

**LANCASTER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 5, 2024**

The 865th 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 June 5, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

The following Directors were present: Sonia Wasco, Chairwoman; Ray D'Agostino, Gordon Hoover, Herb Kreider, Geoffrey Rohrer, Deryk Shaw, and Kent Weaver.

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

The following District Staff were present: Matt Kofroth, Stacey Hertz, Dung Thuy Kieu Le, Chris Thompson, Kevin Seibert, Samantha Adams, Adam Stern, Sallie Gregory, and Tyler Keefer.

The following Cooperating Agency representative was present: Heather Grove, USDA-NRCS.

The following visitors were present: None present.

Sonia Wasco called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM. Sonia welcomed everyone both in person and on Zoom.

Kent Weaver provided the invocation for the meeting.

Introductions: Chris introduced Dung Thuy Kieu Le as the new finance assistant.

Additions to the Agenda: No additions, but Chris informed the Board that Item IV.5 Tree Sale Report was removed to correct and finalize numbers.

Adam Stern reminded everyone that the meeting was being recorded.

An opportunity was given for public comment: Jay brought attention the the celebration of D-Day. Sonia mentioned while on her vacation in Greenland, there were scientist performing ice samples in search of micro plastics.

I. Agency Reports

1. USDA, NRCS

Heather Grove reported that there is an error on the report under Conservation Practice Installation Activites, and it will be corrected on next months report, under the Stream Crossings FY24 Total. There is a new Soil Conservationist, McKinley Morris, will be starting 7/1. The remaining open position is for a Soil Conservationist Technician. No additional questions.

2. PA DEP Field Rep Report

Chris Thompson commented on the different programs and their deadlines. Mentioned a concern for the online budget spreadsheet that is requesting a lot of specific employee information. Highlighted on the upcoming meeting dates. No additional questions.

II. Consent Agenda

Chairwoman Sonia Wasco gave the opportunity for Directors to withdraw any of the items from the Consent Agenda to have additional discussion. Hearing none, she requested a motion to approve the agenda. Gordon Hoover moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Kent Weaver seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Consent Agenda includes the following approved items.

- #1 – Minutes of May 1, 2024 Board meeting.**
- #2 – Technical Assistance Requests/Cancellations**
- #3 – Nutrient Management Plan Approvals**
- #4 – Conservation Plan Acknowledgement**

Item II.3 Requests for Nutrient Management Plan Approval (Lutz) April 2024 Activity May 1, 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	Operation	DESIGNATION	AEU's/ ACRE	REVIEWER	PLAN #
LeRoy Martin	Brecknock	Broiler	CAO	94.13	Heigel	470
Jonas King	East Drumore	Layer	CAO	32.07	Adams	2934
H. Lamar & Ruth Zimmerman	Rapho	Broiler	CAFO/CAO	44.25	Riebling	72
Lester S. Martin	Earl	Heifer	CAO	2.46	Hartz	2607
David Glick	Earl/W. Earl	Dairy	CAO	2.45	Brodbar	2140
Dustin Ginder	Mount Joy	Layer	CAFO/CAO	1124.46	Riebling	38

Nutrient Management Plan Transfer for Board Acknowledgement: May 2024 Activity June 5, 2024 Board Meeting

OWNER	Proposed Transfer Date	Township	Operation	Designation	AEU's/Acre	Reviewer	Plan #
Graywood Farms LLC to PennMar Dairy LLC	April 1, 2024	Fulton	Dairy	CAO/CAFO	2.27	Lutz	176

III. Additional Business

1. Items removed from Agenda

None removed.

2. Treasurer's Report

Stacey Hertz reported the Raymond James Fund as of June 4, 2024 was approximately \$790,000, and as of today gained an additional \$2,000 in value. The PA Invest interest rate as of 5/31/2024 is 5.262%. Under expenses, account 820 we have expensed out a little more than 3.5 million for conservation projects. Little over \$1.5 million is ACAP funds and \$44,000 is manure injection, ARPA at \$186,000, and ACAP has \$1.2 million being expensed. The IT communications account line 735, is over budget due to unexpected hardware updates and maintenance contracted through Flagstream Consult. Chris highlighted that the expensed projects are on the ground from the funds that were allocated. We are waiting on some 1st quarter reimbursement requests from the state that totals about \$2.6 million. No additional questions.

