

## LANCASTER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT MONTHLY BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, February 7, 2024 Lancaster Farm & Home Center Zoom Info: <u>https://zoom.us/j/91731607863</u> Business Meeting 1:00 p.m.

## Timer

1:00	Invocation – Bob Shearer Call to Order, Chairman, Dan Heller Welcome & Introductions – Dan Heller
	Additions to the Agenda – Christopher Thompson Public Comment: Survey media/quests: Agenda items of interest – Dan Heller
1:10	I.*Reorganization of the BoardPage #1.2024 Appointments to the BOD (attachment)12.Election of Officers (attachment)13.Associate Director Appointments (attachment)14.Approval of Check Signers (attachment)25.Authority of the District Manager (attachment)26.Election of PACD Voting Delegates (attachment)3
1:25	<ul> <li>II. <u>Agency Reports</u></li> <li>1. USDA, NRCS - Grove (attachment)</li></ul>
1:35	III. *Consent Agenda       6         1. Meeting Minutes (attachment)
1:45	IV. *Additional Business         1. Items Removed from Consent Agenda         2. Treasurer's Report – Hertz (day of packet)
2:20	<ul> <li>V. <u>Reports &amp; Information</u></li> <li>1. Correspondence, News, and Updates - Thompson</li> <li>2. E&amp;S/NPDES Monthly Projects Report – Stern (attachment)</li></ul>
2:45	VI. Additional Public Comment
2:50	VII. Adjourn

#### (Directors, please call the District office if you will not be attending)

Dates to Remember:

 2/1, 3:30 pm, Cons. Foundation of Lanc. Co. Meeting
 2/19, Office Open for Presidents Day (Floating Holiday)

 NEXT MEETING DATE: Wednesday, March 6, 2024, @ 7:30 p.m.

 At the Lancaster County Farm & Home Center

## **Reorganization of the Board**

## Item I.1 Affirming the oath of office of a District Director (4-year term)

Being appointed to the office of Director of the Conservation District Board is a confirmation that the community considers you a worthy leader and advocate for the good stewardship of our County's natural resources. This honor is not without its duties and obligations. Directors agree to serve the people of Lancaster County in developing programs to effectively manage our natural resources and to uphold and support the work of the Lancaster County Conservation District. The following have been reviewed and approved by the County Commissioners to serve as Directors of the Lancaster County Conservation District.

- Geoffrey Rohrer and Gordon Hoover have been appointed as Farmer Directors. Geoffrey's term will expire on December 31, 2024, and Gordon's term will expire on December 31, 2027.
- Sonia Wasco has been reappointed as a Public Director whose term will expire on December 31, 2025.
- Deryk Shaw has been appointed as Public Director whose term will expire on December 31, 2027.
- Commissioner Raymond D'Agostino has been appointed as the Commissioner Representative, which is renewed annually. His term will expire on December 31, 2024.

## Item I.2 Election of Officers (1-year term)

The slate of officer candidates listed below is put forward for BOD consideration and approval, but nominations may be made from the floor as well. Anyone wishing should contact Holly prior to the business meeting on February 7, 2024, so their name can be added to the slate.

Chairman - Sonia Wasco Vice Chairman – Roger Rohrer BOD Secretary/Treasurer – Kent Weaver Staff Secretary – Holly Shaub

## Item I.3 Appointing the Board of Associate Directors (2-year term)

Associate Directors enjoy the same honor of appointment because of their recognized leadership in the community. They may participate actively in Board and Committee Meetings as well as all other District functions and activities. The one right of office withheld from the Associate Director is that they may not present motions or vote at Board meetings.

LCCD currently has four open seats in our 2024-2025 class of Associate Directors. The Nominating Committee has received 4 nominations. Others can be presented at the February meeting for a 1-year term as we have two open seats in the 2023-2024 class.

- Dan Zimmerman, (Reappointment) Township Manager (Retired), Lititz, PA
- Jay Snyder, (Reappointment Director) Municipal Engineer (Retired), Ephrata, PA
- Robert Shearer, (Reappointment Director) Farmer, Mount Joy, PA
- Daniel Heller, (Reappointment Director) Farmer, Lititz, PA

## Item 1.4 Approved Check Signers for Conservation District Accounts

The established policy requires that each invoice is reviewed for payment and signed by two authorized District representatives. To ensure the timely processing of payments the District strives to maintain a list of 4 authorized check signers. For 2024, the Budget and Finance Committee is requesting that Citizen Bank recognize the following signers for all District accounts.

If approved, the list of authorized check signers for all District accounts shown below will remain in effect until updated by Board action.

- Kent Weaver, Treasurer
- Roger Rohrer, Director
- Christopher Thompson, District Manager
- Matthew Kofroth, Assistant Manager

## \*Action Required

## Item I.5 Authority of the District Manager

As the Chief Operating Officer of the Conservation District, the District Manager works under the direct supervision of the Board of Directors and its Chairperson and is responsible for coordinating all programs, activities, and services of the Lancaster County Conservation District according to policies and guidelines developed or approved by the Board. As such, the Board of Directors authorizes and empowers the District Manager to make, execute, endorse, and deliver contracts and agreements on behalf of the Lancaster Conservation District.

## \*Action Required

## Item I.6 Appointing PACD Voting Delegates

Each Conservation District in good standing shall designate a Voting Delegate and up to three Alternate Voting Delegates for the purposes of voting at Region Meetings and Executive Council meetings. This selection shall be made at a regular or special meeting of the Conservation District Board after the Conservation District Board has been appointed for the ensuing year. The Voting Delegate and Alternate Voting Delegates may be a District Director, Associate Director, and/or District Staff person.

