



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 March 30, 2022

Time 1:00 p.m.

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

Meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m.

Pledged to the Flag

An Executive Session will be held immediately after the Board Meeting to discuss personnel issues

Public Comment

Attendees

Directors

Jason Bailey, Larry Kehl, Christian Leinbach, Glenn Seidel, Piper Sherburne

Associate Directors

David Beane

Cooperating Agencies

Berks County Department of Agriculture – Kim Fies

NRCS – Nicholas Ramsey

FSA – Annie Butler

PennState Berks – Sarah Frame

Berks County Conservation District Staff

Tammy Bartsch, Dean Druckenmiller

Approval of Minutes of Previous Board Meeting

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2022 Board Meeting.

Christian Leinbach, Glenn Seidel, motion passed, no comment

Approval of Minutes of Workshop Conference Call

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2022 Meeting.

Jason Bailey, Christian Leinbach, motion passed, no comment

Financial Statements and E&S Fee Report

Approval of Payment of Bills

A motion was made to pay the bills.

Christian Leinbach, Glenn Seidel, motion passed, no comment

Correspondence

Cooperating Agency Reports

Committee Reports

Admin Tech – Glenn Seidel

A MOU Changes

Item tabled.

B MOU Response Letter

A motion was made to add a line to letter to going to the municipalities to let them know the District is looking into implementing small projects with an amended fee structure.

Jason Bailey, Christian Leinbach, motion passed, Comment – take to Admin Tech with amendments to letter

RMC – Jason Bailey

A 105 Fee Schedule Language and Fee Changes

A motion was made to approve the changes to the fee schedule.

Jason Bailey, Christian Leinbach, motion passed, no comment



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Workshop Conference Call – Piper Sherburne

D&GR – Piper Sherburne

Legislative Committee – Larry Kehl

Old Business

A SWAG Bus

- Update will be provided

New Business

A PACD Update

PACD Dues increase

B Statement of Financial Interest

Each Director will need to complete and return the form to Tammy no later than May 1, 2022

C EWP Project – Lenhartsville

Someone will need to take ownership of the O&M on the bridge

Direction was given to Dean to work with David Beane on this to make a determination and bring to the April Board Meeting

D Signatures Needed

Antietam Valley Stormwater Improvements and Lake Restoration – 2nd Amendment

Grant C000069926; DCED-ESA:201805305894

- The termination date of the Grant, as amended, will be June 30, 2023
- The Grant Activity Period, as amended, will be September 18, 2018 to June 30, 2023.
- The total amount of this Grant shall remain One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00) and No cents.
- All terms and conditions of this Grant will not changed or modified by this Amendment shall remain in full force and effect.

A motion was made to approve signing the amendment.

G. Seidel, J. Bailey, motion passed, no comment.

Upcoming Events, Conferences, Trainings

E Upcoming Announcements, Workshops, Events and Conferences

- [PACD need South Central & South East District Managers to serve on the Leadership Development Training Subcommittee](#)

What: The workgroup helps steer programming and act as a sounding board for topic development for Director training workshops and online offerings as well as support director engagement in general.

When: Quarterly, Thursdays (typically) from 10:00 am – 11:00 am

If interested, contact Matt Miller at PACD.

Workshop

- [Barrels and Beer Workshop](#)

Date: Saturday, March 26, 2022

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: Saucony Creek Brewing Company

Cost: \$40 includes rain barrel & beverage; \$10 for

Registration is required



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Events

- [Scholarships](#)
Scholarship packets need to be reviewed and scored by April 29th.
- [Royals Go Green Night](#)
Date: April 9, 2022
Time: 7:00 p.m.
- [Seedling Sale – Extras are available on a first come first served basis](#)
Date: Friday, April 22, 2022
Time: 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Location: Berks County Ag Center
- [Conservation Celebration](#)
Date: Saturday, April 23, 2022
Time: 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Location: Berks County Ag Center
Cost: Free
- [High School Envirothon](#)
Date: Friday, April 29, 2022
- [Middle School Envirothon](#)
Date: Tuesday, May 17, 2022

