

**LANCASTER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 4, 2023**

The 857th 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 October 4, 2023, at 7:30 PM.

The following Directors were present: Dan Heller; Chairman, Roger Rohrer, Jay Snyder, Commissioner John Trescot; Sonia Wasco, and Kent Weaver.

The following Associate Directors were present: None.

The following District Staff were present: Kent Bitting, Amanda Goldsmith, Sallie Gregory, Stacey Hertz, Matt Kofroth, Kevin Lutz, Jason Reuter, Adam Stern, and Christopher Thompson.

The following Cooperating Agency representative was present: Mark Myers; Soil 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.

Chris Thompson provided the invocation for the meeting.

Introductions: Chris Thompson introduced Jason Reuter, Ag Tech, and Mark Myers, NRCS.

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

Additions to the Agenda: Chris Thompson stated that additional dates will be added under the Proposed Meeting Dates.

I. Agency Reports

1. USDA, NRCS Report

Mark Myers reviewed the NRCS written report and highlighted that the deadline for REAP applications is November 1.

2. PA DEP Field Rep Report

Chris Thompson reviewed the DEP Field Rep report and highlighted the REAP Tax Credit deadline of October 31, the Clean Water Academy, and the Sunshine Act. He shared that the PACD Winter Meeting will now be held in person.

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.

Jay Snyder 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 September 6, 2023 Board meeting.

#2 – Technical Assistance Requests/Cancellations

#3 – Nutrient Management Plan Approvals

#4 – Conservation Plans Acknowledgement

**Requests for Nutrient Management Plan Approval (Lutz)
September 2023 Activity
October 4, 2023 Board Meeting**

To: The Lancaster County Conservation Board of Directors Nutrient Management Plan Review Committee:

I respectfully submit these Nutrient Management Plans and/or Plan Amendments to the Nutrient Management Plan Review Committee.

I recommend these plans to be approved by the Board. The plans are for the following operations:

OWNER	TOWNSHIP	Operation	DESIGNATION	AEU's/ ACRE	REVIEWER	PLAN #
Julian Martin	East Earl	Broiler	CAO	68.81	Hartz	15
Steve Glick	West Cocalico	Dairy	CAO	105.02	Heigel	1543
Doug Wolgemuth	West Donegal	Swine	CAFO/VAO	1.20	Findeisen	20
John Petersheim	Rapho	Dairy/Poultry	CAO	4.06	Findeisen	450
Matt Young	Little Britain	Dairy	CAFO/CAO	2.45	Adams	193
Jason Martin	Ephrata	Broiler	CAO	93.32	Heigel	256
Brad Byers	Drumore	Broiler	CAO	126.80	Adams	461
Chris Hoover	East Drumore	Layer	CAO	22.40	Adams	966
Lawrence Leid	Ephrata	Swine/Steers	CAO	6.63	Heigel	692
Greg Herr	Rapho	Broiler	CAO	274.56	Reuter	355
Steve Good	Strasburg	Broiler	CAFO/CAO	6.40	Brodbar	300
Tom Zartman	Clay	Swine	CAFO/CAO	1.68	Bosworth	18
Stephen E. Stoltzfus	Penn	Swine/Sheep	CAO	3.05	Schavis	1771
John Hoover	Brecknock	Turkey/Sheep	CAO	49.55	Heigel	713
Leroy Zimmerman	East Donegal	Swine/Steers	CAFO/CAO	4.86	Lutz	96
Nicholas Brubaker	Rapho	Ducks	CAFO/CAO	107.36	Lutz	51
Robert Brubaker Jr.	Rapho	Pullet	CAFO/CAO	596.63	Lutz	2
Scott Kreider	East Drumore	Dairy	CAFO/CAO	2.94	Adams	250
Edward Hartman	West Cocalico	Dairy	CAFO/CAO	15.70	Heigel	8

III. Additional Business

1. Items removed from the Consent Agenda

None removed.

2. Treasurer's Report

Stacey Hertz stated that there was a loss of 2.7% in the Fulton Investment Portfolio as of September 29. The INVEST interest is at 5.269%. Income is over budget due to additional Grants and expenses are below budget due to staff levels at the beginning of the year.