We are still looking for 1 or 2 Alternate Voting Delegates, but Sonia Wasco has again agreed to serve as the Lancaster voting representative and if approved by the BOD at the February meeting she will be joined by Chris Thompson who will act as one of the Alternate Voting Delegates.

## \*A ballot vote will be taken for all positions at the February Board of Directors meeting.



## United States Department of Agriculture

#### Activity Report to LCCD Board of Directors January 2024

#### Lancaster Field Office Personnel:

Heather Grove, Supervisory District Conservationist Mark Myers, Soil Conservationist Joel Alicea Hernandez, Soil Conservationist VACANT, Soil Conservationist Christine Griesemer, Soil Conservationist Brett Ramer, Soil Conservationist Camila Martinez Sanchez, Soil Conservationist Brian Burns, Soil Conservation Technician VACANT, Soil Conservation Technician Brittany Moore, Civil Engineering Technician Lari Jo Walker, Program Assistant, RC&D Jeff Sholly, Engineer, PACD Ashley Spotts, Restoration Specialist, CBF Sophia Gilbert, Biologist, PF (York & Lancaster) Elli Liput, Biologist, PF (Dauphin, Lebanon & Lancaster)

#### **Conservation Planning Activities\*:**

FY23 Total (#)	FY23 Total (Ac)	FY24 Mo. Total (#)	FY24 Mo. Total (Ac)	FY24 Total (#)	FY24 Total (Ac)
67	2,825.9	4	106.4	4	106.4

\*SEE "ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CONSERVATION PLANS" REPORT

#### **Conservation Practice Installation Activities\*:**

Practice Code & Name	FY23 Total	FY24 Mo. Total	FY24 Total
313 – Waste Storage Facility (no)	6	3	8
362 – Diversion (ft)	-	100010-000	1,877
367 – Roofs & Covers (no)	3	1	2
382 – Fence (ft)	10,868	4,511	6,024
412 – Grassed Waterway (ac)	7.2	10405030	7.93
516 – Livestock Pipeline (ft)	2,996	1928 B B	725
561 – Heavy Use Area Protection (sq ft)	8,001	294	2,773
575 – Trails & Walkways (ft)	637	2333333	3,564
578 – Stream Crossings (no)	3	840,830,838	240
600 – Terraces (ft)	9,890	274 2002 (201	2022
614 – Watering Facility	11	223-232622	2
620 – Underground Outlet (ft)	5,883	140	1,552
634 – Waste Transfer System (no)	11		4
327 – CREP Conservation Cover (ac)	44.95		5.3
391 – CREP Riparian Forest Buffer (ac)	26.21	12.76	29.07
390 – CREP Riparian Herbaceous Buffer (ac)	2000-00000	0000007	S155397 -

\*REFLECTS COMMON PRACTICES INSTALLED THROUGH NRCS & FSA FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS; DOES NOT REPRESENT ALL PRACTICES INSTALLED.

#### Financial Assistance Conservation Program Activities:

• F	nancial Assistance Contract Obligation:
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Program	FY23 Total (#)	FY23Total (\$)	FY24Total (#)	FY24 Total (\$)
EQIP/AMA	19	\$1,614,731	SS 53 8 8 9 4	-
CSP	2	\$32,317		-
RCPP	9	\$1,604,968	-	-
TOTAL	30	\$3,252,016	-	-

#### • Financial Assistance Payments:

Program	FY23 Total (\$)	FY24 Mo. Total (\$)	FY24 Total (\$)
ALL PROGRAMS	\$1,150,354.51	\$371,634.87	\$1,043,635.10

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#### **Conservation Financial Assistance Program Details:**

- Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP):
  - General:
    - Sign-up Deadlines: 3/1, 5/1
    - Currently ranking 1<sup>st</sup> round applications.
  - IRA Cover Crops:
    - Preapproved 25 applications for \$1,720,700
- Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP):
  - Sign-up Deadline: 3/1
- Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP):
  - Sign-up Deadlines: 3/1, 5/1
    - Currently ranking 1<sup>st</sup> round applications.

#### **Conservation Easement Program Activities (ACEP):**

• Agricultural Land Easement (ALE) Acquisition Activities:

Program/Activity	FY23 Total (#)	FY23 Total (ac)	FY24 Total (#)	FY24 Total (ac)
ALE Easement Requests	1	39.18	- 101	-
ALE Easement Closings	1	117.1		-

#### • Easement Annual Monitoring Activities

Program/Activity	FY23 Total (#)	FY24 Total (#)
GRP Monitoring - Offsite	1999 (1 <del>9</del> 99 (1997)	-
GRP Monitoring - Onsite	1	-
WRP/WRE Monitoring - Offsite	6	-
WRP/WRE Monitoring - Onsite	5	-
FRPP/ALE Monitoring - Onsite	3	0.00000000

#### Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program Activities (CREP):

Approved Plans:

	FY23 Total (#)	FY23 Total (Ac)	FY24 Total (#)	FY24 Total (Ac)
New	10	37.92		6 5 5 5 5 6 <del>-</del>
Re-enrollments	12	197.18		- 100000

#### Administrative Activities:

• Current vacancies - Soil Conservation Technician and Soil Conservationist. Both have been advertised. Still awaiting panels from HR.

#### **Outreach Activities:**

• Keystone Farm Show – NRCS Display, York (Alicea Hernandez)

#### **Notable Meetings & Trainings:**

• 1/10/2024 – SE NRCS Program Assistant Meeting, Lebanon (Walker)

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather L. Grove District Conservationist

## Item III.1 LANCASTER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES January 3, 2024

The 860<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 January 3, 2024, at 7:30 PM.

