



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 January 26, 2022

Time 1:00 p.m.

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

Meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m.

Public Comment

Attendees:

Directors

Larry Gelsinger, Larry Kehl, Christian Leinbach, Joseph Rosenbaum, Glenn Seidel, Piper Sherburne

Associate Directors

Jason Bailey, David Beane, Geoff Price

Cooperating Agencies

Berks County Department of Agriculture – Kim Fies

DEP – Elwood Blake

NRCS – Nicholas Ramsey, Sam Haas

FSA – Annie Butler

Berks County Conservation District Staff

Tammy Bartsch, Dean Druckenmiller, Taylor Lawrence

There will be an Executive Session immediately following the Board Meeting to discuss Real Estate Presentation – Taylor Lawrence – Urban Resource Conservationist

Swearing in of 2022 Directors

Commissioner Leinbach swore in Piper Sherburne and Larry Kehl

Piper Sherburne swore in Commissioner Leinbach

2022 Nominations and Appointments

Meeting was turned over to District Executive, Dean Druckenmiller to open nominations

Dean asked for nominations for the position of Chair.

Joseph Rosenbaum nominated Piper Sherburne as Chair.

No other nominations for Chair were made, nominations for Chair were closed.

All voted in favor.

Meeting was turned over to the Chair

The Chair asked for nominations for the position of Vice Chair.

Larry Kehl nominated Joseph Rosenbaum as Vice Chair.

No other nominations for Vice Chair were made, nominations for Vice Chair were closed

All voted in favor.

The Chair asked for nominations for the position of Treasurer.

Commissioner Leinbach nominated Jason Bailey.

No other nominations for Treasurer were made, nominations for Treasurer were closed/

All voted in favor.

Appointments by Chair

• **Secretary to the Board of Directors**

The Chair appointed Tammy Bartsch a Secretary to the Board

• **Associate Directors**

The Chair Appointed David Beane, Jesse Bitler, Leonard Good, Geoff Price and John Rost as Associate Directors

• **Committee Chairperson(s)**

- *Admin Tech Committee*

The Chair appointed Glenn Seidel as Chair of the Admin Tech Committee



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- *RMC Committee*
The Chair appointed Jason Bailey as Chair of the RMC Committee
- **Ad-hoc Committee Chairperson(s)**
 - *Seedling Sale Committee*
Joseph Rosenbaum volunteered for the committee
 - *Banquet Committee*
Commissioner Leinbach, Anne-Marie Grill and Piper volunteered for the committee
 - *Legislative Committee*
The Chair appointed Larry Kehl
- **PACD Voting Delegates**
 - 2022 Voting Delegates
The Chair and Larry Kehl were appointed

Approval of Minutes of Previous Board Meeting

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the previous Board Meeting.

J. Rosenbaum, L. Gelsinger

Motion passed, no comment

Financial Statements and E&S Fee Report

Approval of Payment of Bills

A motion was made to approve the payment of bills

C. Leinbach, J. Rosenbaum

Motion passed, no comment

Correspondence

Request for Support

A motion was made to endorse the request of Berks Nature for the Angelica Creek designation as Exceptional Value.

C. Leinbach, L. Kehl

Motion passed, comment: this item is time sensitive, that is why a motion was made to support

Cooperating Agency Reports

Committee Reports

Admin Tech – Meeting Cancelled

RMC – Jason Bailey – No actionable items

Workshop Conference Call – Piper Sherburne

D&GR – Piper Sherburne

A motion was made to approve the amendment to the Spur Road Project in Tulpehocken Township, due to cost of materials increasing, to \$11,962.45

C. Leinbach, L. Kehl, motion passed, no comment

A motion was made to approve forwarding comments for the proposed stream crossing policy changes, to the SCC and Center for Dirt and Gravel Road Studies

J. Rosenbaum, L. Gelsinger, motion passed, no comment

Legislative Committee – Larry Kehl

Old Business

A SWAG Bus

- Update and budget information were provided

New Business

A PACD Update

B Upcoming Events, Conferences, Trainings

- PACD Executive Council Video Conference
01/27/2022; 10 am – 12pm
- 2022 Hybrid Leadership Development Staff Conference
02/16/2022 – 02/17/2022
- Virtual Conservation District and PA Agency Ag Meeting
02/23/2022 – 02/24/2022

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C Lancaster Farming Enforcement Article

D Signatures Needed

- **MDC Contract; 01/01/2022 – 12/31/2022; \$109,462.20**
A motion was made to approve signing the MDC contract.
C. Leinbach, J. Rosenbaum, motion passed, no comment
- **Little Swatara WIP Contract Amendment**
A motion was made to approve signing the Little Swatara WIP Contract Addendum
C. Leinbach, L. Gelsinger, motion passed, no comment

Conservation Plans

Name	Municipality	Acres	Tract#	Planner
Dean Kirkhoff	Penn	15.5	1156	Schnabel
Glen Christman	Greenwich	78	327	Hanna
A motion was made to concur with the conservation plans of Dean Kirkoff and Glen Christman. J. Rosenbaum, G. Seidel, motion passed, no comment				

"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".

Reports

Comments

A motion was made to recess into Executive Session at 2:25 p.m.
C. Leinbach, J. Rosenbaum, motion passed, no comment

Returned from Executive Session at 2:35

A motion was made to act on the action of the Board from the December meeting and formally authorize the District Executive to sign the rental agreement on behalf of the District.
C. Leinbach, L. Kehl, motion passed, no comment

Adjournment

At 2:38 p.m. a motion was made to adjourn the meeting.
J. Rosenbaum, G. Seidel, motion passed, no comment.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy L. Bartsch, Secretary

Berks County Conservation District Board of Directors