

**LANCASTER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
September 6, 2023**

The 856<sup>th</sup> regularly scheduled Board Meeting of the Lancaster County Conservation District (LCCD) was held in person at the Farm and Home Center for Directors and via Zoom Call-In on September 6, 2023, at 7:30 PM.

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

**The following Associate Directors were present:** Frank Burkhart, Jennifer Engle, Greg Strausser, Justin Welk, and Dan Zimmerman.

**The following District Staff were present:** Samantha Adams, Grace Chamberlain, Emma Findeisen, Allyson Gibson, Sallie Gregory, Stacey Hertz, Tyler Keefer, Jon Knorr, Matt Kofroth, Kevin Seibert, Adam Stern, and Christopher Thompson.

**The following Cooperating Agency representative was present:** Heather Grove; District Conservationist, NRCS.

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

Frank Burkhart provided the invocation for the meeting.

**Introductions:** Matt Kofroth introduced Grace Chamberlain, Assistant Watershed Specialist, and Christopher Thompson introduced Tyler Keefer, Emma Findeisen, Samantha Adams, and Allyson Gibson. The Directors and Associate Directors introduced themselves to the Staff attending the meeting.

**Additions to the Agenda:** Chris Thompson stated that there are no additions to the agenda.

**An opportunity was given for public comment:** None was offered.

**I. Agency Reports**

**1. USDA, NRCS Report**

Heather Grove reported that they are wrapping up for the fiscal year this month. She stated that they are struggling with hiring and are re-advertising positions.

**2. PA DEP Field Rep Report**

Chris Thompson highlighted the following information in the report: 2024 Conservation District Director Nominations, CDFAP Allocations, NPDES PAG-12 Permit, Reap Tax Credit, ACAP, and the Sunshine Act.

**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, he requested a motion to approve the agenda.

Bob Shearer moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. John Trescot seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Consent Agenda includes the following approved items.

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

**Requests for Nutrient Management Plan Approval (Lutz)**  
**August 2023 Activity**  
**September 6, 2023 Board Meeting**

The plans are for the following operations:

<b>OWNER</b>	<b>TOWNSHIP</b>	<b>OPERATION</b>	<b>DESIGNATION</b>	<b>AEU's/ ACRE</b>	<b>REVIEWER</b>	<b>PLAN #</b>
Evan Augsburg	West Cocalico	Swine	CAFO/CAO	152.27	Heigel	690
Jeffrey Balmer	Warwick	Dairy	CAO	2.92	Findeisen	376
Noah W. Kreider & Sons	Mount Joy	Layer	CAFO/CAO	24.84	Findeisen	2719
Davin Martin	Ephrata	Broiler	CAO	12.79	Heigel	154
Samuel Kauffman	Sadsbury	Dairy	CAO	10.19	Reuter	311
Jonas K. Fisher	Colerain	Dairy	CAO	3.06	Reuter	2734
Steve Keener	Mount Joy	Swine	CAO	3.48	Lutz	457
Clair Shirk	East Earl	Broiler	CAO	3.20	Hartz	321
Samuel J. Stoltzfus	Fulton	Dairy	CAO	3.74	Reuter	425
Robert Barley	Manor	Dairy	CAFO/CAO	242.94	Reuter	421
Joe Burkholder	Ephrata	Swine/Steer	CAFO/CAO	4.64	Heigel	39
Samuel M. Esch	West Lampeter	Dairy	CAO	2.74	Brodbar	389
Daniel King	Earl	Dairy	CAO	2.47	Bosworth	155
Don Risser	Conoy	Dairy	CAFO/CAO	2.09	Lutz	40
Jerry Stoltzfus	Upper Leacock	Dairy	CAO	2.33	Heigel	1608
Jeff Nolt	Rapho	Broiler	CAO	233.9	Lutz	53
Joseph King	Fulton	Dairy	CAO	8.35	Adams	77
Amos G. Miller	Upper Leacock	Goat Dairy	CAO	47.33	Brodbar	377
Lester Moyer	Rapho	Broiler	CAO	83.16	Findeisen	426
Geoffrey Rohrer	Manor	Dairy/Broiler	CAFO/VAO	1.7	Reuter	52

**III. Additional Business**

**1. Items removed from the Consent Agenda**

None removed.

