

## 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, October 29, 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 for an update on one of the RCT team members.**

**Approval of Minutes of the Previous Board Meeting on September 24, 2025**

**Action Item**

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

**Approval of Payment of Bills**

**Action Item**

**RMC –Jim McCarthy**

**Action Item**

- Health Care Costs for 2026

**Correspondence**

**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** - no meeting

**Dirt, Gravel Low Volume Road** – no meeting

**Legislative Updates or News**

**ACAP Committee**

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Lyons Solar
- PACD – the payment of annual dues.
- 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in 2026
  - Date – November 19, 2026
  - Budget – the committee requests that the Board approve a budget for the event.

**Action Item**  
**Action Item(s)**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Affiliate Membership
- Right-to-Know requests for the Jurgielewicz
  - Discuss the planning process and requirements for their operations
- Thank you, recognition, plaque.
- Spotted Lanternfly Funding
  - Piper would like support to propose legislation on the NACD level
- Dean’s annual review process and committee selection.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Discuss adding the Berks IDA, BCPC, Dept of Economic Development to the partner list and reports at the Board Meetings
- May 2, 2026, Seedling Sale and Conservation Celebration with the Master Gardeners

### Urban Team Statistics

| # of Projects   |           | Item                              |
|---|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| August  | September |                                   |
| 20  | 14        | Chapter 102 Applications Received |
| 7   | 25        | Chapter 105 Applications Received |
| 55  | 41        | Plan Reviews 102 and 105          |
| 8   | 12        | Completeness Reviews              |
| 40  | 20        | Non-Complaint Inspections         |
| 15  | 13        | New Complaints Received           |
| 18  | 15        | E&S Plans Approvals Issued        |
| 4   | 5         | Chapter 102 Permits Issued        |
| 1   | 0         | Chapter 105 Permits Issued        |
| 6   | 4         | PCSM Reviews (Total)              |
| 102 Projects + PennDOT 102 Projects = Disturbed Acres |           |                                   |
|   |           | Project Acres                     |
|   |           | Disturbed Acres                   |
| 102 Projects – Initial Plan Reviews                   |           | 69.16                             |
| PennDOT 102 Projects – Initial Plan Reviews           |           | 23.17                             |
| Total Disturbances                                    |           | 0                                 |
|   |           | 69.16                             |
|   |           | 23.17                             |

### 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, 2025, 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.



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### Reports

### Comments

A motion to adjourn into an Executive Session

*Action Item*

Return from Executive Session

Adjournment

*Action Item*