SC-1 Requests

Name	OP/OW	Coop	Municipality	Watershed	Acres	Reason
Dean Hartman	OW/OP	Yes	Lower Heidelberg	Schuylkill	139	Cons Plan
Sydney Gregory	OW/OP	Yes	Washington	Schuylkill	5	Technical Assistance
Erik & Jessica Weyer	OW	No	Perry	Maiden	139	Cons Plan
John Zerr	OW/OP	Yes	Robeson	Hay Creek	100	Technical Assistance
Mervin Sadler	OW/OP	Yes	Bethel	Swatara	160	Cons Plan

A motion was made to approve the SC-1 Requests of Dean Hartman, Sydney Gregory, Erik & Jessica Weyer, John Zerr and Mervin Sadler. Christian Leinbach, Jason Bailey, motion passed, no comment

Nutrient Management Plans Amendments

Name	Municipality	Animal Type & Numbers	Acres	Plan Type	AEU	AEU/Acre	Reviewer
Carl Horst	Heidelberg	1,200 hogs	66.47	CAO	162.74	162.74	Seidel
Royal Egg Farms	Bethel	86,000 Layers	1	CAO/CAFO	269.62	35.95	Overstreet

A motion was made to approve the Nutrient Management Plan Amendments for Carl Horst and Royal Egg Farms, Glenn Seidel, Christian Leinbach, 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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Conservation Plans

Name	Municipality	Acres	Tract#	Planner
James Tomanelli	North Heidelberg	11	11121	Hanna
Chris Blatt	North Heidelberg	63	11164	Hanna
Chris Blatt	North Heidelberg	121	10711	Hanna
Shawn Eberly	Bethel	97.8	155, 159	Overstreet
Anthony Oberholtzer	Bethel	210	1	Overstreet
A motion was made to concur with the Conservation Plans of James Tomanelli, Chris Blatt (2), Shawn Eberly and Anthony Oberholtzer. Larry Kehl, Glenn 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".

Ag Team Update

Ag Team Summary for February 2022

Josh Hanna

- Responsible for 8 current BMP Implementation contracts
- \$1,091,789 through various grant sources, \$625,905 implemented
- BMP implementation
- Wrote Conservation Plans
- Worked on filling 2 open AG Tech positions

Jeff Overstreet

- Responsible for 3 current BMP Implementation contracts
- \$590,000 through various grant sources, \$380,000 implemented
- Wrote Conservation Plans
- Reviewed Ag E&S, Manure Management & Nutrient Management Plans
- Performed farm inspections
- Provided REAP assistance

Rita Seidel

- Scheduling, conducting and following up on Act 38 status reviews
- Reviewed 2 Nutrient Management Plans
- Managed existing EQIP contracts
- Screened new EQIP
- Attended the PACD Staff Conference and the Conservation District and PA Agency meetings, virtually

Brandy Savani

- Responsible for 6 current BMP Implementation contracts
- \$1,200,000 through various grant sources, \$432,000 implemented
- Nutrient Management status reviews
- Nutrient Management technical review of a NMP
- Worked on 6 Conservation Plans and related tasks that included I&E deliverables and site visits



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Urban Team Update

January

	Item	+ / - Compared to Last Month
12	Chapter 102 Applications Received	-12
3	Chapter 105 Applications Received	+2
19	Plan Reviews Received	+6
21	Inspections Completed (2 NOT)	+4
11	New Complaints Received	+5
16	E&S Plans Approvals Issued	+7
5	Chapter 102 Permits Issued	0
2	Chapter 105 Permits Issued	+1

February

	Item	+ / - Compared to Last Month
18	Chapter 102 Applications Received	+6
4	Chapter 105 Applications Received	+1
12	Plan Reviews Received	-7
25	Inspections Completed (2 NOT)	+4
5	New Complaints Received	-6
15	E&S Plans Approvals Issued	-1
6	Chapter 102 Permits Issued	+1
1	Chapter 105 Permits Issued	-1

A motion was made to recess into Executive Session at 2:12 pm, Jason Bailey, Christian Leinbach, motion passed, no comment.

Returned from Executive Session at 2:34 pm

Reports

Comments

Adjournment A motion was made to adjourn at 2:35 p.m.
Jason Bailey, Glenn Seidel, motion passed, no comment

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy L. Bartsch

Secretary to the Board of Directors