**2. Treasurer's Report**

Stacey Hertz stated that there was a small loss in the Fulton account. She highlighted that the Grants income amount is a little over 4.2 million because the second round of ACAP funds was received.

### 3. Personnel Committee report

Sonia Wasco reviewed the August 18, 2023 committee report and benefits package and asked for approval by the Board. A motion was made by Sonia Wasco and seconded by Herb Kreider to approve the benefit package. The motion was passed unanimously.

### 4. ACAP Project Report

Herb Kreider abstained from voting. Samantha Adams reported that there are eleven applications submitted for ACAP funds that total \$2,669,731.62. This is the largest amount of outside private consultants to submit projects.

<b>Landowner</b>	<b>District/Private Consultant</b>	<b>Municipality</b>	<b>BMPs</b>	<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>Total Grant Requested</b>
<b>Josh Stoltzfus</b>	<b>TeamAg</b>	<b>Strasburg Twp.</b>	<b>Manure Storage, Roofed HUA, Roofed Stacking Shed, Access Road, Underground Outlet, Roof Runoff Structure, Waste Transfer, Stream Crossing, Fencing</b>	<b>\$595,641.00</b>	<b>\$500,000.00</b>
<b>James L. Ranck</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Sadsbury Twp.</b>	<b>Roofed Stacking Shed, HUA, Structure for Water Control, Underground Outlets</b>	<b>\$293,854.34</b>	<b>\$264,468.90</b>
<b>David Lantz</b>	<b>Weaver Environmental</b>	<b>Upper Leacock Twp.</b>	<b>Manure Storage, Roofed Stacking Area, HUA, Roof Runoff Structure, Underground Outlet, Waste Transfer, Fencing</b>	<b>\$267,631.00</b>	<b>\$212,391.80</b>
<b>John S. Miller</b>	<b>TeamAg</b>	<b>Upper Leacock Twp.</b>	<b>Fence, Roof Runoff Structure, Roofed HUA, Livestock Pipeline, Trails and Walkways</b>	<b>\$291,775.56</b>	<b>\$265,007.16</b>
<b>Scott Kreider</b>	<b>TeamAg</b>	<b>East Drumore Twp.</b>	<b>Manure Storage, Waste Transfer, Underground Outlets</b>	<b>\$333,801.60</b>	<b>\$249,999.00</b>
<b>Christian S. Miller</b>	<b>Weaver Environmental</b>	<b>Bart Twp.</b>	<b>Manure Storage, Roofed Stacking Area, HUA, Fencing, Roof Runoff Structure, Access Road, Trails and Walkways, Lined Outlet</b>	<b>\$454,728.90</b>	<b>\$386,296.91</b>

<b>Fred L. Ranck</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Strasburg Twp.</b>	<b>Roofed Stacking Area, HUA, Roof Runoff Structure, Underground Outlet</b>	<b>\$65,846.39</b>	<b>\$59,261.75</b>
<b>Aaron F. Stoltzfus</b>	<b>NRCS</b>	<b>Colerain Twp.</b>	<b>Manure Storage, Roof Runoff Structure, Underground Outlets, Structure for Water Control</b>	<b>\$470,976.00</b> <b>Price includes barn not funded</b>	<b>\$190,456.00</b>
<b>Scattered Acres, Inc.</b>	<b>TeamAg</b>	<b>West Cocalico Twp.</b>	<b>Roofed Mortality Area, Access Road, Waste Transfer, HUA, VTA</b>	<b>\$327,495.30</b>	<b>\$297,723.00</b>
<b>Christian S. Esh</b>	<b>Lancaster Farmland Trust</b>	<b>Fulton Twp.</b>	<b>Manure Storage, HUA, Fence, Grassed Waterway, Lined Outlet, Roof Runoff Controls, Access Road, Waste Transfer, Underground Outlets</b>	<b>\$313,927.10</b>	<b>\$233,927.10</b>
<b>Darryl Rohrer</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>West Lampeter Twp.</b>	<b>Terrace Rebuild, Underground Outlet</b>	<b>\$11,340.00</b>	<b>\$10,200.00</b>
<b>Totals</b>				<b>\$3,427,017.19</b>	<b>\$2,669,731.62</b>

A motion was made by Jay Snyder and seconded by Sonia Wasco to approve the ACAP projects. Chris Thompson commented that we have now finished the first-year allocation of \$5 million. There was a discussion about ranking projects. The vote was unanimous with one abstention.

