

## 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 28, 2025

**Time** 1:00 p.m.

**Location** Berks County Agricultural Center, 1238 County Welfare Road, Leesport, PA 19533

**Call the Meeting to Order**

**There will be an Executive Session immediately following the Board Meeting to discuss staff transition**

**Pledge the Flag**

**Public Comment** (limited to 10 minutes per person)

**Approval of Minutes of Previous Board Meeting on March 26, 2025**

**Action Item**

**Swearing in of a new Director**

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

**Approval of Payment of Bills**

**Action Item**

**Correspondence**

**Presentation** – Cameron Kegel, Mosquito-borne Disease Control Program Technician, DGLVR program assistant

**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 – meeting cancelled

**RMC** – Dean Druckenmiller

- Single Audit Requirements and Costs **Action Item**  
The District is required to file an annual audit, and this year they are required to file a Single Audit because over \$750,000 was spent in Federal Funds. The 2025 budget has a line item for Audits in the amount of \$8,250.00; the combined audits will cost \$13,600. A motion is needed to approve the additional expense and advise where the additional funds will come from.

**Workshop Conference Call**

**Dirt, Gravel Low Volume Road**

**Action Item**

- Approval of Low Volume Road projects

**Legislative Updates or News**

**ACAP Committee**

- Last month, an ACAP project, in the amount of \$845,108.00, was approved by the Board with the understanding that it had to have final approval by the SCC since it was more than the \$500,000 project approval limit; the SCC approved that project.



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### Old Business

**Lyons Solar** Dean will update

#### PACD

- **PACD SCC Joint Annual Conference;** July 15 – 17, 2025 – in person  
Workshops; Field Trips; Speakers;  
NOTE - Annual Dues will be voted on at the meeting; they are asking for a \$300 increase each year for 3 years  
Dean and Piper will attend the event – how would you like to vote
- Glenn Seidel Board Room Dedication
- 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in 2026
- Alsace Township Fee Waiver Request Alsace **Action Item**

### New Business

#### PACD / NRCS / CD Umbrella Agreement Status

Dean will provide and update

#### Scholarships

There are 6 applications and 8 scholarships. How would the Board like to proceed? **Action Item**

### Signature Needed

Watershed Specialist Grant Renewal **Action Item**

DCED Grant **Action Item**

Give approval for the Secretary to sign the Appendix II – Authorized Official Resolution, as indicated on the paperwork and also to authorize the District Executive to sign documents for this grant.

### Upcoming Events

- June 6, 2025, 7am – 9am  
**Legislative Breakfast**, this year's host is Giorgi, Blandon  
Event is free, **registration is required**
- June 25, 2025  
**Annual Kauffmans Lunch & Board Meeting**  
11:00 am Mini Golf  
12:00 pm Lunch  
1:00 pm Board Meeting  
**RSVP is required**
- July 15 – 18, 2025  
**PACD/SCC Joint Annual Conference**
- July 28, 2025  
**Annual Awards and Scholarship Dinner**  
RSVP **is required**



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### Nutrient Management Plans – New

Name	Municipality	Animal Type & Numbers	Acres	Plan Type	AEU	AEU/Acre	Reviewer
Steven Weinsteinger	District Twp	Beef – 45	80	VAO	39.85	0.5	Paisley

**Action Item**

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- The district's action on the plan requires a formal action of the board.
- If an 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.

### Nutrient Management Plans – Amendments

Name	Municipality	Animal Type & Numbers	Acres	Plan Type	AEU	AEU/Acre	Reviewer
Oscar Manbeck	Bethel	Swine – 7,100	559	VAO/CAFO	1,059	1.89	Harig
Leonard Margin	Bethel	Broilers – 136,000	12	CAO/CAFO	363.75	363.75	Paisley

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### Nutrient Management Plans – Requesting Removal

Name	Municipality	Animal Type & Numbers	Acres	Plan Type	AEU	AEU/Acre	Reviewer
Tray Reiff	Albany	Cows – 0, Heifers – 0, Calves – 0	0	CAO	0	0	Harig

Note – Tray sold all the cows and is no longer renting the dairy facility

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### SC-1 Requests

Name	Operator / Owner	Cooperator	Municipality	Watershed	Acres	Reason
Anthony Weaver	Yes	Yes	Bethel	Crosskill	138	CTA

**Action Item**

### Conservation Plans

Name	Municipality	Acres	Tract #	Planner
Dave Uslar	Albany	21.4	11117	Seidel

**Action Item**

"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."

