

**Lancaster County Conservation District
Agriculture Committee Meeting Minutes
April 5 at 6:30 PM**

Farm & Home Center, Pennfield Room, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, PA

Attendees: **Board Members-** Robert Shearer, Herb Kreider, Jay Snyder,
Dale Herr, Roger Rohrer
Staff- Kevin Lutz, Kent Bitting
Guests- Dan Zimmerman

6:32 PM Meeting Called To Order

- 1) The Committee discussed the Board Agenda Item III.6, Act 38 Program Compliance. Two operations were discussed:
 - a) The Jeff Nolt broiler operation is an existing CAO that has been operating without an approved Act 38 NMP since October 1, 2022. An NMP amendment was submitted on December 28, 2022 after 3 reminder letters were sent to the operator from September to December. Technical comments were provided to the planner and operator on February 8, 2023. The planner was unable to establish contact with Mr. Nolt to address the comments, and phone messages left by LCCD staff were not returned. State Conservation Commission staff supported disapproving the proposed NMP at the April District Board meeting. The committee's recommendation was to refer the Jeff Nolt operation to the SCC for possible enforcement. The committee voted to advance the recommendation to the District Board unanimously. With this included a request that all correspondence with Mr. Nolt by LCCD until compliance is achieved, be done so using certified mail to ensure receipt. The committee also declined to suggest removing the disapproval of the proposed Jeff Nolt NMP from the consent agenda for full Board discussion.
 - b) John F. Stoltzfus was identified as a possible CAO and received three letters since November 2022 requesting a CAO determination by a consultant showing he's not a CAO, or an Act 38 NMP if he is. Nothing has been received by the District by the March 14, 2023 deadline, or by the time of this meeting. No contact by the farmer to the District has happened since February 28, 2023. The committee recommended to refer Mr. Stoltzfus to the SCC for possible enforcement since the timeline provided to the District from the SCC has been exhausted. The committee voted to advance the recommendation to the District Board unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned 6:52 PM