3. Ag Committee Meeting Report

Samantha Adams reported on the Outstanding Cooperator 2025 farms submitted for consideration. The committee selected John Wanner and requested approval. Gordon Hoover motioned to award John Wanner, the motion was seconded by Herb Kreider. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Personnel Committee Report

Dan Zimmerman reviewed the committee meeting notes and reported on the fall intern candidate, Jessica Perfit. Deryk Shaw motioned to accept the fall intern recommendation, seconded by Herb Kreider. The motion passed unanimously. No additions.

5. ACT/CDFAP Agreement

Matt Kofroth reported on the CDFAP and ACT funding applications. Requesting approval to apply for the funds when they become available. Herb Kreider motioned to approved, seconded by Kent Weaver. The motion passed unanimously.

6. RC&D Report and Dues Request

Chris Thompson reviewed the RC&D Council report and requested approval to participate in the RC&D Cover Group Crop Survey. Herb Kreider motioned to approve, seconded by Deryk Shaw. The motion passed unanimously. Chris also reviewed the dues request and reminded the BOD that membership was approved at the January meeting for the dues to the council.

7. July BOD Meeting

In light of the July 4th holiday Chris proposed the question of a condensed virtual meeting on July 3rd, or reschedule to July 10th. Sonia asked for a poll and got 5 available for July 3rd virtual meeting, and there were no hands for not being available on July 10th. Sonia proposed that we follow the scheduled July 3rd date for the next board meeting. No action needed since this follows our meeting schedule.

8. Technology Audit & Charter

Matt Kofroth reviewed the Technology Audit performed by Nimbus Solutions and request the approval for a Technology Committee Charter. Gordon Hoover Motioned to approve the charter, seconded by Herb Kreider. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Dirt & Gravel/ Low Volume Road Update

Tyler Keefer reported that Sadsbury Township did not want to go forward with their project and requested to accept their cancellation and the return of their advanced payment of \$41,370. Herb Kreider motioned to accept the cancellation, seconded by Kent Weaver. Matt clarified that we will not get additional funding until the old allocated money has been spent. The motion passed unanimously.

10. 2024 Spring PACD Region Meetings Summary

Sonia reported on the action items that will be voted on at the JAC meeting in July. Regarding the increase to Growing Greener Plus grants administrative expense limitation. Deryk Shaw motioned to support the increase, seconded by Kent Weaver. The motion passed unanimously. Regarding the Policy on Mandatory Riparian Buffers, several questions were raised that could not be answered. Deryk Shaw motioned to have this tabled until the July 3rd meeting until a more informed decision can be made, seconded by Geoffrey Rohrer. This motion passed unanimously. .

IV. Reports/Information

1. Correspondence, News and Updates

Fall intern, Jessica Perfit Resume

Exemplary Efforts article (LNP)

Warwick Highschool Placing 23 out of 66 teams in the State Envirothon competition.

Getting their Feet Wet article (LNP)

Outdoor Initiative article

Right to Know article (CCAP)

2. E&S Committee Report

Adam Stern reviewed the May 23 committee report and commented on the efforts to reduce review timeframes, as well as update with ongoing projects in the E&S department.

3. E&S/NPDES Monthly Projects Report

Adam Stern reported on the incoming fees as well as the few field complaints that were received. Highlighted some of the larger projects. Chris commented that on the outstanding projects list the last action dates are more up to date than they have been in the past. No additional questions.

4. Ag Technical Service Policy

Kevin Seibert reported policy changes regarding how staff work with operators who are out of compliance. A draft policy with revisions was circulated for discussion and will be presented at the July meeting for action. Kevin also commented on the problems regarding the Bay Compliance Program and DEP support. The contract this refers to covers three positions. There was much discussion regarding thoughts towards continuing the contract or not. Additional discussions were tabled until the July meeting.

5. Tree Sale Report

Removed from Agenda and will be presented next meeting for review.

6. Envirothon Events Report

Sallie reported on the three Local Envirothons. No additional comments.

7. PACD/SCC Report/JAC Registration Announcement

Sonia reported on the upcoming meeting for PACD/SCC and the committee meetings that are available.

8. Technology Committee Audit Report

Matt Kofroth reviewed the technology audit report.

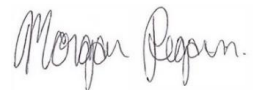
V. Additional Public Comment:

No additional comments.

VI. Meeting Adjourned

Sonia Wasco adjourned the meeting at 9:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Morgan Regan".

Morgan Regan

E&S Administrative Support Specialist