

**Lancaster County Conservation District
Agriculture Committee Meeting Minutes**

June 5, 2024 at 6:30 PM

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

Attendees: **Board Members-** Robert Shearer, Herb Kreider, Gordon Hoover, Geoffrey Rohrer
Staff- Samantha Adams, Kevin Seibert
Guests- N/A

6:35 PM Meeting Called to Order

- 1) The Committee discussed the Board Agenda Item IV.4, Ag Technical Service Policy. Two topics were discussed:
 - Kevin Seibert reviewed the proposed changes to the standing Ag Technical Services Policy that was originally approved by the Lancaster County Conservation District (LCCD) Board in March of 2014. A motion was made by Robert Shearer and 2nd by Geoffrey Rohrer to recommended to the LCCD Board for approval the revisions to the Ag Technical Service Policy as presented to the committee. This passed the committee unanimously.
 - Kevin Seibert also reviewed with the committee the resent challenges that have presented themselves while working with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) in regards to the Chesapeake Bay Compliance Program.

- 2) The Committee discussed the Board Agenda Item III.3, Ag Committee Report.
 - The Outstanding Cooperator Committee met back on May 22 to review the nominations for the 2025 Outstanding Cooperator Award. District staff presented 5 candidates to the committee who consisted of Board members and staff members as well as representatives from NRCS and FSA. Virtual tours of each property were given and after some discussion, the committee decided on John Wanner of Wanner's Pride-N-Joy Farm (5800 Wanner Road in Narvon, Salisbury Township) to be the recipient of next year's 2025 Outstanding Cooperator Award. John has a long history of working with both the District and NRCS who maintains good neighbor relations through manure injection and draglining and is a great example of a larger farm managing its resources on the farm wisely. For these reasons, the committee found him to be the best candidate of those nominated. The Ag Committee was in support of the decision from the Outstanding Cooperator Committee recommending John Wanner to the full Board for approval.

Meeting Adjourned 7:11 PM