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

## The following Associate Directors were present: Jenny Engle

**The following District Staff were present:** Kent Bitting, Amanda Goldsmith, Sallie Gregory, Adam Hartz, Matt Kofroth, Kevin Lutz, Andrew Pauls-Thomas, Holly Shaub, Adam Stern, and Christopher Thompson

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

## The following Visitors were present: None were present

Chairman Dan Heller, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.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: All present introduced themselves.

Additions to the Agenda: There were no additions.

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

## I. Reorganization of the Board

## 1. Reorganization of the Board of Directors

Chris Thompson stated the voting of new officers has been delayed until the February Board Meeting. The current Directors can hold their office for up to 6 months according to Conservation District Law. A motion was made by Jay Snyder to continue the succession of the current officers until new officers can be appointed. The motion was seconded by Bob Shearer. The motion passed unanimously.

## **II. Agency Reports**

1. USDA, NRCS Report

Heather Grove reported there are no additions or changes to the report this month.

## 2. PA DEP Field Rep Report

Chris Thompson highlighted some of the information from the DEP report. There are updates to the Chapter 105 Program, the PA State Water Plan is being updated and DEP is looking for committee members, and the PA Fertilizer Law has gone into effect this month. The ACAP program now has an informational website and has adopted a financial reporting tool. Lancaster

County was awarded 4 million dollars to implement the Countywide Action Plan (CAP) and the funding should be available soon.

## III. 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.

Roger Rohrer moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Dale Herr seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Consent Agenda includes the following approved items.

- #1 Minutes of December 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) December 2023 Activity January 3, 2023 Board Meeting

<b>1</b>							
OWNER	TOWNSHIP	OPERATION	DESIGNATION	AEU's/	REVIEWER	PLAN	
				ACRE		#	
John B. Stoltzfus Jr.	East	Dairy	CAO	3.02	Schavnis	593	
	Hempfield						
Brent L. Gehman	Clay	Dairy	CAO	3.35	Schavnis	689	
Wilmer Nolt	Fulton	Dairy/Ducks	CAFO/VAO	0.88	Adams	2842	
Harold Merkey	Rapho	Swine, Beef, Horse	CAFO/CAO	9.94	Brubaker, SCC	169	

The plans are for the following operations:

## **IV. Additional Business**

**1. Items removed from the Consent Agenda** None removed.

## 2. Treasurer's Report

Chris Thompson stated that as in years past there would be no Treasure Reports tonight. There will be a full 2023 report and the January 2024 report at the February meeting. He also reported that the auditors are still on track with the 2022 audit to be completed by the end of January.

## 3. Personnel Committee

Sonia Wasco recommended Morgan Regan as the candidate for the new E&S Administrative Support Position. Morgan's resume was circulated. A motion was made by Sonia Wasco that the Board accept Morgan Regan as the Administrative Support candidate. The motion was seconded by Dale Herr and the motion carried. Morgan's start date will be January 22, 2024.

#### 4. E&S Committee

Adam Stern reviewed the E&S Committee meeting notes from December 8, 2023, stated that no items require action. Adam shared that the Technician Coverage Map was updated on January 1, 2024, and they now have a full team of staff.

## 5. Exelon Project Approval

Amanda Goldsmith presented five projects totaling \$305,835.00 for funding through the Constellation Energy Habitat Improvement Project.

Landowner	Technician	2024	Administration	Total
		Incentive	Cost	Grant
		Payment	(5% of Incentive	Requested
			Payment)	
E. Lampeter/Suzi	Amanda	\$	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 75,000.00
Sutton (Waterfall	Goldsmith,	71,250.00		
Retreat)	LCCD			
Ed and Jeana Linzy	Tyler Keefer,	\$	\$ 3,550.00	\$ 74,550.00
(Red Run	LCCD	71,000.00		
Campground)				
Enos Miller (Miller	Grace	\$	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 75,000.00
Farm)	Chamberlain,	71,250.00		
	LCCD			
Rick Brooks (UNT	Brady Riedel,	\$	\$ 3,120.00	\$ 65,535.00
Strickler Run)	ARRC	62,415.00		
Adrian Shelley	Amanda	\$	\$ 750.00	\$ 15,750.00
(Warbler Run AOP)	Goldsmith,	15,000.00		
	LCCD			
Totals				\$305,835.00

Roger Rohrer moved to accept all 5 projects as presented. Sonia Wasco seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Chris Thompson highlighted this as an example of our partnership with other state agencies and this is part of the re-licensing agreement with the energy company. The list will be sent to DEP for final review and approval.

## 6. PFBC Grant Approval

Amanda Goldsmith presented two applications for the PA Fish and Boat Commission's Habitat Improvement Grant Program. The first application is for dam removal and will pair with a Stroud-funded 35' riparian buffer and fencing project for the Glick Farm, totaling \$15,000 for the dam removal and grade control structures. The second application is a stream restoration project with a 35' riparian buffer and associated fencing on the Fisher farm, totaling \$75,000. Herb Kreider moved to accept the grant applications. Bob Shearer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

## 7. ACAP Project Approval

Kent Bitting presented ten applications for ACAP funding. He and the Ag Program Manager recommend positive action for approving \$1,920.273.29 worth of ACAP funding.

