



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, March 25, 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 the Previous Board Meeting on February 25, 2026

Action Item

Financial Statements and E&S Fee Report

Approval of Payment of Bills

Action Item

Correspondence

Presentation – Jennifer Brooks – Education and Outreach 2025 Summary

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 – No actionable items

Workshop Conference Call

Dirt, Gravel Low Volume Road

Legislative Committee

ACAP Committee

Action Item

Name	Municipality	ACAP Amount	Planner
Emily Sensenig	Bern	\$9,889.00	Seidel
Richard Geisinger Cancellation	Greenwich	\$4,500.00	Seidel

Old Business

Lyons Solar PACD

- Proposed Policy: Required Testing of Biosolids for PFAS, PFOS, and Other 'Forever Chemicals'
- Director Handbook
- Bi-Law changes at PACD

80th Anniversary Celebration in 2026

- Date – November 19, 2026

Building Plaque

New Business

- PRISM update and Native Species Day (June 5)



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CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

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- *Statement of Financial Interest Forms - due by May 1, 2026*
- *Pricetown Road complaint*
- *Brubacher Chicken Farm, Cumru Township*

Upcoming Events

April 2, 2026
PACD South East Region Meeting – Henning's Market, Harleysville

April 18, 2026
Earth Day – City of Reading

April 23, 2026
Back to Basics Director Training – Berks County Ag Center

April 30, 2026
High School Envirothon – Ag Center

May 7 – 8, 2026
Farm City Days – Harrisburg

May 9, 2026
Conservation Celebration and Mark Wolfskill Annual Seedling Sale in partnership with the Berks County Master Gardeners – Ag Center

June – date to be determined
Legislative Breakfast

July 27, 2026
Annual Awards and Scholarship Dinner – Oley Fairgrounds - **DATE CHANGE JULY 20th**

November 19, 2026
80th Anniversary Celebration – details will be provided

SC-1 Requests

Name	Operator / Owner	Cooperator	Municipality	Watershed	Acres	Reason
Beekman Orchards	OW	Yes	Pike	Manatawny	100	Cons Planning
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."

Conservation Plans

Name	Municipality	Acres	Tract #	Planner
Alex Sattizahn	Upper Bern Twp	51	621	Paisley
Action Item				

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Urban Team Update

# of Projects		Item
January	February	
22	27	Chapter 102 Applications Received
1	2	Chapter 105 Applications Received
67	70	Tech Reviews 102 and 105
21	34	Completeness Reviews
33	31	Non-Complaint Inspections
3	3	New Complaints Received
19	19	E&S Plans Approvals Issued
9	12	Chapter 102 Permits Issued
3	4	Chapter 105 Permits Issued
7	12	PCSM Reviews (Total)
102 Projects + PennDOT 102 Projects = Disturbed Acres		



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	Project Acres	Disturbed Acres
102 Projects – Initial Plan Reviews	525.55	56.52
PennDOT 102 Projects – Initial Plan Reviews	0	0
Total Disturbances	525.55	56.52

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. DEP is scheduling a meeting with all stakeholders. A meeting was held on 2/5/2026 and parties are moving toward compliance by removing the material
- 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. The As-built survey was submitted and is acceptable. Additional infiltration testing was performed and revised calculations based on the post-construction infiltration rates and are adequate. We are currently waiting a significant enough rain event to ensure the basins infiltrate within the required 72 hours after the end of the storm event.
- 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.
- Pricetown Road Complaint

Reports
Comments
Adjournment

Action Item