



## 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 25, 2025

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

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

**Call the Meeting to Order**

**Pledge the Flag**

**Public Comment** (limited to 5 minutes per person, for a total of 30 minutes, first-come, first-served)

**Approval of Minutes of Previous Board Meeting on May 28, 2025**

**Action Item**

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

**Approval of Payment of Bills**

**Action Item**

**Correspondence**

**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 – Joe Rosenbaum**

- Public Comment Time Limit Policy **Action Item**  
The committee would like a motion to approve the Public Comment Time Limit Policy – the policy will show a limit of 5 minutes per individual for a total of 30 minutes on a first-come, first-served basis.

**RMC – Jim McCarthy**

- Professional Engineer (PE) Proposal and Advertising **Action Item**  
The committee would like a motion to approve advertising for the PE position. **Action Item**  
The committee would like a motion to approve preparing a proposal to present to the county.

**Workshop Conference Call – no meeting**

**Dirt, Gravel Low Volume Road**

**Action Item**

- Amendment Request – Maxatawny Twp – Sharadin Road – Increase amount by \$6,972.38
- Amendment Request – Penn Twp – S Garfield Road – Extend project for one (1) year
- New project – Windsor Twp – Balthaser Road - \$18,329.35
- New project – Windsor Twp – Christman Road - \$4,478.53
- New Project – Windsor Twp – Strausser Road - \$13,585.90
- New Project – Bechtelsville Boro – Cherry Street - \$154,740.00

**Legislative Updates or News**

- Legislative Breakfast wrap-up

**ACAP Committee**

**Old Business**

**Lyons Solar**



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### 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 Piper to vote
- Glenn Seidel Board Room Dedication
- 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in 2026

### New Business

- Notification – Draft Angelica Creek Evaluation Report for Public Comment  
Upgrading to exceptional value; a copy of the notification has been provided.
- Opening of Sealed Bid
  - Younker
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  - Hetrick / Hetrickdale
- Affiliate Membership
  - Systems Design Engineering \$50.00
  - Berks Surveying and Engineering \$100.00
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### Signature Needed

- **Chesapeake Bay Technician Agreement**
  - **Annual Renewal**  
A motion is needed to sign and submit the renewal.
- **Nutrient Management Agreement**
  - **Annual renewal**  
A motion is needed to sign and submit the renewal.

*Action Item*

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### Upcoming Events

- July 15 – 18, 2025  
**PACD/SCC Joint Annual Conference**
- July 28, 2025  
**Annual Awards and Scholarship Dinner**  
*RSVP is required*

### Nutrient Management Plans – New

Name	Municipality	Animal Type & Numbers	Acres	Plan Type	AEU	AEU/Acre	Reviewer
Galen Hoover	Bethel	Layers – 70,000	26	CAO	210.77	8.11	Paisley
Josh Zimmerman	Richmond	Dairy Cows – 218 Broilers – 53,000	111.3	CAO	361.78	3.25	Paisley

### *Action Item*

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Name	Municipality	Animal Type & Numbers	Acres	Plan Type	AEU	AEU/Acre	Reviewer
Samual King – Royal Egg Farm	Bethel	Layers – 86,142	0	CAO/CAFO	269.62	269.62	Harig
Merle Martin	Bethel	Broilers – 132,000	65.2	CAO/CAFO	3.47	3.47	Harig
Carl Horst	Heidelberg	Swine – 1,200	0	CAO	162.74	162.74	Harig
Edward Horst	Heidelberg	Swine – 1400, Heifers - 260	109.4	CAO/CAFO	3.44	3.44	Harig
Aaron Martin	Centre	Duck – 36,000; cattle 115	86	CAO/CAFO	2.11	2.11	Paisley
Joann & Earl Ebling	Bethel	Pullets – 150,000	0	CAO/CAFO	136.11	136.11	Paisley
Dwight & Kathi Zimmerman	Upper Tulpehocken	Broilers – 139,200	0.8	CAO/CAFO	299.04	299.04	Paisley

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### Conservation Plans

Name	Municipality	Acres	Tract #	Planner
Michael Angstadt	Maxatawny	105	2376	Hanna

**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."

### Urban Team Update for May 2025

# of Projects	Item	+ / - Compared to Last Month
59	Chapter 102 Applications Received	+9
1	Chapter 105 Applications Received	-6
54	Plan Reviews 102 and 105	+10
26	Completeness Reviews	0
16	Non-Complaint Inspections	-1
9	New Complaints Received	-7
10	E&S Plans Approvals Issued	-6
46	Chapter 102 Permits Issued	+38
4	Chapter 105 Permits Issued	+4
5	PCSM Reviews (Total)	-7
<b>102 Projects + PennDOT 102 Projects = Disturbed Acres</b>		
	Project Acres	Disturbed Acres
102 Projects – Initial Plan Reviews		
PennDOT 102 Projects – Initial Plan Reviews		
Total Disturbances		

### 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. PA DEP has contacted the Township and awaits internal guidance on how to proceed.

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### 102/105 Enforcement and Potential Enforcement Actions continued

- 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. The District has requested Heelstone Energy to ensure the grades are correct due to water flowing around infiltration basin 2 from the substation and to regrade the area of the substation if required. Heelstone responded that they will be conducting field surveying the week of 6/17 to ensure the grading is correct. 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): Mike Coulter. An unpermitted stream obstruction/bridge installation. 6/17/2025: DEP issues a General Permit 11. However, issues remain with the permitting and the site is not back into compliance.
- Store 247 Rebuild – is in compliance and no longer at risk of enforcement, as of now.
- 1641 Alleghenyville Rd., Brecknock Twp (Com-25-027). Swartz Farm – The landowner has acquired legal representation. No compliance efforts have been made outside of temporary stabilization. A follow-up inspection is being conducted.
- 1068 Fritztown Road, South Heidelberg & Spring Twps CM-06-00714 (Com-24-120) CTS 385585. Mike Lawson. Unpermitted wetland fill and stream dredge. The landowner has acquired legal representation and PA DEP has agreed to accept an enforcement referral.

### Reports

### Comments

### Adjournment

***Action Item***