



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, January 28, 2026

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

Approval of Minutes of Previous Board Meeting on December 17, 2025

Action Item

Financial Statements and E&S Fee Report

Approval of Payment of Bills

Action Item

Correspondence

2025 Nominations and Appointments

The meeting is turned over to Dean Druckenmiller, District Executive, to open nominations

Call for nominations for the position of **Chair**

The meeting is turned over to the nominated **Chair**

Call for nominations for the position of **Vice Chair**

Call for nominations for the position of **Treasurer**

Appointments by Chair

- **Secretary to the Board of Directors**
- **Associate Directors**
 - Leonard Good, Craig Lutz, Jim McCarthy, Geoff Price, John Rost
- **Committee Chairperson(s)**
 - Admin Tech Committee
 - RMC Committee
 - Workshop Conference Call
 - Dirt, Gravel, Low Volume QAB
 - ACAP
- **Ad-hoc Committee Chairperson(s)**
 - Seedling Sale Committee
 - Banquet Committee
 - 80th Anniversary Committee
- **PACD Voting Delegates**
 - 2026 Voting Delegates

Swearing in of Reappointed Directors

Presentation – Jessica Perfit – Resource Conservationist

Presentation – Staff Semi-Annual Recognition – 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)*



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- ❖ Penn State Extension – Berks County
- ❖ Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission
- ❖ Pennsylvania Game Commission
- ❖ Township Officials

Committee Reports,

Admin Tech – Joe Rosenbaum

Working Out of Class Policy

Action Item

102 E&S Complaint Policy

Action Item

Gifting Vacation Policy

Action Item

RMC – Jim McCarthy

Workshop Conference Call

Dirt, Gravel Low Volume Road

Legislative Committee

ACAP Committee

ACAP applications recommended for approval:

Action Item

Jeremy Martin \$ 225,000.00
 Timothy Martin \$ 175,000.00
 Emily Sensenig \$ 20,000.00
 Orin Moyer \$ 392,222.00

Old Business

Lyons Solar

PACD

80th Anniversary Celebration in 2026

- Date – November 19, 2026
- Budget – the committee requests that the Board approve a budget for the event.

Building Plaque

New Business

Social Media Metrics

2024 Draft Audit

Action Item

Approval is needed for the 2024 Draft Audit. Typically, the audit is taken to the RMC committee for review and approval, prior to going to the Board Meeting for approval; however, due to time constraints, it did not go to the RMC committee.

Upcoming Events

PACD Conservation Video Conferences:

January 30, 2025 – PACD Executive Council Video Conference

Nutrient Management Plans - Amendments

Name	Municipality	Animal Type & Numbers	Acres	Plan Type	AEU	AEU/Acre	Reviewer
Glendon Martin (Transfer)	Penn Township	Swine 9,600; Broilers 108,000	111.1	CAO/CAF P	1,039	9.59	Harig

Action Item

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- The district's action on the plan requires a formal action of the board.
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Nutrient Management Plans – Requesting Removal

Name	Municipality	Animal Type & Numbers	Acres	Plan Type	AEU	AEU/Acre	Reviewer
Leon Burkholder	Kutztown	80 Finishing Steers; 1 Horse	65.5	VAO	77.1	1.18	
Leon is a VAO and needed a NMP/590 for EQIP/ACAP – his project is completed and he would like to withdraw from Act 38							
Action Item							

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SC-1 Requests

Name	Operator / Owner	Cooperator	Municipality	Watershed	Acres	Reason
Baylor Landsen	OP/OW	Yes	Washington	Perkiomen	135	Manure Management Planning
Leon Lauver	OP/OW	Yes	Robeson	Hay Creek	500	Cons Plan for EQIP
Jared Houseman	OP/OW	Yes	Pike		24.8	ACAP
Jason Rice	OP/OW	Yes	Albany	Maiden	390	ACAP
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."

Mushroom Farm Environmental Plans

Name	Municipality	Type of Operation	# of Houses	Reviewer
Giorgi Farm 2	Richmond, Maiden creek, Ruscombmanor	Mushroom Production	65	Seidel
Action Item				

The Berks County Conservation District approves the Mushroom Farm Environmental Plan.

Urban Team Update for December

# of Projects		Item
November	December	
21	22	Chapter 102 Applications Received
1	3	Chapter 105 Applications Received
57	70	Tech Reviews 102 and 105
6	18	Completeness Reviews
20	0	Non-Complaint Inspections
3	2	New Complaints Received
15	20	E&S Plans Approvals Issued
14	10	Chapter 102 Permits Issued
1	4	Chapter 105 Permits Issued
16	15	PCSM Reviews (Total)
102 Projects + PennDOT 102 Projects = Disturbed Acres		
		Project Acres Disturbed Acres
102 Projects – Initial Plan Reviews		217.26 31.52
PennDOT 102 Projects – Initial Plan Reviews		3.58 0.88
Total Disturbances		220.84 32.4

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

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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. DEP is scheduling a meeting with all stakeholders.

- 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.
- 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.
- Glen Ridge Estates, Lower Heidelberg (PAC060063) – the Township has asked our assistance in getting DEP to provide some pressure on the developer to complete the project. All homes are completed however the PCSM SCMs have not been converted to their final configuration. Requests to perform this work have been going on for a couple of years with no response.

Reports
Comments
Adjournment

Action Item