3. Personnel Committee report

Sonia Wasco presented information on Shannon Erdman as the new hire for the E&S team with a start date of October 23. A motion was made by Sonia Wasco to hire Shannon Erdman and seconded by John Trescot. The motion was passed unanimously.

4. Nutrient Management Expired Plan Referrals

Kevin Lutz reported that there are only two operations that have not submitted plans since the Eli Smucker operation plan was submitted late last week. There has been no communication from Kenton Martin or his planner. The Charles Craig operation was a VAO and was going to withdraw but will now remain in the program as a CAO. There is a third operation, Samuel Stoltzfus, who was going to withdraw from the program but it has been verified that he still has his cows. The Ag Committee is recommending the Kenton Martin operation be referred to the SCC for being out of compliance. For the Charles Craig operation, the recommendation is to contact the planner to see where they are with the plan and give them until October 27 to submit the plan. The recommendation for the Samuel Stoltzfus operation is to contact Mr. Stoltzfus and get a written confirmation of the date the cows are leaving. The committee asks for conditional approval for referring if he does not follow through. A motion was made by Jay to accept the Ag Committee recommendations and was seconded by Kent Weaver. The motion was passed unanimously.

5. ACAP Project Approval

Kent Bitting pointed out that John Beiler had a previous CEG application and a CAP application. There was a gully in the one waterway but it has been repaired. Both the Good and Levi Z. King projects are requesting additional funds. The Good project encountered some additional rock and the King project was approved for CAP but the project didn't move as quickly as hoped and the CAP money ran out. Therefore, he is requesting that amount through ACAP.

Landowner	District/Private Consultant	Municipality	BMPs	Total Project Cost	Total Grant Requested
Lee and Sherri Brown	District	Caernarvon Twp.	Roofed Stacking Shed, HUA, Underground Outlet, Subsurface Drain	\$36,228.04	\$32,605.28
John S. Beiler	Mowery Environmental	Colerain Twp.	Roofed HUA, Fence, Manure Storage, Underground Outlets, Roof Runoff Structure, Access Road, Livestock Pipeline, Watering Facility	\$466,901.56	\$242,415.18
Steven Smucker	TeamAg	Brecknock Twp.	Manure Storage, HUA, Roof Runoff Structure, Underground Outlet, Animal Trails, Waste Transfer, Pumping Plant, Lined Outlets	\$303,450.00	\$264,775.50
Delton and Bridget Good	Mowery Environmental	West Earl Twp.	Manure Storage, Animal Walkway, Access Road, Stream Crossing,	\$124,706.69	\$51,791.72*

			Fencing, Diversion, Structure for Water Control, Underground Outlet, Roof Runoff Structure		
Warren Brubaker	TeamAg	Caernarvon Twp.	Roofed HUA, Manure Storage, Waste Transfer, Fencing, Waste Facility Closure, Roof Runoff Structure	\$655,800.00	\$500,000.00
Abner Glick	District	Eden Twp.	Grassed Waterway, Fencing, Pumping Plant, HUA, Animal Trails, Stream Crossing, Waste Transfer	\$69,500.00	\$62,500.00
Benuel F. King	District	Colerain Twp.	Underground Outlet	\$4,839.90	\$4,355.91
Levi Z. King	District	East Lampeter Twp.	2 Liquid Manure Storages, Waste Transfer Pipe, HUA, Roof Runoff Structure, Underground Outlets	\$223,417.50	\$149,024.25*
Totals				\$1,884,843.69	\$1,307,467.84

*Projects previously approved with additional funds requested.

ACAP Funds Requested: \$1,307,467.84

A motion was made by Jay Snyder and seconded by Sonia Wasco to approve the ACAP projects. The vote was passed unanimously.

6. CAP Project Approval

Kevin Lutz presented the John S. Beiler project and noted that this funding is piggybacking on ACAP funding but will not cover 100% of the project. John Trescot made a motion to approve the funding request. It was seconded by Jay Snyder. There was a discussion about the John S. Beiler operation and the installation of a biofilter. The vote passed unanimously.

