



## 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, September 24, 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)

**There will be an Executive Session immediately following the Board Meeting to the two new hires and an update on the Office Manager.**

**Approval of Minutes of the Previous Board Meeting on August 27, 2025**

**Action Item**

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

**Approval of Payment of Bills**

**Action Item**

**Correspondence**

**Presentation – Dean Druckenmiller, Vacation!**

### **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**

- SCC Per Diem Policy **Action Item**  
The Committee discussed and suggested maintaining our current Director Reimbursement Policy and not providing a per diem.

**RMC –Jim McCarthy**

- SuzyRae Designs Social Media Management **Action Item**  
The Committee would like to recommend approving up to \$2,500 to be spent on Social Media Management in the 2025 budget. This expense is for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2025.

- Clean Water Fund Policy Changes **Action Item**  
The Committee reviewed the policy and would like to recommend the Board approve with the recommended revisions.

**Dirt, Gravel Low Volume Road**

**Legislative Updates or News**

- **10-Year Strategic Plan for Pennsylvania Food and Agriculture** with Secretary Russell Redding & Senate Agriculture & Rural Affairs Minority Chairwoman Senator Schwank listening session September 29, 2025, 10 am – 12 pm, RACC Schmidt Training & Technology Center

**ACAP Committee**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Lyons Solar
- PACD – the payment of annual dues.

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### NEW BUSINESS

- Glenn Seidel Board Room Dedication, Wednesday, October 29, 2025
- 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in 2026
- Affiliate Membership
- Township Officials Dinner, Thursday, October 16, 2025, 5 pm – 9:30 pm, Oley Fair Center – RSVP with Tammy
- PACD SE Regional Meeting, Thursday, October 30, 2025, 9:30 am – Noon, Harleysville, PA - RSVP with Tammy
- EWP Site  
Nick and Dean will provide information
- 2026 Board and Committee Meeting Dates **Action Item**  
Need to review and approve dates, they must be advertised 30 days before the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in January 2026.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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
Lynford Nolt	Upper Tulpehocken Twp	92,000 Broilers; 30 Beef	61.1	CAO	267.74	5.45	Paisley
Hetrickdale Farms	Jefferson Twp	2,986 Dairy	2015.5	VAO/CAFO	2968.61	1.47	Harig
<b>Action Item</b>							

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### Nutrient Management Plans – Updated

Name	Municipality	Animal Type & Numbers	Acres	Plan Type	AEU	AEU/Acre	Reviewer
Kevin Brubaker	Jefferson Twp	136,000 Broilers; 30 Beef	57.7	CAO/CAFO	258.43	4.43	Harig
Jimmy Reppert	Tilden Twp	38,000 Ducks; 25 Steer	65.9	CAO/CAFO	109.07	1.66	Harig
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### Urban Team Statistics

# of Projects		Item
July	August	
27	20	Chapter 102 Applications Received
0	7	Chapter 105 Applications Received
68	55	Plan Reviews 102 and 105
15	8	Completeness Reviews
16	40	Non-Complaint Inspections
13	15	New Complaints Received
15	18	E&S Plans Approvals Issued
4	4	Chapter 102 Permits Issued
6	1	Chapter 105 Permits Issued
5	6	PCSM Reviews (Total)
102 Projects + PennDOT 102 Projects = Disturbed Acres		
		Project Acres      Disturbed Acres
102 Projects – Initial Plan Reviews		26.79      14.68
PennDOT 102 Projects – Initial Plan Reviews		0.0      0.0
Total Disturbances		26.79      14.68

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### 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 29, 2205, the BCCD requested assistance from DEP for attaining voluntary compliance.
- 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. The Township responds that the request has been sent to the Township Solicitor. The Township appears to indicate that the CAP can proceed and that the Twp's concerns are merely ancillary.
- 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. water bar is going to be installed to ensure the water from the substation is reaching Infiltration Basin 2. The as-built infiltration testing for Infiltration Basin 1 shows it is infiltration at a rate lower than designed therefore the PCSM calculations have been requested to be resubmitted using the S-built infiltration rates to ensure the required regulations are being met. 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 was conducted, and the inspection report is waiting on the District Executive's approval before formally sending it to Dautrich & O'Brien Law Offices, P.C.
- 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. To date, there has been no response from DEP. However, the DEP Compliance Specialist for Berks County had since resigned.

### Reports

### Comments

**A motion to adjourn into an Executive Session**

**Action Item**

**Return from Executive Session**

**Adjournment**

**Action Item**