



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, July 30, 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 June 25, 2025

Action Item

Financial Statements and E&S Fee Report

Approval of Payment of Bills

Action Item

Correspondence

Presentation – Jonathan Tenerovich, Agricultural Resource Conservationist

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

- **Training/Conference Attendance Policy**

Action Item

The committee would like a motion to approve the Training/Conference Attendance Policy.

RMC – Jim McCarthy

- **Professional Engineer Funding Request Letter**

Action Item

The committee would like a motion to approve a letter to the County Commissioners requesting funding for the second Professional Engineer position.

Dirt, Gravel Low Volume Road

Action Item

- Tulpehocken Twp Extension Request

Legislative Updates or News

ACAP Committee

Old Business

Lyons Solar

PACD

- Dues Increase Discussion
- Glenn Seidel Board Room Dedication

- 80th Anniversary Celebration in 2026



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New Business

- Affiliate Membership
- E&S Fee Schedule, language revisions.

Signature Needed

- **CDFAP ACT 2025 – 2026 Application**
 - **Annual Renewal**
A motion is needed to sign and submit the renewal.
- SRRF Grant – Cacoosing Creek Project - \$84,000.00
 - New Grant
A motion is needed to sign the grant agreement.

Action Item

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Upcoming Events

- 09/17/2025 – 09/20/2025 SWAG Bus at the Oley Fair
- 10/03/2025 - Envirothon Clay Shoot
- 10/11/2025 – 10/12/2025 SWAG Bus at the Berks Fair Fall Fest

Nutrient Management Plans – Amendments

Name	Municipality	Animal Type & Numbers	Acres	Plan Type	AEU	AEU/Acre	Reviewer
Matthew Ehst	Tulpehocken Twp	120,000 Layers; 60 Steer	76.1	CAO/CAFO	433.8	5.7	Harig
Barry Good	Centre Twp	100,000 Layers	184.3	VAO/CAFO	184.3	1.7	Harig
Nathan Zimmerman	Maxatawny Twp	103,000 Pullets; 120 Steer	72	CAO	171.56	2.39	Harig
Otto Shick	Greenwich Twp	1,981 Swine	0	CAO	242.82	242.82	Harig

Action Item

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 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.

Conservation Plans

Name	Municipality	Acres	Tract #	Planner
Lee Gougler	Tilden	47	10512	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 Statistics for May and June 2025

# of Projects		Item
May	June	
59	33	Chapter 102 Applications Received
1	0	Chapter 105 Applications Received
54	52	Plan Reviews 102 and 105
26	19	Completeness Reviews
16	29	Non-Complaint Inspections
9	11	New Complaints Received
10	11	E&S Plans Approvals Issued
42	16	Chapter 102 Permits Issued
4	1	Chapter 105 Permits Issued
5	4	PCSM Reviews (Total)
102 Projects + PennDOT 102 Projects = Disturbed Acres		
		Project Acres
		Disturbed Acres
102 Projects – Initial Plan Reviews		428.12
		62.89

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PennDOT 102 Projects – Initial Plan Reviews	0.00	0.00
Total Disturbances	428.12	62.89

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. On July 22, 2025, EPA contacted the BCCD to request a virtual meeting to discuss the compliance case.
- 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.
- 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 is infiltrating but exceeding the required 72-hour infiltration time and Infiltration Basin 2 appears to be operating as designed. Overall, the entire site has reached permanent stabilization except Infiltration Basin 1, which is 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. The District has yet to receive the results of the field surveying. 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. On July 11, 2025, the District submitted the enforcement referral to DEP.

Reports

Comments

Adjournment

Action Item