## 5. Ag Committee Report

The committee met prior to the BOD meeting and discussed the following issues:

Samantha Adams reported on Walnut Run Dairy compliance issues and efforts. The Ag committee recommended referral to the State Conservation Commission. Bob Shearer made a motion to refer the operation to the SCC and it was seconded by John Trescot. The motion was passed unanimously.

Samantha Adams reported on the Manure Storage Setback Waiver Request by Randy Brubaker. A site meeting was held with DEP, SCC, and the District and it was determined that the location for the new well was an improvement over the current location. The Ag Committee recommended approving the waiver. A motion was made by Sonia Wasco to grant the waiver. It was seconded by Jay Snyder. The motion passed unanimously.

## 6. CEG Agreement Renewal

Samantha Adams reviewed the CEG Budget Proposal. Chris shared that the CEG Grant amount is a reduction from last year due to the overall funding amount being reduced. A

motion was made by Kent Weaver to submit the final application for the agreement. The motion was seconded by John Trescot. It was passed unanimously.

#### **7. Low Volume Road**

The QAB met prior to the BOD meeting and Herb Kreider reported on the discussion items. The QAB Board recommended the following grant funding: Rapho Township and Sadsbury Township for a total of \$99,932.00 and Lancaster City for \$137,925.00. A motion was made by Herb Kreider to approve the project recommendations of the QAB. It was seconded by Jay Snyder. The motion was passed unanimously.

### **IV. Reports/Information**

#### **1. Correspondence, News and Updates**

- News article in the Lititz Record on the District's Annual Awards Banquet
- News article in the Lancaster New Era Paper – Sediment Solution – PL566 program
- News article in the Merchandiser on the PACD Annual Conference
- Youth Conservation District group picture
- Plain Sect Outreach brochure
- Dungster brochure
- Press release from CBF relative to ACAP

#### **2. E&S/NPDES Monthly Projects Report**

Adam Stern reported that there is an amended June report and a combined July and August report in the Board Packet. He highlighted a PPL project, a commercial project on Columbia Avenue, and a Rock Lititz project. Adam stated that the outstanding project report list has decreased from 51 at the end of July to 38. Chris shared that the 38 plans are a part of the 142 plans in process. Adam reported that he is working on decreasing the number of review letters sent by physical mail. There is a resource conservation position posted and open at this time.

#### **3. Youth Conservation School Report**

Sallie Gregory and Sonia Wasco presented a detailed report on the 45<sup>th</sup> Lancaster County Youth Conservation School that included all the District staff that supported the school. Sonia pointed out that there are many people who believe in the value of the school.

#### **4. Clean Water Partner Update**

Allyson Gibson explained the relationship structure of the Conservation District, Foundation, and Clean Water Partners; and she shared the vision and mission of the Clean Water Partners. She emphasized the accountability required by the funding source and shared that they are bringing in new resources to support each other. Allyson introduced the current staff of the Clean Water Partners and shared that there is an opening for a Director of Strategic Partnerships. Allyson shared that \$9 million has been received from DEP over the last four years through the CAP Program and \$3.4 million through the ARPA program in 2022. She gave examples of how the funds were utilized and explained the ARPA and CAP application process for future utilization of the funds. In closing, Allyson shared ways to engage and future events.

#### **5. Nominating Organization Meeting Update**

Chris Thompson reminded the Directors of the breakfast meeting tomorrow morning. Sallie Gregory shared the history of the current Nominating Organizations.

**V. Additional Public Comment:**

None were given.

**Meeting Adjourned**

Chairman Dan Heller adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Holly J. N. Shaub*

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