Landowner	District/Private	Municipality	BMPs	Total Project	Total Grant
	Consultant			Cost	Requested
Dwight	TeamAg	Sadsbury	<b>Roofed Compost</b>	\$256,328.60	\$233,026.00
Stoltzfoos		Twp.	Building, HUA,		
			Grassed Waterway		
Daniel S.	Lancaster	Little Britain	Access Road,	\$135,967.30	\$115,967.30
Miller	<b>Farmland Trust</b>	Twp.	Grassed		
		-	Waterways,		
			Animal Trails,		
			Fencing,		

			Underground Outlets		
Reuben Esh	Weaver Environmental	LeacockTwp.	Manure Storage, Animal Trail, Fencing, Roof Runoff Controls, Access Road, Subsurface Drain Underground Outlet	\$601,978.17	\$380,880.35
Jeffrey S. Barley	TeamAg	Manor Twp.	Roofed Stacking Shed, Underground Outlets, Roof Runoff Structure, Subsurface Drain	\$195,091.00	\$173,331.90
John M. Glick	District	Providence Twp.	Manure Storage, Fence, Animals Trails, Underground Outlet, Waste Transfer	\$202,042.92	\$181,838.63
Benuel Ebersol	TeamAg	Fulton Twp.	Manure Storage, Waste Transfer, Fence, Underground Outlet	\$103,080.72	\$92,149.91
Josiah Lantz	TeamAg	Salisbury Twp.	Manure Storage, Waste Storage, Pumping Plant, Waste Transfer, Underground Outlet, Access Road	\$230,927.40	\$209,934.00
Ervin Zook	Weaver Environmental	Bart Twp.	Roofed Stacking Shed, Fencing, Roof Runoff Structure, Underground Outlet	\$126,778.00	\$64,275.20
Chris Landis	Mowery Environmental	Clay Twp.	Roofed Compost Facility, HUA, Underground Outlet, Roof Runoff Structure, Lined Outlet	\$27,335.00	\$24,850.00
Allen King	TeamAg	Salisbury Twp.	Roofed Stacking Area, Roofed HUA, Underground Outlets, Access Road, Buffer, Fencing, Stream Crossing, Roofed Runoff Structure	\$500,078.00	\$444,020.00

	Totals		\$2,379,607.11	\$1,920.273.29
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A motion was made by Jay Snyder and seconded by Herb Kreider to approve the ACAP projects. Roger Rohrer expressed concern about the long-term viability of dairy operations. Chris Thompson stated that in the future there may be a ranking system as funds become more limited. The motion passed unanimously.

## 8. CEG Approval

Kent Bitting presented two projects for approval through the CEG Program.

Landowner	District/Private Consultant	Municipality	BMPs	Total Project Cost	Total Grant Requested
Steven Keener	District	West Donegal Twp.	Roofed Manure Stacking Area, HUA, Roof Runoff Structure, Underground Outlet	\$56,790.00	\$51,110.00
James L. Ranck	District	Sadsbury Twp.	Structure for Water Control, Underground Outlet, Lined Outlet	\$7,969.85	\$7,172.86
Totals				\$64,759.85	\$58,282.86

Kent Weaver made a motion to approve the projects. Sonia Wasco seconded the motion. The motion passed.

#### 9. Banquet Award Nominations

Adam Hartz stated that the Annual Awards Banquet is scheduled for Tuesday, March 26 at the Farm and Home Center. He presented the list of recipients and noted that there would not be a Dirt & Gravel award since there was only one project this year. The cost of the banquet will be \$25 and there will be an auction again this year to benefit the Scholarship Fund. A motion was made by Herb Kreider and seconded by Roger Rohrer to accept the Banquet Committee Report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **10. Membership Renewal**

Chris Thompson presented the list of membership renewals for 2024 and pointed out that the annual dues for PACD may change. Jay Snyder made a motion to approve the membership renewals. Dale Herr seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## V. Reports/Information

## 1. Correspondence, News and Updates

- Thank you notes from Staff for the year-end Amazon gift card were circulated.
- News Article, Lancaster New Era, December 10, 2023 Matt Kofroth and Amanda Goldsmith's promotion announcement

## 2. Campbell Foundation IT Audit Grant

Andrew Pauls-Thomas reported that an application was submitted to the Keith Campbell Foundation for a grant to fund the development of a Technology Plan. Nimbus Nonprofit Solutions was chosen by the Technology Committee as the preferred consultant.

## 3. BEST Program Presentation

Andrew Pauls-Thomas shared a PowerPoint presentation on the Buffer Establishment Support Team fund. The purpose of the BEST fund is to help with the establishment care of buffer work and maintenance. Roger Rohrer and Dale Herr expressed their appreciation and support for the program.

## 4. E&S/NPDES Monthly Projects Report

Adam Stern highlighted the NPDES Permit Fees Collected of \$103,000 for the year and shared that the budgeted amount for 2023 was \$102,000. The E&S Plan Review Fees amount was budgeted at \$640,000 in 2023 and went well above at \$794,850. Adam highlighted two significant plan submissions, the PPL Line Rebuild Project and the Lampeter Orchard residential subdivision in West Lampeter. Adam reported the number of Outstanding NPDES Projects received greater than 3 months ago has been holding steady. Chris Thompson highlighted that some of the projects on the list are at DEP or the consultants so only 15 projects of the 37 listed are in our office.

## 5. LCCD Planning Meeting

Chris reminded everyone that the Annual Planning Meeting is on Wednesday, February 7. He encouraged all Directors and Associate Directors to attend if possible. An Email with an RSVP will be sent out soon.

## 6. PACD/SCC Report and Winter Meeting Registration

Chris Thompson shared the information about the 2024 PACD Winter Meetings. He offered to help Directors and Associate Directors register for any of the videoconferences they were interested in attending.

## VI. Additional Public Comment

Chris Thompson highlighted for the Board that they have approved over \$2.3 million tonight through the ACAP and CEG programs which was more than our total annual budget just a few years ago. Gordon Hoover pointed out that the work the District is doing is a significant component to the success of the partnerships with other agencies.