7. CAP Watershed Restoration Project

Amanda Goldsmith reported on two projects for CAP funding for which the District applied. They are Reuben Beiler for \$185,000 and Darryl Landis for \$279,500. A motion was made by Jay Snyder and seconded by Sonia Wasco to approve the projects. The vote was passed unanimously.

8. Announcement of Board & Committee Meeting Schedules

Chris reviewed the Sunshine Law requirements and explained that once the dates are approved they will be included in the County Commissioner's website and their annual notice of regularly scheduled meetings. An addition to the list would be for the Personnel Committee to

meet every third Thursday of the month at 3 p.m. Kent Weaver moved to approve meeting dates and John Trescot seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

9. Ag Plan Reimbursement Program

Jason Reuter reviewed the success of the PACD Reimbursement Program. There have been 60 applications with 50 accepted and paid out, 8 are waiting for approval, and 2 rejections. The plan costs submitted total \$91,527.81 of which \$68,833.60 have been reimbursed to the farmers. The District has received just under \$14,000.00 to administer the program. The total funds received for the program amounts to \$82,600.04 and the acreage covered is just over 7,000. The plan costs reimbursed and to be reimbursed is \$108,192.31 of which farmers will receive a total of \$82,025.20 and the District will receive a total of \$16,404.76. The total funds received will be \$98,429.96 covering 8,277.93 acres. There is \$110,000 remaining in the program state-wide.

IV. Reports/Information

1. Correspondence, News and Updates

- News article in the Lancaster Farming – Plan Writer Fees Covered in Lancaster
- Newsletter from the Manheim Township School District
- Letter from Senator Fetterman to Jenny Engle
- Denim & Pearls Fundraising Dinner flyer – Directors were asked to contact the office if they were interested in attending.
- Lancaster Chamber Ag Banquet flyer – A motion was made by Sonia Wasco to sponsor a table at the banquet. John Trescot seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- New article in the Lititz Record Express – Fun and education at Chiques Creek Watershed Alliance's Watershed Expo
- New article on the winning team of the Senior High Envirothon

2. E&S/NPDES Monthly Projects Report

Adam Stern noted that the Fees Collected year to date of \$641,650 is close to the budgeted amount of \$640,000 for 2023. The NPDES Permit Fees Collected of \$80,500 is based on the number of permits that come in the door because it is a set filing fee. Adam highlighted a few projects with fees over \$5,000. Adam stated that he did some reformatting on the Outstanding NPDES Projects document. He explained that there are two different types of permits. PAC is a general permit and a PAD is an individual permit. The Total Submissions Under Review amount includes PAC, PAD, NPDES, and less than an acre stand-alone E&S plan. He also explained the terms listed in the Key.

3. E&S Committee Report

Adam Stern reviewed the committee meeting minutes included in the Day of Packet. He explained the situation with the Michael Cassel Poultry Operation and the committee recommended proceeding with enforcement action. Jay Snyder made a motion to refer the operation for enforcement. It was seconded by John Trescot. There was a discussion on DEP's new penalty matrix and how it will help to generate a penalty. A future watershed project with the operation was discussed. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Strategic Goal Update

Sallie Gregory shared a dashboard of the Strategic Goals that came out of the Annual Planning Meeting in January and Kimberly Patrick, our Human Resources contact, has been

spearheading the follow-up. The committee met this morning and Kimberly will be making the updates that will be shared at the next meeting. Sallie reviewed the three goals.

5. Education Project Anniversary

Sallie Gregory highlighted the ten-year anniversary of Philippe Cousteau's filming of a stream restoration project during Youth Conservation School and a tour of Best Management Practices on a Lancaster County Farm. Links to videos will be shared with the Directors.

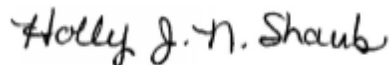
V. Additional Public Comment:

Matt Kofroth stated that a meeting date needs to be scheduled for the Budget & Finance Committee and asked committee members to meet after the meeting to select a date before the November Board Meeting. Chris Thompson shared that the District will be celebrating its 75th Anniversary in March 2025.

Meeting Adjourned

Chairman Dan Heller adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Holly J. N. Shaub
Admin. Support Specialist, Ag Program