

**LANCASTER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 5, 2023**

The 851st regularly scheduled Board Meeting of the Lancaster County Conservation District (LCCD) was held in person at the Farm and Home Center for Directors and also via Zoom Call-In on April 5, 2023 at 7:30PM.

The following Directors were present: Dan Heller; Chairman, Jay Snyder, Kent Weaver, Roger Rohrer, Dale Herr Jr., Herb Kreider, Bob Shearer, Sonia Wasco and Commissioner John Trescot.

The following Associate Directors were present: Dan Zimmerman, Greg Strausser and Jenny Engle.

The following District Staff were present: Christopher Thompson, Kevin Lutz, Kent Bitting, Sallie Gregory, Stacey Hertz, Adam Hartz, Adam Stern and Suzanne Kopp.

The following Cooperating Agency representative was present: Lauren Shaffer; DEP Field Representative and Mark Myers; NRCS Representative.

Chairman Dan Heller, called the meeting to order at 7:30p.m. Dan welcomed everyone both in person and on Zoom. Adam Stern reminded everyone that the meeting was being recorded.

Herb Kreider provided the invocation for the meeting.

Introductions: Chris Thompson introduced Dan Zimmerman – a candidate for Associate Director. Mark Myers was in attendance in place of Heather Grove.

Additions to the Agenda: Associate Director Nomination included in the day of packet.

An opportunity was given for public comment: None Offered.

I. Agency Reports

1. USDA, NRCS

Mark Myer stated there are no additions to the submitted report in the Board packet.

2. PA DEP Field Rep Report

Lauren Shaffer stated there were no additions to the report submitted in the day of packet.

It was highlighted that the Bureau of Clean Water posted a new factsheet that answers questions about Watershed Restoration. Any questions please forward them to Lauren.

Roger Rohrer questioned the value of riparian buffers vs. stream restoration and the fact that they need to plant more than just trees to restore these floodplains.

II. Consent Agenda

Chairman Dan Heller, gave the opportunity for Directors to withdraw any of the items from the Consent Agenda in order to have additional discussion. Hearing none, other than the date change on the report, he requested a motion to approve the agenda.

Roger Rohrer moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with a change to the date on Page 20 of the report from February 1, 2023 to April 5, 2023. Sonia Wasco seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The Consent Agenda includes the following approved items.

- #1 – Minutes of March 1, 2023 Board meeting.
- #2 – Technical Assistance Requests/Cancellations
- #3 – Nutrient Management Plan Approvals
- #4 – Conservation Plan Acknowledgement

**Requests for Nutrient Management Plan Approval (Lutz)
March 2023 Activity
April 5, 2023 Board Meeting**

The plans are for the following operations:

| OWNER | TOWNSHIP | OPERATION | DESIGNATION | AEU's/ACRE | REVIEWER | PLAN# |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------------|------------|-----------|-------|
| Brian Landis | Fulton | Broiler | CAO | 200.16 | Adams | 160 |
| Lester Martin | Earl | Heifer | CAO | 2.46 | Brodbar | 2607 |
| Coby & Wayne King | Eden | Beef, Horse, Broiler | CAO | 4.16 | Reuter | 2157 |
| Curvin Zimmerman | Earl | Layer | CAO | 126.30 | Hartz | 2643 |
| Louis Martin | East Earl | Broiler, Steer, Horse | CAO | 5.53 | Brodbar | 2633 |
| Mervin Weaver | Ephrata | Broiler, Steer | CAO | 3.88 | Findeisen | 19 |
| Dennis Groff | Strasburg | Layer | CAO | 2.45 | Adams | 915 |

III. Additional Business

1. Items removed from the Consent Agenda

None removed.

2. Treasurer's Report

Stacey Hertz stated there were no additions to her submitted reports. She asked for directors to email suggestions to make the financial reports better and easier to understand.

3. Personnel Committee Report

Chris Thompson explained that funding for a new Verification Coordinator position had been received and requested that a BMP Verification Coordinator position be posted for hire. Roger Rohrer moved to approve posting for the BMP Verification Coordinator position. Dale Herr seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Sonia Wasco reported that the Personnel Committee is requesting to hire a Summer Intern. Four candidates were interviewed and Madeleine Gagliano was selected for approval and would start May 22, 2023. Sonia Wasco moved to hire Madeleine Gagliano as the Summer Intern. Commissioner Trescot seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Sonia also reported the Spring Intern turned in his resignation two months early, citing his additional course workload as his reason. The District accepted his resignation.

