEP. However, I think it will end up that way.

Reports

Comments

Recess into Executive Session

Action Item

Return from Executive Session

Adjournment

Action Item