## VII. Meeting Adjourned

Chairman Dan Heller adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly J.n. Shaub

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

## Item III.2 Requests for Technical Assistance

APPLICANT	TITLE	TOWNSHIP	SIZE	ASSISTANCE
None				

## Item III.3 Requests for Nutrient Management Plan Approval (Lutz) January 2024 Activity February 7, 2024 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	<b>OPERATION</b>	DESIGNATION	AEU's/ACRE	REVIEWER	PLAN #
Kenton Martin	Elizabeth	Turkey	CAO	13.51	Bosworth	1130
Jonathan L. Martin	Brecknock	Swine	CAO	3.85	Heigel	738
Vanessa Brubaker	Little Britain	Pullet	CAO	101.26	Adams	2868
Daniel S. Miller	Little Britain	Dairy	CAO	2.16	Adams	855
David Sweigart III	Mt. Joy	Dairy/Swine	CAFO/CAO	5.59	Findeisen	369
Joel H. Rutt	Rapho	Broiler	CAO	213.97	Findeisen	73

## NMP Update Report to Lancaster County Conservation District Board of Directors January 2024 Activity

Fe	bruary	7,	2024	

NMP Name		Update Submission		Planner <sup>1</sup>	Species <sup>2</sup>		Regulated Operation Type <sup>3</sup>	Date Plan Acknowledge ment Letter Sent	Reason for Update
	<b>1</b> v								· · · ·
				Jedd	Dairy/		VAO		
Brubaker Farms	East Donegal	12/20/2023	11/3/2022	Moncavage	Broilers	3370.31	CAFO	12/28/2023	Simple Update
					Swine/		CAO		
Jay Deiter	East Donegal	12/19/2023	12/1/2021	Jay Deiter	Heifers	602.75	CAFO	1/3/2024	Simple Update
				Amber	Dairy/		CAO		
Clair Hurst	Little Britain	1/3/2024	1/4/2023	Funk	Swine	599.85	CAFO	1/8/2024	Simple Update
				Amber			CAO		
Yippee! Farms	Rapho	1/17/2024	11/3/2021	Funk	Dairy	1472.7	CAFO	1/18/2024	Simple Update
					Layer/		VAO		
Harvest Lane Farm	Manheim	1/24/2024	11/1/2023	Bill Rogers	Beef	323.41	CAFO	1/25/2024	Simple Update

## Item III.4 Acknowledgment of Conservation Plans (Lutz) The Lancaster NRCS Field Office recommends the following plans for the February 7, 2024 Board Meeting: NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

Conservation Plans	Number of Plans	Planner	Township
Todd B. Denlinger	1	Camila Martinez Sanchez	East Lampeter
Manor L Springs Farm LLC	3	Camila Martinez Sanchez	East Hempfield

## LCCD AG EROSION & SEDIMENTATION PLANS

Conservation Plans	Number of	Planner	Township
	Plans		
Sam King	1	Jason Reuter	Sadsbury
Brent Hershey	1	Brady Bosworth	Mount Joy
Amos Lapp	1	Samantha Adams	Little Britain
David Kreider	1	Brady Bosworth	Manheim

## Item IV.3 2022 Audit Report

Smith Elliott Kearns & Company (SEK) has completed the District's 2022 annual audit this week. This is the sixth year that they have conducted our audit. A draft version is attached to the BOD packet, but final hard copies will be provided at the BOD meeting. In the attached draft directors will find:

- The LCCD Internal SAS letter that informs the Board of any audit findings.
- The LCCD Management letter that contains finance related graphs
- The LCCD Financial Statements report that is provided to other entities who request a copy of our audit.
- The additional Single Audit work for expenditures of Federal Awards greater than \$750,000.

Standard practice is to present the draft audit and allow for a month's review prior to approval. Board members are therefore encouraged to review the audit report, and contact Matt or Stacey with any questions prior to the March BOD meeting.

## Informational Item with a possible motion to accept the audit as presented.

## Item IV.4 Agriculture Conservation Assistance Program Grant Approval

The Agriculture Conservation Assistance Program (ACAP) currently has five applications that have been reviewed by district staff and are ready for board action. The following table outlines the projects and amounts requested.

Landowner	District/Private Consultant	Municipality	BMPs	Total Project Cost	Total Grant Requested
Coby King	TeamAg	Eden Twp.	Roofed Stacking Shed, Roof Runoff Structure, Underground Outlet	\$261,280.20	\$237,528.00
Isaac E. King	District	Fulton Twp.	Terraces, Underground Outlet, Lined Outlet	\$54,130.64	\$48,717.58
David Kreider	District	Manheim Twp.	Grassed Waterway, Lined Outlet, Access Road, Subsurface Drain	\$32,683.00	\$29,415.00
Donald Wissler	District	Martic Twp.	Roofed Staking Shed, Roof Runoff Structure, HUA, Underground Outlet	\$257,471.00	\$231,725.00
Josiah Rohrer (Hidden Acres Farm)	District	Rapho Twp.	Roofed Staking Shed, Roof Runoff Structure, Underground Outlet	\$272,071.00	\$247,111.00
Totals				\$877,635.84	\$794,496.58

ACAP Funds Requested: \$794,496.58

The Ag Program Manager and Assistant Ag Program Manager recommend positive action for approving \$794,496.58 worth of ACAP funding for the multiple applications.

## \*Action Required

## Item IV.5 Proposed PennVest Project Sponsorship Update

Last November, the LCCD Board approved submitting an application for funding to PENNVEST for the Elam Beiler project in Colerain Township. On January 25, the PENNVEST Board of Directors had its first meeting of 2024 to review funding applications for the *Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)*. They reviewed the proposed operational improvements designed by Team Ag Inc. for the 208 Rosedale Rd. property in Christiana, PA, and awarded a principal forgiveness loan.