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### Urban Team Update for April 2025

# of Projects	Item	+ / - Compared to Last Month
50	Chapter 102 Applications Received	-18
7	Chapter 105 Applications Received	+4
44	Plan Reviews 102 and 105	+7
17	Non-Complaint Inspections	-18
16	New Complaints Received	+9
16	E&S Plans Approvals Issued	+2
8	Chapter 102 Permits Issued	+2
0	Chapter 105 Permits Issued	-1
12	PCSM Reviews (Total)	+5
<b>102 Projects + PennDOT 102 Projects = Disturbed Acres</b>		
	Project Acres	Disturbed Acres
102 Projects – Initial Plan Reviews	8.12	5.88
PennDOT 102 Projects – Initial Plan Reviews	0.00	0.00
Total Disturbances	8.12	5.88

### 102/105 Enforcement and Potential Enforcement Actions

- Bollinger Road/Sonnen Farm, Marion Twp (CM-06-00600) (Preserved Farm): Marion Township. Floodway Encroachment. As of March 25, 2025, the project will be bid out a second time due to complications with negotiations between the property owner and Jackson Township. The contractor will need to wait until October 1, 2025, to begin the restoration efforts, due to construction restrictions based on a nearby bald eagle nest.
- 201 Forge Dam Road Driveway Improvements, Upper Bern Twp (ESP-06-02638) PAC060348: Michael Piepoli, 299 MSS, LLC. NPDES Permit Non-Compliance. The Corrective Action Plan (CAP) has been approved. The Permittee must now implement the CAP. However, an ongoing civil suit with the Township is complicating matters, which may trigger further enforcement by PA DEP.
- Lyons Solar (PAD060068): The solar panels and PCSM BMPs have been installed. The amended soils and permanent seeding have occurred. The PCSM BMPs have been converted to their permanent conditions. Infiltration Basin 1 and Infiltration Basin 2 appear to be operating as designed. Overall, the entire site has reached permanent stabilization except Infiltration Basin 1 and Infiltration Basin 2, which are still achieving permanent stabilization. Due to the continued issues that have occurred, the District has sent an enforcement referral to DEP.
- 170 N. Bingaman Street Exeter Twp/St. Lawrence Borough (CM-06-00399): Un-permitted Stream Obstruction/Bridge Installation. 12/04/2024 105 Permit Application is still currently under review with DEP.
- Store 247 Rebuild - an Individual Permit, PAD060085, in a High Quality watershed. It's the Sheetz is located in Richmond Township at the roundabout where 222 and 662 intersect.  
The first two inspections had violations (not following the approved plans/construction sequence, implementing BMPs as they should, etc.). After issuing the inspection reports, they got back in compliance.  
My 3<sup>rd</sup> inspection conducted on 5/1/25 I documented several more serious violations, they did not have their compost socks in as required at locations, they didn't have any inlet protection in as shown on the plans, no concrete washout as required, concrete waste and residue dumped at multiple locations on site including in the infiltration basin, sediment in the storm sewers, they did not protect Basin 1 from being compacted, they have fill and debris in the upper end of Basin 1, and they did not have their visual inspection reports as required.

They've been cited for failure to maintain/implement E&S BMPs, Failure to have E&S inspections/monitoring reports on site, failure to temporarily stabilize, failure to implement PCSM SCMS as specified in the approved plans, unauthorized discharge of polluting substances to the waters of the commonwealth resulting in pollution, failure to comply with terms and conditions of a permit or order, and Failure to remove building materials and/or wastes from the site for recycling or disposal in accordance with DEP regulations as required by the permit.

Reports  
Comments  
Adjournment

**Action Item**