



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 August 31, 2022

Time 1:00 p.m.

Location Berks County Ag Center, 1238 County Welfare Road, Leesport PA

Call the Meeting to Order

Pledge the Flag

Public Comment

Staff Presentation – Joshua Toth, MDC Program Assistant & DGLVR Program Assistant

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 Procurement Policy

Action Item

Committee reviewed policy, would like a motion to approve the policy

B ACT 217 Understanding Conservation District Law

RMC – Jason Bailey

A Agricultural Conservation Assistance Program (ACAP)

Workshop Conference Call – No meeting

Dirt, Gravel Low Volume Road – Piper Sherburne

Legislative Committee – Larry Kehl

Old Business

A Swag Bus

B New Office Space / Floor Plan

New Business

PACD Update

PACD South East Region Meeting

Thursday, September 29, 2022

9:30 am – 12:00 pm

Henning's Market, Harleysville, PA

RSVP to Tammy ASAP

Signatures Needed

- **MOU's** for various municipalities **Action Item**
- **Contract for Ecotone, LLC** who is completing the Temple/Manwiller EWP Project **Action Item**
- **Bass Pro Shops General Contract** **Action Item**
Blue Marsh Lake project; in-lake habitat & 1,500' of shoreline rehabilitation; BCCD is The pass through on behalf of the PFBC and USACOE; BCCD will receive \$3,00 in admin for the grant
- **EWP Fritztown Road Project contract with Construction Masters** **Action Item**
Contract amount is \$90,120, NRCS is proving funding of 75% of the project; PADEP may be covering the remaining 25%, update to come
- **ACT Program Funding** **Action Item**
Need a motion to approve signing the agreement; funding increased from \$16,225 to \$20,000

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Implement ICS program

- At the August RMC committee meeting, there was a discussion about the amount of insurance on the District accounts; per Tompkins bank, the FDIC insures up to \$250,000, funds above that amount are collateralized, our funds are fully covered or protected.

Request for Advance of Grant Funds

Action Item

- Would like approval to issue a check in the amount \$78,075.00 to Douglas Zeiset, grant will reimburse
- The potential use of Clean Water Funds for advances

Reading Royals Environmental Night, March 17, 2023

Action Item

A motion is needed to approve purchasing the \$1,000 group package (same as approved for 2022 event)

Pennsylvania Envirothon is looking for Director Nominations

Invasive Species

- Beech Leaf Disease
- Spotted Lanternfly

Upcoming Events, Conferences, Workshops

- October 14, 2022**
Envirothon Clay Shoot
- November 10, 2022**
Tire Collection

Nutrient Management Plan Amendments

Name	Municipality	Animal Type & Numbers	Acres	Plan Type	AEU	AEU/Acre	Reviewer
Lynford Nolt	Upper Tulpehocken	61,000 Broilers, 6 Beef	49.3	CAO	170.71	3.46	Seidel
Curtis Musser	Bethel	4,750 Swine	0	CAO	287.95	287.95	Overstreet
Barry Good	Centre	100,000 Laying Hens	269.87	VAO/CAO	314	1.7	Hanna
Spring Pond Farm	Tulpehocken	111,500 Layers	76.1	CAO/CAFO	407.11	5.35	Seidel
Nevin Ehst	Jefferson	40,000 Layers	30.5	CAO	147.62	4.84	Seidel
							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.

Conservation Plans

Name	Municipality	Acres	Tract #	Planner
Brad Biehl, Corner View Farm	Richmond	174.3	1088	Seidel
Jacob Clements	Bethel	23.0	2364	Overstreet
Larry Dean Martin	Bethel	116	328	Overstreet
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"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".

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Environmental Education and Outreach Coordinator Update

- Attended a meeting with County Planning and Dept. of Ag. in preparation for the We Conserve Land Conservation Conference 2023
- Developed displays for the Berks County Fair
- Researched program options for the 2023 DEP EE Grant
- Set up the SWAG Bus and additional displays at the Berks County Fair
- Finalized scholarships, etc. for the awards banquet
- Assisted with preparations for the awards banquet
- Completed Berks County MS4 quarterly reports
- Submitted display information to Purpose1 in Harrisburg in preparation for work to be done in the interior of the SWAG Bus
- Transported the SWAG Bus to Purpose1 for them to develop a floor plan
- Attended a mandatory staff meeting
- Met with the Ag. team to discuss the current cover crop workshop grant and delegation of duties related to the implementation of the workshop
- Setup a meeting with the Salvation Army in Reading to discuss developing a Greening Urban spaces program with their life skills class. Also, to discuss partnering for summer camps as well as potential grants for urban gardening.

