



## 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 September 29, 2021  
**Time** 1:00 p.m.  
**Location** Berks County Agricultural Center, 1238 County Welfare Road, Leesport, PA

**Meeting was called to order at 1:08 p.m.**

**Pledge the Flag**

**Public Comment**

**Attendees:**

Directors:

Jesse Bitler, Christian Leinbach, Glenn Seidel, Piper Sherburne

Associate Directors:

David Beane, Geoff Price

Cooperating Agencies:

Berks County Department of Agriculture: Kim Fies

NRCS: Nick Ramsey

DEP: Elwood Blake

FSA: Kayla Shaak, Anne Butler, Jessica Gerhart

Staff:

Tammy Bartsch, Dean Druckenmiller

Guests:

Lisa Sheid, Reading Eagle

**Minutes of Previous Board Meeting**

A motion was made to approve minutes of the August 25, 2021 Board meeting.

C. Leinbach, J. Bitler

Motion passed, no comment

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

**Approval of Payment of Bills**

A motion was made to approve payment of the bills.

C. Leinbach, G. Seidel

Motion passed, no comment

**Correspondence**

**Cooperating Agency Reports**

**Committee Reports**

**Admin Tech – Glenn Seidel**

**RMC - Brian Boyer**

**A 2022 Scholarship & Awards Recognition Dinner**

A motion was made to hold the 2022 Scholarship and Awards Recognition Dinner on Monday August 8, 2022 at the Oley Fair Grounds.

C. Leinbach, J. Bitler

Motion passed, no comment

**Workshop Conference Call**

**D&GR – Piper Sherburne**

**Building Committee – Dean Druckenmiller**

**Legislative Committee – Larry Kehl**

**Old Business**

**A Countywide Action Plan**

- Update

**New Business**

**A PACD Update**



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### B Upcoming Events, Conferences, Trainings

- **Fall Leadership Webinar Series – Succession Planning, Environmental Justice**
  - Wednesday October 27, 2021
  - Wednesday November 3, 2021
  - Wednesday November 10, 2021
- **South East Region Meeting**
  - October 28, 2021 at the Berks County Ag Center
- **NACD Northeast Regional Meeting**
  - October 31, 2021 – November 3, 2021
  - Sheraton Portsmouth Harborside Hotel, Portsmouth NH

### C 2022 Workshop Conference Call, Admin Tech, RMC, Dirt, Gravel Low Volume Road and Board Meeting dates.

A motion was made to advertise the 2022 Board Meeting and Sub-committee meetings.  
C. Leinbach, J. Bitler  
Motion passed, no comment

### Mushroom Farm Environmental Plans

Name	Municipality	Type of Operation	# of Houses	Planner
Gaspari Farms	Muhlenberg, Penn, Ruscombmanor, Alsace	Substrate & Mushroom Production	68	Seidel

A motion was made to acknowledge the Mushroom Farm Environmental Plan for Gaspari Farms.  
C. Leinbach, J. Bitler  
Motion passed, no comment

*The Berks County Conservation District acknowledges the above Mushroom Farm Environmental plan(s).*

### Nutrient Management Plan Amendments

Name	Municipality	Animal Type & Numbers	Acres	Plan Type	AEU	AEU / Acre	Review
Kevin Martin	Bernville	144,000 broilers	42	CAO/CAFO	394.95	394.95	Seidel
Dean Stump	Tulpehocken	128,000 layers	12.5	CAO/CAFO	416.14	33.29	Bol
Nelson Aucker	Tulpehocken	68,000 broilers	11.3	CAO	150.73	150.73	Overstreet

A motion was made to approve the Nutrient Management Plan Amendments of Kevin Martin, Dean Stump and Nelson Aucker.  
C. Leinbach, J. Bitler  
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.*



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### Conservation Plans

Name	Municipality	Acres	Tract#	Planner
Aaron Zook	Union	57	3106	Savani
Chester Nicarry	Bethel	12	12658	Overstreet
Dean Smith	Upper Tullpehocken	5	606	Savani
Dean Smith	Upper Tullpehocken	6.8	3912	Savani
Aaron Hoover	Tulpehocken	103	190	Overstreet
A motion was made to concur with the Conservation Plans of Aaron Zook, Chester Nicarry, Dean Smith (2) and Aaron Hoover. C. Leinbach, J. Bitler Motion passed, no comment				

*"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".*

### Reports

### Comments

### Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 1:42 p.m.  
C. Leinbach, J. Bitler, Motion Passed, no comment

Respectfully Submitted,

*Tammy L. Bartsch*, Secretary

Berks County Conservation District Board of Directors