



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, April 29, 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

****Note - There will be an Executive Session following the Board Meeting to discuss an employee issue.**

Public Comment

Approval of Minutes of the Previous Board Meeting on March 25, 2026

Action Item

Financial Statements and E&S Fee Report

Approval of Payment of Bills

Action Item

Correspondence

Presentation – David Osgood – Trout in the Classroom Program update

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**
Farmer of the Year Nominations

Action Item

- ❖ **RMC**
Annual Awards Nominations

Action Item

- ❖ **Workshop Conference Call**
- ❖ **Dirt, Gravel Low Volume Road**

Low Volume Road
Hereford Township
Dirt and Gravel Road
Project #1
Project #2

Action Item

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- ❖ **Legislative Committee**

- ❖ **ACAP Committee**

Update of Scope of Work for the Jared Kurtz Project

Action Item

Old Business

- ❖ **Lyons Solar**

- ❖ **PACD**

- Proposed Policy: Required Testing of Biosolids for PFAS, PFOS, and Other 'Forever Chemicals'
- Conference – August 5 – 6, 2026 | Harrisburg Farm Show Complex | additional information will be provided at a later date

- ❖ **Building Plaque**



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New Business

- ❖ **Statement of Financial Interest Forms - due by May 1, 2026**
- ❖ **Field to Table Dinner – Farm Bureau Fundraiser**
 - Sunday, May 31, 2026 | Jeremy Meck's Farm | \$125 | 5 Course Meal
- ❖ **Doug Wolfgang's Retirement**
 - Thursday, June 25, 2026, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm, PA Dept. of Ag, 2301 N Cameron St., Harrisburg, PA, RSVP by June 8th to Casper Zirkle at gzirkle@pa.gov or 717-787-8821
- ❖ **Signature Needed**
 - PA Fish and Boat Grant **Action Item**
Stream restoration activities along Cacoosing Creek | \$88,700.00
 - Multi-project Stream & Floodplain Enhancement Along Cacoosing Creek **Action Item**
Electronic signature required - Floodplain enhancement, creekbank and in-stream habitat restoration and pasture management conservation | \$416,031.00

Upcoming Events

- ❖ April 30, 2026 - High School Envirothon – Ag Center
- ❖ May 7 – 8, 2026 – SWAG Bus at 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 5, 2026 - Legislative Breakfast at the dam breast of Lake Ontelaunee
- ❖ July 20, 2026 ****NOTE** Date change from July 27, 2026 – Annual Awards and Scholarship Dinner – Oley Fairgrounds
- ❖ November 19, 2026 - 80th Anniversary Celebration

Nutrient Management Plans - Updated

Name	Municipality	Animal Type & Numbers	Acres	Plan Type	AEU	AEU/ Acre	Reviewer
Lamar Hurst	Heidelberg	210,000 Pullets	223	VAO/CAFO	238.19	1.07	Tenerovich
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 a 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.*

SC-1 Requests

Name	Operator / Owner	Cooperator	Municipality	Watershed	Acres	Reason
Glendon Martin	OP/OW	Yes	Penn Twp	Tully	195	ACAP Application
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 Update

# of Projects		Item
February	March	
27	26	Chapter 102 Applications Received
2	4	Chapter 105 Applications Received
70	66	Tech Reviews 102 and 105
34	33	Completeness Reviews
31	66	Non-Complaint Inspections
3	5	New Complaints Received
19	16	E&S Plans Approvals Issued
12	13	Chapter 102 Permits Issued
4	3	Chapter 105 Permits Issued
12	15	PCSM Reviews (Total)
102 Projects + PennDOT 102 Projects = Disturbed Acres		
		Project Acres Disturbed Acres
102 Projects – Initial Plan Reviews		174.1 42.44
PennDOT 102 Projects – Initial Plan Reviews		0.00 0.00
Total Disturbances		174.1 42.44

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 for 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

Comments

Move into Executive Session

Return from Executive Session

Action Item

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Adjournment

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