



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, June 26, 2024

Time 1:00 p.m.

Location Kauffman's Bar-B-Q Restaurant, 254 Gravel Pit Road, Bethel, PA

Call the Meeting to Order

There will be an Executive Session immediately following the Board Meeting to discuss a personnel issue.

Pledge the Flag

Sealed Bid Opening

Three (3) sealed bids need to be opened for the Larry Dean Martin RCPP/ACAP-funded manure and compost facility.

Public Comment

Approval of Minutes of Previous Board Meeting on May 29, 2024

Action Item

Financial Statements and E&S Fee Report

Approval of Payment of Bills

Action Item

Correspondence

BCCD Staff Semi-Annual Recognition

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 – Meeting was cancelled

RMC – Jim McCarthy

Clean Water Fund Request (3)

- Colebrookdale Township MS4 – GIBC \$10,000.00
- Mill Creek Streambank Rehabilitation - \$10,000.00
- Licking Creek and Cacoosing Creek Long-Term in-situ Stream Temperature Monitoring - \$166.00

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Workshop Conference Call – The meeting was canceled

Dirt, Gravel Low Volume Road – No meeting

Legislative Committee – Larry Kehl

ACAP Committee – Dean Druckenmiller

Old Business

New Office Space/Floor Plan – update

Lyons Solar - update

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PACD – update

- **PACD Officer Elections**
There is a vacancy for Treasurer and Secretary
- **PACD \$500 donation**
- **Guidance for voting at JAC meeting in July**
- **PACD / SCC Joint Annual Conference**
July 17 – 18, 2024

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New Business

Signature Needed

- **Maidencreek Township MOU** Action Item
Maidencreek Township had a change in their officers and re-signed the MOU; Maidencreek Township would like the Berks County Conservation District to re-sign the MOU reflecting the changes they made.
- **Watershed Specialist Grant Renewal** Action Item
Signature needed for the renewal

Nutrient Management Plans – Amendments

Name	Municipality	Animal Type & Numbers	Acres	Plan Type	AEU	AEU/Acre	Reviewer
David Lucas	Upper Tulpehocken Twp.	Swing – 4,800; Beef Finishers – 6; Dairy Cows – 3; Calves - 3	74	CAO	155.96	22.28	Paisley
Kevin Martin	Albany Twp.	Broilers – 144,000	42	CAO/CAFO	394.95	394.95	Harig
Andrew Sensenig	Bethel Twp.	Broilers – 104,200; Beef – Replacement Heifers – 10	41.7	CAO	181.92	5.93	Harig

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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.

Urban Team Update – May 2024

# of Projects	Item	+ / - Compared to Last Month
23	Chapter 102 Applications Received	2
2	Chapter 105 Applications Received	-1
52	Plan Reviews 102 and 105	-9
118	Non-Complaint Inspections (5 NOT)	+85
7	New Complaints Received	-10
12	E&S Plans Approvals Issued	+1
4	Chapter 102 Permits Issued	-4
2	Chapter 105 Permits Issued	-5
12	PCSM Reviews (Total)	+1
102 Projects + PennDOT 102 Projects = Disturbed Acres		
	Project Acres	Disturbed Acres
102 Projects – Initial Plan Reviews	1,030.68	164.33
PennDOT 102 Projects – Initial Plan Reviews	0	0
Total Disturbances	1,030.68	164.33

102/105 Enforcement and Potential Enforcement Actions



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401 Madison St., Shillington Borough (CM-06-00303): Arthur Turaj. Floodway Encroachment. Mr. Turaj's restoration plan has been approved by DEP, and he has initiated the restoration work.

102/105 Enforcement and Potential Enforcement Actions Continued

Bollinger Road/341 Hickory Road, Marion Twp (CM-06-00600) (Preserved Farm): On June 5, 2024, the BCCD approved the restoration plan. The restoration work will occur between October 2024 and February 2025 to avoid disturbing an adjacent bald eagle nest.

581 Airport Road, Bethel Twp (CM-06-00647): Matthew Hassler, Hassler Excavating. Mr. Hassler is a repeat offender per DEP. The District cited him for filling wetlands without a permit on an adjacent site. Mr. Hassler then proceeded to disturb earth, fill wetlands, and watercourses without permits. A pre-enforcement meeting will be held on the site with DEP on June 25, 2024.

201 Forge Dam Road Driveway Improvements, Upper Bern Twp (ESP-06-02638) PAC060348: Michael Piepoli, 299 MSS, LLC. A Corrective Action Plan (CAP) has been submitted for Chapter 102 permit violations on June 17, 2024. Furthermore, the BCCD recuperated \$2,057 in expenses paid by 299 MSS, LLC for the CAP.

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.

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 have occurred, but the site is still achieving permanent stabilization. The PCSM BMPs are still being converted to their permanent conditions. Due to the continued issues that have occurred, the District has sent an enforcement referral to DEP. A site meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday, June 20th, Commissioner Leinbach and the Conservation District are hosting the meeting and are including the affected landowners, local officials and agencies, State Senators/Representatives, Lyons Solar officials (Heelstone), officials from DEP and Dept of Ag. There will be no media invited to the meeting.

Reports

Comments

Motion to move into an Executive Session

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Motion to return from the Executive Session

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Adjournment

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