



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, December 20, 2023

Time 1:00 p.m.

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

Call the Meeting to Order

Pledge the Flag

There will be an Executive Session immediately following the Board Meeting to discuss business which if conducted in public, could lead to the disclosure of information or confidentiality.

Public Comment

Presentation – Dirt, Gravel & Low Volume Road Program – Dean Druckenmiller & Mason Crouthamel

Approval of Minutes of Previous Board Meeting

Action Item

Financial Statements and E&S Fee Report

Approval of Payment of Bills

Action Item

Correspondence

BCCD Staff Monthly Team Reports

Cooperating Agency Reports

- ❖ Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
- ❖ Berks County Department of Agriculture & Berks County Agricultural Land Preservation
- ❖ Berks County Farm Bureau
- ❖ Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR)
- ❖ Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)
- ❖ Farm Service Agency (FSA)
- ❖ Penn State Extension – Berks County
- ❖ Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission
- ❖ Pennsylvania Game Commission
- ❖ Township Officials

Committee Reports

❖ Admin Tech

- ACAP Labor Rate Policy
- ACAP Bid / Quote Acceptance Policy
- ACAP Advance Payment Policy
- USD Forest Service IRA Forest Landowner Support Program

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❖ RMC

- Farm Bureau request for funding

Action Item

❖ Legislative Committee



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❖ ACAP Committee

- Contract amendment

- A contract amendment is requested for Nelson Troutman, an increase from \$90,028.80 to \$103,477.50 is needed based on the actual quote received, as well as the invoices received. **Action Item**

Old Business

A SWAG Bus

B New Office Space / Floor Plan

New Business

PACD Update

Signatures Needed

- CDFAP ACT agreement for the term beginning July 1m 2023 to June 30, 2028 **Action Item**

Upcoming Events, Conferences and Trainings

- PACD Winter Meeting

- 01/05/2024 PACD Conservation Committee Videoconference 10am – 11 am
- 01/11/2024 PACD Education & Outreach Committee Videoconference 10 am – 11am
- 01/12/2024 PACD District Employees Committee Videoconference 10am – 11am
- 01/17/2024 PACD Legislative Committee Videoconference 10am – 11am
- 01/18/2024 PACD Ways and Means Committee Videoconference 10am – 11am
- 01/19/2024 PACD Operations Committee Videoconference 10am – 11am
- 01/25/2024 PACD Executive Council Videoconference, 10am – 12pm
- 03/05/2024 PACD Regional Directors Meeting – details to follow – Berks County Ag Center
- 03/23/2024 Barrels and Beer Stormwater Workshop – details to follow
- 03/28/2024 PACD South East Region Meeting 9:30 am – 12:00 pm, Henning’s Market, Harleysville, PA
- 05/04/2024 Annual Seedling Sale and Conservation Celebration 11:00 am – 3:00 pm – Berks County Ag Center

Nutrient Management Plans Requesting Removal

Name	Municipality	Animal Type & Numbers	Acres	Plan Type	AEU	AEU / Acre	Reviewer
Justin Horst	Bethel & Tulpehocken Twps.	88 Milking Cows, 20 Dry Cows, 50 Heifers, 50 Calves	136	CAO	222.6	1.67	Johanson
Kervin Weaver	Richmond Twp	10,800 Broilers	143	CAO	283.39	1.98	Johanson
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Urban Team Summary November 2023

# Of Projects this Month	Item	+ / - Compared to Last Month
16	102 Applications Received	+3
5	105 Applications Received	-4
45	Plan Reviews	-9
17	Inspections (5 NOT)	0
9	New Complaints	+1
6	E&S Plan Approvals Issued	-7
10	102 Permits Issued	+7
6	105 Permits Issued	+3
10	PCSM Reviews	+3
102 Projects Disturbed Acres		
	Project Acres	Disturbed Acres
Total Disturbances		
PennDOT 102 Projects		

Enforcement and Potential Enforcement Actions

102/105 Enforcement and Potential Enforcement Actions

- 401 Madison St., Shillington Borough (CM-06-00303): Arthur Turaj. Floodway Encroachment. As of July 20, 2023, DEP has issued the consent order with penalties and it required a full restoration plan be submitted. Mr. Turaj paid \$3,700 in in BCCD expenses associated with the Chapter 105 violations.
- Longview Rd., Earl Twp (CM-06-00386): James Smith (Farmer). Stream, Floodway, Wetland Encroachments. As of September 14, 2023, DEP has approved a minor modification to the restoration plans to permit a revised log vane for fish habitat structure. The restoration plan is moving forward now to implementation.
- Green Hills Estates, Robeson Township (PAI030616004). The homeowner downstream at 465 Green Hills Rd pond is constantly stained and sediment will not settle out. There is not a constant sediment discharge from the site 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. 2/13/23: Received a copy of a 60 Day Notice Letter from the property owner's attorney to the developer and contractor. DEP is working on a Consent Assessment of Civil Penalty (CACP) for non-compliance items on 4/12/22, 6/2/22 and 10/6/22. On 4/4/23 notice was provided by the developer, 2000 Perkiomen Ave, LLC, that a resolution has been agreed to with the downstream pond owner. The agreement is unknown at this time. On 4/10/23, DEP proposed a Consent Assessment of Civil Penalty ("CACP") in the amount of \$10,968.00. An agreement between the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP"), Nick & Les, Inc. ("Nick & Les"), Lyons and Hohl, Inc. ("Lyons and Hohl"), and 2000 Perkiomen Ave., LLC ("2000 Perkiomen"), for non-compliance items on 4/12/22, 6/2/22 and 10/6/22. The District requested \$967.77 in cost recovery. CACP was executed on 5/17/23 and the cost recovery check was received on 5/22/23
- Bollinger Road/341 Hickory Road, Marion Twp (CM-06-00600) (Preserved Farm): Paul Sonnen, has retained counsel and contests that all of the fill must be removed. Marion Township is attempting to resolve the conflict with Mr. Sonnen regarding restoration versus obtaining an permit to conduct streambank stabilization in the area. The restoration plan or an after-the-fact Chapter 105 permit for streambank stabilization is due next.
- 313 Bowers Road/Burkholder-Sauder Earthen Dike Removal, Maxatawny Township, (ESP-06-03219) (CM-06-00394): The restoration plan has been approved, and is now being implemented.

Reports

Comments

Motion to Move into Executive Session

Action Item



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Motion to Adjourn

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