As sponsor for the project, the District has been authorized by PennVest (PV) to act as the "Funding Recipient" for the principal forgiveness loan of \$1,063,922 to fund construction and facilities improvements to improve water quality flowing through his property. If approved, LCCD will receive \$8,507.25 to administer project payments.

Action is required by the Board to approve the transaction and authorize LCCD representatives, the Chair, and the Secretary/Treasurer, to sign the funding agreement.

## **Project details**

Lancaster County Conservation District – received a grant to improve agricultural practices at the Elam Beiler Dairy Farm to correct impairments of Coopers Run, a designated trout stocking stream. The project includes the installation of a new roofed heavy-use area (HUA) with roof gutters, a 400 sq. ft. concrete entrance pad, the replacement of 1,615 sq. ft. of concrete in the existing storage area, the creation of a 12' x 72' round concrete waste storage facility, the creation of an under-house storage area under the HUA for liquid manure storage, the installation of a timber roof structure over the HUA, gravity transfer pipe of approximately 60 feet from the reception pit to the proposed round waste storage facility, a silo drain collection system, construction of an access road, and closure of the existing waste storage facility. Projects planned at the stream site include installation of a stabilized stream crossing, establishing riparian buffers, and seeding and mulching of any disturbed ground. Benefits of this project include increasing the farm's manure storage capabilities from one month to over six months which enables the farmer to manage nutrients at the best time of year for the crops and soil. The stream will become more stabilized and will filter pollutants more efficiently during heavy rains which will benefit the connecting waterways of the Octoraro Creek, the Susquehanna River, and the Chesapeake Bay.

## \*Action Required

## Item Item IV.6 Donations to Conservation District Programs

Donations were received for the Lancaster County Conservation District and the Conservation Foundation of Lancaster County to support education programs totaling \$11,006.82 in January 2024.

- To the Lancaster County Conservation District: \$1,000 from Caernarvon Township. Funds are divided to support the Lancaster County Senior High Envirothon, the Ann Brown Collegiate Scholarship, and the Lancaster County Youth Conservation School.
- To the Conservation Foundation of Lancaster County: \$6,681.97 from ExtraGive added to \$1,674.85 additional individual and company match donations to ExtraGive totaled \$8,356.82 to be shared by the Lancaster County Youth Conservation School and the Lancaster County three Envirothons.
- To the Conservation Foundation of Lancaster County: \$1,650 received in memorial for Steve Slaymaker for the Lancaster County Youth Conservation School. Josh Slaymaker, Steve's son, has been a dedicated volunteer at the Conservation School for more than twenty years and serves on the program leadership team. Rhonda Slaymaker has volunteered as a Conservation School nurse for nearly 15 years.

Please contact me with any questions. The volunteers, teachers, and students who are part of these programs are grateful for the opportunities provided through this support.

## Item IV.7 Watershed Program Update – Grants

The Watershed Department received two grants in January 2024 to implement stream restoration projects with a 35' average riparian buffer, stream crossings, and associated streambank fencing.

The first is through the four million CAP Clean Water Fund allocation. The Beiler Stream Restoration Project is two properties upstream of a 2023 CAP project and is in the Indian Spring Run delisting catchment. The total grant is \$360,000.00 and includes time for design, permitting, and construction. The project is approximately 3000' of restoration and 3 acres of riparian buffer. This project is a great example of the momentum being built in the upper reaches of the Pequea Watershed.

The second is a Growing Greener project on Muddy Creek, Hoover Farm Stream Restoration Project. The total grant is \$276,225.00 for construction and grant administration. Our partner USFWS has agreed to work on the design and permit as a match for the grant. The project is approximately 3400' of restoration and 3 acres of riparian buffer. The total project cost is lower thanks to the farmer being willing to pay for the fencing as a match and an additional match from USFWS. This project will be a great showcase project as the farmer, an avid fisherman, plans to have fish derbies with the local Mennonite community.

These two new grants, as well as the two 319 grants reported in January 2024, showcase federal, state, and county support for our program and the strong relationship the District and its board have built over time.

Item V.2

# **E&S Report**

# 2024 Report for January

## 2024 Report

		Jan 2024	Total
	Total Plan Submissions	32	32
	Total Plan Acres	1546.33	1546.33
	Total Disturbed Acres	165.10	165.10
N	NPDES Permit Fees Collected	\$13,500	\$13,500
Fees Collectee	DEP Fees Collected	\$11,300	\$11,300
Col	E&S Plan Review Fees	\$57,650	\$57 <i>,</i> 650

	Total Complaints	]
Date Received	Municipality	Land Unit Acres
1/2/2024	UPPER LEACOCK TWP	11.74
1/8/2024	WEST EARL TWP	0.71
1/11/2024	EAST COCALICO TWP	37.18
1/25/2024	QUARRYVILLE BORO	1.45
1/26/2024	DRUMORE TWP	1.48
1/27/2024	ADAMSTOWN BORO	0.67

## 2023 Report for January

## 2023 Report

		Jan 2023	Total
	Total Plan Submissions	31	31
	Total Plan Acres	1185.89	1185.89
	Total Disturbed Acres	302.41	302.41
Fees Collected	NPDES Permit Fees Collected	\$14,500	\$14,500
	DEP Fees Collected	\$37,400	\$37,400
	E&S Plan Review Fees	\$110,460	\$110,460

_	Total Complaints	
Date Received	<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Land Unit</u> Acres
1/5/2023	EAST HEMPFIELD TWP	0.07
1/13/2023	PEQUEA TWP	6.13
1/18/2023	EDEN TWP	1.56
1/18/2023	EAST LAMPETER TWP	1.06
1/23/2023	EAST HEMPFIELD TWP	0.2
1/24/2023	LITTLE BRITAIN TWP	35.83