Ag Team Update for the month of July

- Josh
 - Working on NRCS contracting work including Conservation Planning
 - Reviewing Nutrient Management Plans
 - Assist farmers with REAP applications
 - Complaints
 - Meetings
 - Represented BCCD at the Berks County Fair
- Jeff
 - Nutrient Management Plan & Nutrient Balance Sheet reviews
 - Conservation Plan writing
 - Farm inspections & BMP verifications with LandStudies
 - Webinars
 - Implemented BMPs on four farms
 - REAP assistance to two operations
 - Implementing the Chesapeake Bay / Berks County, County Action Plan
- Rita
 - Managing existing EQIP contracts
 - Working on details for new EQIP/NFWF contracts
 - Writing Conservation Plans
 - Reviewed Nutrient Management Plans
 - Assisted with REAP application
 - Crop Checks
 - Represented BCCD at the Berks County Fair
- Brandy

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- The majority of July was spent working on the completion of four Conservation Plans for four RCPP re-approved applicants.
- Webinar trainings
- Represented BCCD at the Berks County Fair
- Veronica
 - Held 6 meetings with community partners to discuss Urban Ag
 - Partners included the City of Reading, Opportunity House, Berks County Dept. of Ag, Berks Nature, Goggle Works, Oakbrook Gardens, The Food Trust, Environmental Advisory Committee.
 - Hosted volunteer clean-up event in partnership with City of Reading, Opportunity House, Berks Nature, VoiceUp Berks and Penn State Extension.
 - Introduced to potential partners who included Rodale Institute, BARN and small market producers from the Penn Street Market
- Briana
 - Continued field trainings
 - Participated in green space cleanup for the Opportunity House shelter
 - Working on four Conservation Plans that were assigned
 - Represented BCCD at the Berks County Fair

Urban Team Update for the month of July

# of Projects this Month	Item	+ / - Compared to Last Month
15	Chapter 102 Applications Received	-13
2	Chapter 105 Applications Received	+0
29	Plan Reviews Received	+43
29	Inspections Completed (0 NOT)	+2
9	New Complaints Received	-13
9	E&S Plans Approvals Issued	-4
8	Chapter 102 Permits Issued	+5
1	Chapter 105 Permits Issued	-3
102 Projects Disturbed Acres		
	Project Acres	Disturbed Acres
	Total Disturbances	
	PennDOT 102 Projects	

Enforcement and Potential Enforcement Actions

- 60 Cherry Dr., District Twp (CM-06-00259): Glenn Mehlman. Wetland and Stream Encroachments. The responsible party (RP) is now implementing the restoration plan with DEP.
- Timberlake Subdivision, L. Heidelberg Twp (ESP-06-00071) PAG-0006-04-068R: Ch 102 PCSM & Permitting issues. The current permittee, Walter T. Greth, Greth Development Group, has closed his business. The site has remaining non-compliance activities that are not being resolved. The case may be subject to DEP referral later this year with continued inactivity.
- 242 Pilgert St., Longswamp Twp (CM-06-00244): Mr. Gallina. Wetland and Stream Encroachments. A site visit on July 15th showed that the requested corrective actions had not been completed. The RP has 30 additional days to correct the non-compliance activities or be subject to DEP enforcement referral.
- 313 Bowers Rd., Maxatawny Twp (CM-06-00394): Ethan & Anita Burkholder (Plain Sect Farmers). Floodway Encroachment. As of July 19th, DEP has requested an enforcement referral.
- 102 Conard Rd., Ruscombmanor Twp (CM-06-00469): Justin Xander. As of July 19th, the BCCD has contacted the local township to discuss cooperative compliance with the RP.



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- 401 Madison St., Shillington Borough (CM-06-00303): Arthur Turaj. Floodway Encroachment. As of July 13th, DEP has requested an enforcement referral. An E&S plan application on hold from Mr. Turaj due to the non-compliance of this site. Jason may have additional updates as he worked on the 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. The RP is preparing an after-the-fact Chapter 105 General Permit 7 and a Stream Restoration Plan, which was due on July 15th.
- 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, DEP. A follow-up was made by BCCD to DEP on July 19th.
- 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. The BCCD followed up with DEP on the status of this case on July 19th.
- 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. The BCCD followed up with DEP, Dam Safety Division, for an update on July 19th.
- Longview Rd., Earl Twp (CM-06-00386): James Smith (Farmer). Stream, Floodway, Wetland Encroachments. Case referred to DEP on 9/16/2021. An administrative hearing occurred on 2021. The case is pursuing a full Consent Order by DEP.
- 225 Ammon Rd., Caernarvon Twp (CM-06-00390): Paul & Jean M. Dovin. Stream and Wetland Encroachments. As of July 1st, the final restoration plan and a commitment to the implementation schedule have been received.
- **Green Hills Estates**, Robeson Township (PAI030616004). Homeowner downstream at 465 Green Hills Rd pond is constantly stained and sediment will not settle out. Sediment discharge is from them pumping out their sediment basin and inadequate stabilization of a stream crossing. There is not a constant sediment discharge but the soil types do not promote settling. DEP and PFBC are aware of the pond situation and have been in touch with the developer and homeowner. 7-14-22 site inspection with DEP and PFBC. No significant non-compliance at this time.
- **Oak Grove Subdivision** had a civil penalty assessed on 5/10/22 for the constant sediment laden discharge to Hay Creek (EV) from 8/21 to 11/21. Joint DEP and PFBC civil penalty in the amount of \$7,541. BCCD received \$1,341 in cost-recovery. Same contractor (Lyons & Hohl) as Green Hills Estates. 7-19-22 site inspection. No significant non-compliance at this time.

Comments

Adjournment

Action Item