



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, August 27, 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 discuss the Resource Conservation Team staffing.

Approval of Minutes of the Previous Board Meeting on July 30, 2025

Action Item

Financial Statements and E&S Fee Report

Approval of Payment of Bills

Action Item

Correspondence

Presentation – Alexis Albu – Resource Conservation Technician

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 – Meeting Cancelled

RMC – Jim McCarthy

- Clean Water Fund Grant **Action Item**
 - The RMC Committee would like the Board to approve an increase of the Clean Water Fund Grant Request amounts from \$10,000 to \$15,000.
- Clean Water Fund (CWF) request **Action Item**
 - Alsace Township CWF Request \$9,730.00
Retrofit an existing detention basin on Beacon Hill Road as a means of addressing the Township’s sediment load reduction obligation for the current MS4 permit.
 - The RMC Committee recommends that the Board approve the CWF Request.
- E&S Fee Schedule Language Changes and Potential Increase in Fees **Action Item**
 - The RMC Committee would like the Board to approve the changes to the E&S Fee Schedule.

Workshop Conference Call

Action Item

- Approve the minutes from the July Workshop Conference Call



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Dirt, Gravel Low Volume Road - Meeting Cancelled

Legislative Updates or News

- Antietam Creek Watershed
 - Dean will provide an update of the discussions and/or meetings he has attended with Senator Schwank and Representative Rusnock

ACAP Committee

OLD BUSINESS

- Lyons Solar
- PACD
- Glenn Seidel Board Room Dedication
- 80th Anniversary Celebration in 2026

NEW BUSINESS Affiliate Membership

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
Nevin Ehst	Jefferson Twp	40,000 Layers	36.9	CAO	150.88	4.09	Harig
Scott Troutman	Centre Twp	500 Cattle; 24,000 Ducks	531.8	CAO/CAFO	572.1	1.12	Paisley
Jay Gingrich	Bethel Twp	99,000 Broilers; 4 Beef; 9 Sheep	65	CAO	193.98	2.98	Harig
Michael Burkholder	Richmond Twp	3,400 Swine	174.5	CAO/CAFO	405	2.47	Paisley

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
Gerry Noecker	Centre Twp	59.54	13188	Seidel
George Brittenberg	Maidencreek Twp	5.9	1778	Seidel
Alex Sattizahn	Upper Tulpehocken Twp	84	617	Harig
Dean Adams	Windsor	44	10967	Josh Hanna
Todd Schroeder	Greenwich	133	11309	Josh 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."

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Urban Team Statistics

# of Projects		Item
June	July	
33	27	Chapter 102 Applications Received
0	0	Chapter 105 Applications Received
52	68	Plan Reviews 102 and 105
19	15	Completeness Reviews
29	16	Non-Complaint Inspections
11	13	New Complaints Received
11	15	E&S Plans Approvals Issued
16	4	Chapter 102 Permits Issued
1	6	Chapter 105 Permits Issued
4	5	PCSM Reviews (Total)
102 Projects + PennDOT 102 Projects = Disturbed Acres		
		Project Acres Disturbed Acres
102 Projects – Initial Plan Reviews		31.10 15.36
PennDOT 102 Projects – Initial Plan Reviews		0.00 0.00
Total Disturbances		31.10 15.36

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.



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Reports

Comments

A motion to adjourn into an Executive Session

Action Item

Return from Executive Session

Adjournment

Action Item