4. ACAP Project Approval

Kent Bitting reported that there are two applications, by staff, submitted for ACAP Funds requesting \$122,009.02 for the following:

| Landowner | District/Private Consultant | Municipality | BMPs | Total Project Cost | Total Grant Received |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|---|---------------------|----------------------|
| Robert Sensenig | District | Little Britain Twp. | 8 Pipe Outlet terraces, Grassed Waterway, Lined Outlet, Underground Outlets | \$111,622.15 | \$100,459.93 |
| Kenneth Martin | District | East Drumore Twp. | Silage Leachate, Waste Transfer | \$23,943.43 | \$21,549.09 |
| TOTALS | | | | \$135,565.58 | \$122,009.02 |

Herb Kreider moved to approve \$122,009.02 worth of ACAP Funding as stated. Bob Shearer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

5. CAP Project Approval

Kevin Lutz reported that there is one application submitted through the CAP Coordinator by a private consultant requesting \$91,342.62 for Amos Stoltzfus of Bart Township for BMPs.

Commissioner Trescot moved to approve the CAP funding. Herb Kreider seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Act 38 Compliance

Kevin Lutz reported for the Ag Committee that Jeff Nolt has a broiler operation in Rapho Township that is currently a CAO in the Act 38 Program and the NMP expired on October 1, 2022. Mr. Nolt was granted an extension to get a NMP approved by the District, however this has not happened to date. The District is recommending that a referral be made to the SCC for operating without a current approved NMP.

John Stoltzfus has a dairy operation in Fulton Township that was identified as a potential CAO during a DEP Complaint investigation and was given a deadline of March 14, 2023 to develop a NMP. It was confirmed that Mr. Stoltzfus left a message inquiring about a plan but has not followed up any further. The District is recommending that a referral be made to the SCC for operating without a current approved NMP.

Bob Shearer moved to approve referring both of these operations to the SCC. Jay Snyder seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

7. Associate Director Nomination

Chris Thompson reported that with Lisa Graybeal's resignation, LCCD has two open seats in our 2023 class of Associate Directors. The Executive Committee has received a nomination and application from Dan Zimmerman. Dan had been the Municipal

Manager of Warwick Township for 35 years and is an active member of the Lititz Run Watershed Alliance.

Roger Rohrer moved to approve Dan Zimmerman as an Associate Director. Sonia Wasco seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Reports/Information

1. Correspondence, News and Updates:

- Resignation - Lisa Graybeal's resignation from the Board of Associates.
- Invitation - Lancaster County Agriculture Council Invitation to participate in Roundtable Farm Bill Discussion with Sen Smucker & Sen Thompson on March 31, 2023, from 4-6 pm at the Farm and Home Center.
- Invitation – A Clean Water Partner meeting on April 5th from 8-9:30am at the S Dale High Leadership Center to review County-wide efforts and progress in accomplishing clean water goals. Registration at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/full-partners-meeting-tickets-588477330537>.
- Bay Journal:
 - Page 9, PA Budget Impacts on the Bay
 - Page 26, Log Rafts on the Susquehanna
 - Page 34, Whales vs. Wind Turbines

2. E&S/NPDES Monthly Projects Report:

Adam Stern stated that there are no additions to the submitted reports.

3. Tree Sale Report:

Sallie Gregory reported that the 49th Annual Tree Seedling Sale order pick-up will be held April 13, 2023 from 8am-5pm as a drive-thru event at the Farm and Home Center. There are 623 orders that will be pre-packaged.

4. 2023 Strategic Goals:

Chris Thompson reported that there were goals and objectives that were a priority identified during the February 1, 2023 planning meeting. Workgroups, tactics and actions steps have been identified for accomplishing the goals. Progress will be reported monthly to the Board of Directors.

The list of goals consists of Relationship Building/Visibility, Building Capacity and Staff Retention.

5. Banquet Committee Report:

Adam Hartz reported on the 20th Annual District Banquet that was held at the Farm & Home Center, March 30, 2023, with 142 in attendance. Seven sponsorships helped defray the costs. Expenses exceeded income this year, but funds from the reserve account were used to handle the difference. At this time, we have \$1,491.48 left in the reserve.

The auction helped to raise \$3,000 for the Scholarship Fund.

6. Investment Review and Update:

Chris Thompson reported that the Budget & Finance Committee met with Bob Hoffman, our Fulton Financial Advisor prior to tonight's Board meeting to review our portfolios performance. Committee members reported that the fund has dropped approximately \$30,000 since last year. Bob Hoffman advised to take two of the funds that have performed adequately and combine the two funds and make three funds out of the total to increase performance of the funds. Specifics of this will follow at the next Board Meeting.

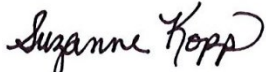
V. Additional Public Comment:

Sonia Wasco reported on PACD updates. Sonia attended a regional meeting last month and she highlighted that ACAP Coordinators are being hired by surrounding Counties. She wanted to remind everyone that Conservation Week is coming up. The PACD has a negative balance of \$21,000 in the budget for this year due to changes that DEP has made in reimbursements. In an effort to cut spending they will be offering the joint meeting this Summer in person only and not by Zoom.

Meeting Adjourned

Chairman Dan Heller adjourned the meeting at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Suzanne Kopp
Recording Secretary for the Board of Directors