



## 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 January 25, 2023

**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**

**NOTE – there will be an Executive Session immediately following the Board Meeting to discuss personnel issues**

**Public Comment**

**Presentation – Sydnie Harig, Agricultural Resource Conservationist**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Presentation – Beech Leaf Update – Austin Crouthamel, MDC Technician and Assistant to Watershed Coordinator**

### 2024 Nominations and Appointments

The meeting is turned over to Dean Druckenmiller, District Executive to open nominations

Call for nominations for the position of **Chair**

The meeting is turned over to the nominated **Chair**

Call for nominations for the position of **Vice Chair**

Call for nominations for the position of **Treasurer**

**Appointments** by Chair

- **Secretary to the Board of Directors**
- **Associate Directors**
- **Committee Chairperson(s)**
  - Admin Tech Committee
  - RMC Committee
- **Ad-hoc Committee Chairperson(s)**
  - Seedling Sale Committee
  - Banquet Committee
- **PACD Voting Delegates**
  - 2024 Voting Delegates

**Swearing in of Directors (Gelsinger)**

**Approval of Minutes of Previous Board Meeting**

**Action Item**

**Financial Statements and E&S Fee Report**

**Approval of Payment of Bills**

**Action Item**

**Correspondence**

**Team/Staff Reports – No reports this month, continue in February**

**Staff Semi-Annual Recognition – Jack Anton, Tammy Bartsch, Briana Johanson**

### 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 Representative

### Committee Reports

**Admin Tech – Glenn Seidel**

	Data Policy	<b>Action Item</b>
	2024 Work Plan	<b>Action Item</b>
<b>RMC – Piper Sherburne</b>		
	AG Staff Salaries to be discussed in Exec Session	
<b>Workshop Conference Call – Piper Sherburne</b>		



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<b>Dirt, Gravel Low Volume Road – Piper Sherburne</b>	
<b>Legislative Committee – Larry Kehl</b>	
<b>ACAP Committee – Dean Druckenmiller</b>	
<b>Old Business</b>	
<b>A</b>	<b>Swag Bus</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>New Office Space/Floor Plan</b>
<b>New Business</b>	
<b>A</b>	<b>PACD Update</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>EWP projects</b> An update will be provided
<b>C</b>	<b>DEP Field Representative</b> Our new representative is Chas. Heberlig
<b>D</b>	<b>Signatures Needed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blue Marsh Lake Fish Habitat Grant <span style="float: right;"><b>Action Item</b></span> A motion to approve signing the application for a PFBC and USACOE grant in the amount of \$65,000, funding will be used at Blue Marsh Lake for the area east of the State Hill Boat Launch, the proposed structures include saw tooth deflectors to reduce the wave action shoreline erosion that is occurring</li> <li>• Growing Greener Grant <span style="float: right;"><b>Action Item</b></span> A motion to approve electronic signatures for a Growing Greener Grant in the amount of \$250,625.00 funding will be used to develop shovel-ready floodplain and stream restoration projects in 4 contiguous properties within the Cacoosing Creek Watershed. Restoration includes floodplain restoration, streambank protection and stabilization, stormwater BMPs, and Ag conservation practices</li> </ul>
<b>E</b>	<b>NACD Stewardship Week / NAISMA Invasive Species video – Piper</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>Mark Wolfskill</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Action Item</b></span>
<b>G</b>	<b>March 2024 Board Meeting</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Action Item</b></span> Neither the auditorium nor the Conference Room are available for the Board Meeting on March 27, 2024; the Auditorium is available on Tuesday, March 26, 2024; what is the Board's Preference? This meeting will need to be re-advertised.

### Upcoming Events, Conferences, Workshops

- Poster Contest – submissions can be dropped off between April 1st and April 12th at the Conservation District office; for details contact Jennifer Brooks at [jennifer.brooks@berkscd.com](mailto:jennifer.brooks@berkscd.com)
- Middle School Envirothon - for details contact Jennifer Brooks at [jennifer.brooks@berkscd.com](mailto:jennifer.brooks@berkscd.com)
- High School Envirothon - for details contact Jennifer Brooks at [jennifer.brooks@berkscd.com](mailto:jennifer.brooks@berkscd.com)
- 03/05/2024 PACD Regional Directors Meeting, Berks County Ag Center, Leesport
- 03/23/2024 Barrels and Beer Stormwater Workshop at Saucony Creek Brewery, Kutztown, 11:00 am, pre-registration required, \$40 - for details contact Jennifer Brooks at [jennifer.brooks@berkscd.com](mailto:jennifer.brooks@berkscd.com)
- 05/04/2023 Annual Seedling Sale and Conservation Celebration 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
- 07/29/2024 Annual Scholarship and Awards Dinner, Oley Fairgrounds



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### Conservation Plans

Name	Municipality	Acres	Tract#	Planner
Kris Hoffman	Ruscombmanor	8.4	1648	Hanna
Kris Hoffman	Ruscombmanor	19	10267	Hanna
Kris Hoffman	Ruscombmanor	6.5	9701	Hanna
Kris Hoffman	Ruscombmanor	21	1647	Hanna
Kris Hoffman	Alsace	7.8	9437	Hanna
				<b>Action Item</b>

*"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."*

### SC-1 Requests:

Name	Operator / Owner	Cooperator	Municipality	Watershed	Acres	Reason
Jairus Trexler	OP	Yes	Albany	Maiden	107	Cons Plan
					<b>Action Item</b>	

### Urban Team Update

# of Projects	Item	+ / - Compared to Last Month
18	Chapter 102 Applications Received	-12
4	Chapter 105 Applications Received	+7
37	Plan Reviews Received	-6
19	Inspections Completed (5 NOT)	+1
5	New Complaints Received	-4
9	E&S Plans Approvals Issued	+3
7	Chapter 102 Permits Issued	-3
2	Chapter 105 Permits Issued	-4
3	PCSM Reviews	-7
<b>102 Projects Disturbed Acres</b>		
	Project Acres	Disturbed Acres
Total Disturbances	700.42	266.32

### 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 to be submitted. Mr. Turaj paid \$3,700 in BCCD expenses associated with the Chapter 105 violations. The restoration is now required to be implemented.
- 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



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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 a 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.
- Briarwood Subdivision, South Heidelberg Twp, Walter Greth, Greth Homes: Mr. Greth has two permits that were not terminated and PCSM BMPs that require repair. DEP is working with the District to prepare an enforcement case against Mr. Greth

### Reports

### Comments

**Motion to move into an Executive Session**

***Action Item***

**Return from Executive Session**

**Motion to Adjourn**

***Action Item***