

## 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 31, 2021  
**Time** 1:00 p.m.  
**Location** Berks County Agricultural Center, 1238 County Welfare Road, Leesport, PA and via Zoom

Meeting was called to order at 1:05 by Chair Piper Sherburne

***Pledge the Flag***

***Public Comment*** – None

***Swearing In*** – Renominated Farmer Director Glenn Seidel

***Presentation*** – Brandy Savani, Ag Resource Conservationist

**Attendees:**

Directors:

Jesse Bitler, Brian Boyer, Larry Gelsinger, Commissioner Leinbach, Joseph Rosenbaum, Glenn Seidel, Piper Sherburne

Associate Directors:

David Beane, Jim McCarthy

Cooperating Agencies:

Berks County Department of Agriculture: Kim Fies

NRCS: Daman Painter

FSA: Kayla Shaak, Anne Bulter

DEP: Elwood Blake

Staff:

Tammy Bartsch, Dean Druckenmiller, Joshua Hanna, Kent Himelright, Brandi Savani

Guests:

Lisa Scheid, Reading Eagle

***Action on Minutes of Previous Meeting*** - A was made motion to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2021 Board Meeting - J. Rosenbaum, L. Gelsinger, motion passed, no comment

***Financial Statements for the Month*** – on file

***Approval of Payment of Bills*** - A was made motion to approve payment of the bills. B. Boyer, J. Rosenbaum, motion passed, no comment

***Correspondence*** – filed

***Cooperating Agency Reports***

***Committee Reports***

**RMC** – *Brian Boyer*

**A Endowment** - A motion was made to deposit check into existing the reserve account #1040, General Reserve.

B. Boyer, L. Gelsinger, motion passed, no comment

**B Operating Reserve Policy** - A motion was made to approve the revised operating reserve policy as presented at the March RMC meeting. B. Boyer, C. Leinbach, motion passed, no comment

**C BCCD Clean Water Fund Request** - A motion was made to approve the request for funding up to \$5,000 to be used for project materials and with the condition that a sign is displayed regarding funding. B. Boyer, C. Leinbach, motion passed, no comment

**Admin Tech** – *Glenn Seidel* – no actionable items

**D&GR** – *Piper Sherburne*

A motion was made to approve two **Low Volume Road** Projects: **Bern Township**, Washington Road, \$39,175.00;

**Ruscombmanor Township**, Oley Furnace Road, \$35,353.60. J. Rosenbaum, L. Gelsinger and B. Boyer, motion passed, no comment

A motion was made to approve three **Dirt and Gravel Road** Projects: **Kenhorst Borough**, Apple Alley, \$15,993.78;

**Kenhorst Borough**, Walker Alley, \$18,574.71; **N Heidelberg Township**, North Hill Road, \$48,618.73. J. Rosenbaum,

L. Gelsinger, motion passed, no comment

**Building Committee** – no meeting

**Legislative Committee** – no meeting

**Old Business**

**A Countywide Action Plan MOU Update** - Signature needed

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### New Business

- A PACD Update
- B Affiliate Memberships
- C Upcoming Events, Conferences, Trainings

- Seedling Sale – Pre-Orders Required  
No Contact Pick-Up  
Date: April 16, 2021  
Time: 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- High School Envirothon – Virtual – April 20, 2021
- Middle School Envirothon – Virtual – April 27, 2021



### D Signature(s) Needed

**Contract between JB Ecological Services and the BCCD** - A motion was made to approve signing the contract. J. Rosenbaum, L. Gelsinger, motion passed, no comment

**NRCS / Ches Bay RCPP** - E-signature needed (completed)

**Memorandum of Agreement between the NACD and BCCD** - A motion was made to approve signing the Memorandum of Agreement. J. Rosenbaum, L. Gelsinger, motion passed, no comment

### E Spotted Lantern Fly funding update – DTD

**F Board meetings** - June Board meeting – would the Board be interested in holding the Board Meeting at Kaufman's BBQ this year? Take to April Board meeting for further discussion.

### G District Outreach / Educational Events

Because of Covid, some programs are being “rebuilt” as if they were new programs.

- Ex: Trout in the Classroom – this year there are 6 schools participating compared to 32 last year.
- Don Hartman

Event will not be held at the end of June as in other years; hopefully it can be scheduled later in the year; partners are not able to participate.

**H Little Cacoosing Project** permit through the CD. Take to April Board meeting for further discussion.

**I Statement of Financial Interest** need to be completed and returned before May 1, 2021

### Nutrient Management Plan – Amendments

Name	Municipality	Animal Numbers	Acres	Plan Type	AEU	AEU / Acre	Reviewer
James Reppert	Tilden	38,000 ducks	70.1	VAO/CAFO	88.5	1.41	Seidel
A motion was made to approve the Nutrient Management Plan Amendment of James Reppert. J. Rosenbaum, L. Gelsinger, motion passed, no comment							

### Nutrient Management Plans – Requesting Removal

Name	Municipality	Animal Numbers	Acres	Plan Type	AEU	AEU / Acre	Reviewer
Justin Hurst	Marion Twp.	80,500 Layers	132	VAO	249.31	1.89	Seidel
Note: Justin Hurst acquired more acres and took back management of all of his owned acres and went from a CAO to a VAO							
A motion was made to approve the Removal of the Nutrient Management Plan for Justin Hurst. L. Gelsinger, C. 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.*

### Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 2:11 p.m. L. Gelsinger, J. Rosenbaum, motion passed, no comment

Respectfully Submitted,

*Tammy L. Bartsch*, Secretary

Berks County Conservation District Board of Directors