



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, May 29, 2024

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

Public Comment

Approval of Minutes of Previous Board Meeting on April 24, 2024

Action Item

Financial Statements and E&S Fee Report

Approval of Payment of Bills

Action Item

Correspondence

BCCD Staff Monthly Team Reports

- ❖ Ag Team
- ❖ Resource Conservation Team
- ❖ Education and Outreach
- ❖ Watershed
- ❖ MDC / Invasives Team

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 – Joe Rosenbaum

- Farmer of the Year Award
The Committee is recommending Steve Miller as the Farmer of the Year

RMC – Jim McCarthy

- CELG BCW&SA Golf Tournament
The Committee is recommending a \$300.00 Tee Sponsorship using the Public Relations budget line item

Workshop Conference Call – No meeting

Dirt, Gravel Low Volume Road – Piper Sherburne

Legislative Committee – Larry Kehl

- BCCD Legislative Breakfast - June 14, 2024, at the Phillips Farm, Lenhartsville, PA

ACAP Committee – Dean Druckenmiller

Old Business

New Office Space/Floor Plan – update

Lyons Solar - update

PACD – update.

- **PACD / SCC Joint Annual Conference**
July 17 – 18, 2024
Register before June 14, 2024

New Business

- **Legislative Breakfast Agenda**
- **Reminder:** the **June 26, 2024 Board Meeting** will be at Kauffman's BBQ, Bethel PA



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- **Request for cost-share funding through the Conservation District Fund Allocation Program (CDFAP)**
The CDFAP provides funding for the Manager, E&S Technician and ACT Technician from 07/01/20224 through 06/30/202; information must be entered into the DEP Greenport, ASAP but no later than 07/10/2024

Upcoming Events, Conferences, Workshops

- ❖ **06/15/2024 Glenn Seidel Memorial**
3:00 pm, at the farm, 1101 N Water Street, Womelsdorf
- ❖ **06/14/2024 Legislative Breakfast at the Phillips Farm in Lenhartsville**
June 14, 2024, at the Phillips Farm in Lenhartsville
7:00 am – 9:00 am
- ❖ **06/26/2024 Annual Golf, Lunch & Board meeting at Kauffman's BBQ, Bethel**
11:00 am Golf
12:00 pm Lunch
1:00 pm Board Meeting
- ❖ **07/17/2024 – 07/18/2024 PACD / SCC Joint Annual Conference**
- ❖ **07/29/2024 Annual Awards and Scholarship Dinner, Oley Fairgrounds**

Signature Needed

EWP Project Extension

Action Item

A motion is needed to approve having Dean Druckenmiller sign the paperwork

Nutrient Management Plans – New

Name	Municipality	Animal Type & Numbers	Acres	Plan Type	AEU	AEU/Acre	Reviewer
Matthew Leid	Greenwich Twp.	80m000 Layers	150.4	CAO	237.85	2.55	Harig
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- 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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Nutrient Management Plans – Amendments

Name	Municipality	Animal Type & Numbers	Acres	Plan Type	AEU	AEU/Acre	Reviewer
Dean Stump	Tulpehocken Twp.	128,000 Layers, 6 Heifers, 3 pigs	16.8	CAO/CAFO	408.42	34.61	Harig
Jeffrey Sensenig	Tulpehocken Twp.	103,900 Broilers, 4 Beef Finishers	10.5	CAO	199.01	79.6	Paisley
Merle Wenger	Windsor Twp.	84,600 Layers, 5 Beef Finishers, 15 Sheep	11	CAO/CAFO	270.34	24.58	Paisley
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Conservation Plans

Name	Municipality	Acres	Tract#	Planner
Chris Blatt	North Heidelberg Twp	117	10452	Hanna
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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.”

SC-1 Requests

Name	OP/OW	Coop	Municipality	Watershed	Acres	Reason
						Action Item

Urban Team Update – April 2024

# of Projects	Item	+ / - Compared to Last Month
0	Chapter 102 Applications Received	-23
0	Chapter 105 Applications Received	-2
61	Plan Reviews 102 and 105	-23
33	Non-Complaint Inspections (4 NOT)	-6
17	New Complaints Received	+9
11	E&S Plans Approvals Issued	0
8	Chapter 102 Permits Issued	+14
7	Chapter 105 Permits Issued	+4
11	PCSM Reviews (Total)	+6
102 Projects + PennDOT 102 Projects = Disturbed Acres		
	Project Acres	Disturbed Acres
102 Projects – Initial Plan Reviews	346.26	159.37
PennDOT 102 Projects – Initial Plan Reviews	2.3	.80
Total Disturbances	348.56	160.17

102/105 Enforcement and Potential Enforcement Actions

- 401 Madison St., Shillington Borough (CM-06-00303): Arthur Turaj. Floodway Encroachment. Mr. Turaj submitted the restoration plan to DEP, and DEP returned it with comments. On 4/5/24, the Township complained that additional fill was added along the floodway. BCCD refers the complaint to DEP as the site’s enforcement is now in DEP’s hands.
- 170 N. Bingaman Street Exeter Twp/St. Lawrence Borough (CM-06-00399): Un-permitted Stream Obstruction/Bridge Installation. 4/12/2024: The DEP, District, and responsible parties (Mr. Coulter and Mr. Lerch) are scheduling a conference call to discuss the current site situation. Additionally, DEP and the District will outline the proper steps that the responsible parties need to take for the site to comply and obtain proper permitting for the activity. 5/2/2024: A Meeting was held with DEP, the District and responsible parties. It was decided that Mr. Coulter will need to start talking to a consulting firm about designing a bridge and compiling an application to submit for the proper permitting for the bridge by the week of June 3rd, 2024.
- Green Hills Estates, Robeson (PAD060075): 5/1/2024: A pre-construction meeting was held at the project site with DEP, the District, the Applicant and the Co-permittee for the new individual permit that was issued for the continuation and completion of the project. Erosion and Sediment control violations were observed during a walkthrough of the site with all personnel that attended the meeting. The District will continue to monitor the site and ensure that any violations are corrected before the project starts earth moving and construction again. The DEP will be copied and notified of any inspection reports and updates on the site.
- Bollinger Road/341 Hickory Road, Marion Twp (CM-06-00600) (Preserved Farm): Marion Township has submitted the restoration plan. The BCCD has issued a deficiency letter.



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- 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 has decided not to pursue enforcement against Mr. Greth.
- Lyons Solar (PAD060068): The solar panels and PCSM BMPs have been installed; however, the site is not permanently stabilized. The amended soils and permanent seeding are currently being installed. Due to the continued issues that have occurred, the District has sent an enforcement referral to DEP.

Reports

Comments

Adjournment

Action Item