## Erosion and Sedimentation Plan Submission

1/1/2024 (0			
Project Name	<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Disturbed</u> <u>Acres</u>	<u>Fees</u> <u>Amount</u>
15 S. Kinzer Rd	PARADISE TWP	24.88	\$7,500
Melvin Zook	LEACOCK TWP	1.92	\$850
395 Mohns Hill Road	EAST COCALICO TWP	1.80	\$600
Ivan King Stream Crossing	SALISBURY TWP	0.20	\$100
LCCF Emergency Access & Conestoga River Trailhead Parking			
Improvements	LANCASTER TWP	0.75	\$600
Jonas King	EAST DRUMORE TWP	4.93	\$2,500
Strube Tract Major Mod Renewal	WEST HEMPFIELD TWP	21.65	\$1,850
Hartman Bridge Village	STRASBURG TWP	11.93	\$4,250
1099 Fruitville Pike	MANHEIM TWP	0.32	\$600
D&C Realty, LP	MT JOY BORO	0.71	\$800
1905 McFarland Drive Stockpile	EAST HEMPFIELD TWP	0.94	\$600
Stark Fill Site	WEST LAMPETER TWP	0.80	\$600
Northeast International	WEST LAMPETER TWP	0.80	\$800
Clayland Commons	CLAY TWP	12.90	\$4,500
David Jay Petersheim	EAST DRUMORE TWP	0.32	\$800
Thane Martin Ag Opertation	EAST DRUMORE TWP	9.50	\$3,750
1519 Ridge Road	LANCASTER TWP	0.53	\$600
Matthew and Anita Smucker	SALISBURY TWP	2.64	\$850
Ben Stoltzfus Stream Restoration	FULTON TWP	11.36	\$3,200
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M21 Capital Development	SADSBURY TWP	3.19	\$2,450
Emanuel Stoltzfus Proposed Hoop Barn	RAPHO TWP	0.50	\$800
Jay Garman	MOUNT JOY TWP	2.53	\$1,900
Sterling Center	MANHEIM TWP	0.12	\$800
Leonard Hoover Proposed Equipment Shed	BRECKNOCK TWP	0.57	\$800
Chris & Stacey Wilson	WEST COCALICO TWP	0.51	\$600
1286 Reading Road	BRECKNOCK TWP	1.81	\$1,600
Israel S. Kinsinger	COLERAIN TWP	2.23	\$1,600
Kreider Farms Poultry Expansion Major Amendment	PENN TWP	26.73	\$2,200
Carl Garman	RAPHO TWP	0.80	\$600
Special Children Comm Care Ctr	LEACOCK TWP		\$800
Calumet Enterprises Clark Associates	EAST LAMPETER TWP	10.81	\$4,000
Venture Jets Hangar	MANHEIM TWP	6.00	\$2,750
447 Newcomer Road & 1058 E. Main St.	RAPHO TWP	0.94	\$600

## <u>1/1/2024 to 1/31/2024</u>

## Outstanding NPDES Projects Received >3 Months Ago

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Date Received	Project	Permit #	Municipality	Status	Last Action
11/8/2022	Core5 @ I-283	PAC360812	RAPHO TWP	Technical R	1/9/24
1/24/2023	Double Run Carriers	PAC360838	BRECKNOCK TWP	Adequate DEP	1/8/24
1/26/2023	Stone Gables Major Mod	PAC360271 A-4	WEST DONEGAL TWP	Inadequate DEP	12/19/23
1/26/2023	Wabank Road Self Storage	PAC360839	LANCASTER TWP	Inadequate	1/17/24
2/13/2023	Swartzville Road Subdivision	PAC360846	EAST COCALICO TWP	Inadequate DEP	9/28/23
3/15/2023	Willow Street Park	PAC360857	WEST LAMPETER TWP	Inadequate	12/14/23
4/3/2023	Thaddeus Stevens Comm Learning Ctr	PAC360861	LANCASTER CITY	Incomplete	1/4/24
4/5/2023	Catherine Hershey School	PAC360865	PEQUEA TWP	Inadequate DEP	1/9/24
5/2/2023	Drager Tract	PAC360871	WEST HEMPFIELD TWP	Technical R	12/15/23
5/26/2023	283 Commerce Hub Major Mod	PAC360787 A-1	EAST HEMPFIELD TWP	Complete	1/25/24
6/22/2023	Musser's Plaza	PAD360111	EAST DRUMORE TWP	Inadequate DEP	8/30/23
7/5/2023	Eli S. Stoltzfus	PAC360881	LEACOCK TWP	Complete	12/5/23
7/5/2023	Tiny Estates	PAD360112	MOUNT JOY TWP	Inadequate DEP	10/26/23
7/6/2023	Amos E. Stoltzfus	PAD360109	MARTIC TWP	Inadequate DEP	9/28/23
7/7/2023	Jura USA Hospitality Center	PAC360882	RAPHO TWP	Inadequate DEP	12/13/23
7/13/2023	Smucker Welding	PAC360885	WEST LAMPETER TWP	Complete	12/5/23
8/17/2023	3800 Hempland Road Major Mod	PAC360512 A-1	WEST HEMPFIELD TWP	Inadequate	1/23/24
8/2/2023	BB's Warehouse Expansion	PAC360887	PROVIDENCE TWP	Inadequate	1/8/24
8/3/2023	Frank Weaver Ag	PAC360889	CAERNARVON TWP	Incomplete	12/7/23
8/23/2023	Willow Street Corner	PAC360895	WEST LAMPETER TWP	Complete	12/12/23
8/24/2023	229 Wood Corner Road	PAC360897	CLAY TWP	Inadequate DEP	11/27/23
8/29/2023	WHEM-HUMM Rebuild Major Amendment	PAD360110 A-1	EAST DONEGAL TWP	Inadequate	1/12/24
9/1/2023	Village of Olde Hickory Floodplain Restoration	PAD360113	MANHEIM TWP	Inadequate	12/19/24
9/1/2023	Bob Brubaker Ag Operation	PAC360899	RAPHO TWP	Inadequate DEP	1/22/24
9/1/2023	GSK Marietta	PAC360900	EAST DONEGAL TWP	Inadequate DEP	1/22/24
9/11/2023	Vintage Business Park Lots 16 & 17	PAC360311 A-5	PARADISE TWP	Completeness R	12/16/23
9/21/2023	Allan J. Fisher	PAC360901	STRASBURG TWP	Incomplete	11/16/23
9/22/2023	Pleasant View Communities - Hershey Tract	PAC360903	PENN TWP	Complete	1/16/23
9/25/2023	Leonard Brubacher	PAD360114	CAERNARVON TWP	Inadequate DEP	12/18/23
10/6/2023	Woodcrest Lots	PAC360907	WARWICK TWP	Inadequate DEP	1/9/24
10/6/2023	4070 Old Philadelphia Pike	PAC360905	LEACOCK TWP	Incomplete	11/27/24
10/6/2023	Esbenshade Turkey Farm	PAC360906	PARADISE TWP	Completeness R	12/18/24
10/16/2023	Quadrant 3 SWM Improvements	PAC360908	STRASBURG BORO	Technical R	1/26/24
10/18/2023	Burrowes Elementary School	PAC360909	LANCASTER TWP	Incomplete	1/18/24
10/19/2023	Prestige Real Estate	PAC360367 A-15	SALISBURY TWP	Complete	1/25/24
10/20/2023	2532 Marietta Avenue Subdivision	PAC360910	EAST HEMPFIELD TWP	Incomplete	1/25/24
Total	36				

#### KEY

Received	project received in office, queue for completeness review	Total Submissions Under Review	136	
Incomplete	incompleteness letter sent	Issued NPDES Submissions	15	
Completeness R	resubmission received, queue for completeness review	Catherine Hershey School for Early Learning - Lanca	ister City,	
Complete	completeness letter sent, queue for technical review	Manheim Auto Auction Renewal, Gish's Furniture M	/linor	
Inadequate DEP	technical deficiencies forwarded to DEP, waiting for issuance of	Amendment, Benuel King Dairy Op, James Weaver Poultry Operation, Lime Spring Farm Renewal, Veritas Academy, Unit Zion Retirement Community, 1000 Strickler Road Building Expand Minor Amendment, Owl Hill Road Subdivision, Yarrum		
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Inadequate	technical deficiency letter sent			
Technical R	resubmission received, queue for technical review	LP, Quarryville Police Foundation Corrective Action Property Enterprises LLC, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, D		
Adequate DEP	E&S Plan deemed adequate, waiting for DEP to proceed	Elem Athletic Field Renovation, General RV Center,		
Highlighted Row	DEP completing PCSM Technical Review			

#### Item V.3 Lancaster County Conservation District Erosion & Sedimentation Committee Meeting Minutes Thursday January 25, 2024 LCCD Upstairs Conference Room #218 Virtually via Microsoft Teams

In Attendance: Adam Stern, Eric Hout, Chris Thompson, Matt Kofroth, Jay Snyder, Greg Strausser, Morgan Regen

Adam Stern called the meeting called to order.

- 1. Informational Updates
  - a. Administrative Support Specialist Morgan Regan

Adam introduced Morgan Regan. Morgan started in the E&S Department as an Administrative Support Specialist on 1/22/24. Her position is split between the E&S Department (~50%) and the Administration, Education, & Watershed Departments (~50%). She is beginning training and all is going well.

## b. PA DEP Chapter 102 Quarterly Newsletter – January 2024

Adam reviewed the PA DEP Chapter 102 Quarterly Newsletter for January 2024 and highlighted the following items.

- PCSM Manual Update DEP currently reviewing public comment
- PA DEP not currently making new updates to ePermit system, still open for use
- Most current guidance for pending PAG-02 expiration and renewals

## c. PA DEP Chapter 102 Individual Permit Pilot Program

Adam reviewed a recent proposed Chapter 102 Expedited Individual Permit Pilot Program. Adam and Eric Hout attended an initial briefing on the program. Adam and Eric in consultation with Chris Thompson determined that Lancaster County Conservation District is not interested in participating in the pilot program at this time.

## d. E&S Department 2024 Goals/Outlook

Adam reviewed a few items that he anticipates will be focuses in the E&S Department for 2024.

- Continuing to work toward an increased digital workflow
- Continuing to train staff Eric is working to create numerous opportunities for technical training in the department
- Working to get closer to minimum outputs laid out in our delegated program this includes review timeframes, inspection frequency, etc.

Without objection, Adam considered the meeting adjourned.

Next Scheduled Meeting Thursday February 22, 2024 @ 1:30 PM LCCD Upstairs Conference Room #218 and virtually Microsoft Teams

## Item V.4 2024 PACD Winter Meeting Report

The PACD Executive Council Video Conference was held last week on January 25, 2024. Approximately eighty-two directors, staff, and agency representatives attended the online session with forty-nine district delegates participating in the meeting. A full copy of the draft meeting minutes will be shared in the day of packet. A hard copy will be circulated at the BOD meeting and a few highlights will be reviewed by our voting delegate at the meeting.