

**LANCASTER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 7, 2024**

The 867th 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 August 7, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

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

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

The following District Staff were present: Kent Bitting, Amanda Goldsmith, Sallie Gregory, Stacey Hertz, Matt Kofroth, Lillian Stehman, Adam Stern, and Chris Thompson.

The following Cooperating Agency representatives were present: Heather Grove, USDA-NRCS; and Chaz Heberlig, DEP Field Representative.

The following visitors were present: None present.

Vice Chair Roger Rohrer called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Roger welcomed everyone both in person and on Zoom.

Geoffrey Rohrer provided the invocation for the meeting.

Introductions: No Introductions.

Additions to the Agenda: No additions.

Adam Stern reminded everyone that the meeting was being recorded.

An opportunity was given for public comment: No Comments.

I. Agency Reports

1. USDA, NRCS

Heather Grove added that there is one Soil Conservationist position still open. She then reported that contracting is being wrapped up for this year. No additional questions.

2. PA DEP Field Rep Report

Chaz Heberling reviewed the DEP Field Notes and reported on which applications are open, chapter 102 reissuance, and what trainings are currently available. No additional questions.

II. Consent Agenda

Roger Rohrer gave the opportunity for Directors to withdraw any of the items from the Consent Agenda to have additional discussion. Hearing none, he requested a motion to approve the agenda. Gordon Hoover moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Herb Kreider seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Consent Agenda includes the following approved items.

- #1 – Minutes of July 3, 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)
July 2024 Activity
August 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	OPERATION	DESIGNATION	AEU's /ACRE	REVIEWER	PLAN #
Joseph Nolt	East Cocalico	Broiler	CAO	21.10	Heigel	466
Chester Zimmerman	West Cocalico	Broiler	CAO	62.19	Heigel	303
Jacob Kauffman	Drumore	Dairy	CAO	2.46	Pullen	395
Jonathan & Anna Jane Brubaker	Brecknock	Turkey	CAO	285.74	Heigel	1966
Jay Kopp	Mount Joy	Swine	CAO	280.21	Schavnis	295
Aaron & Samuel Fisher	Upper Leacock	Layer	CAO	19.16	Brodbar	2189
Kevin Frey	West Donegal	Layer	CAO	88.85	Schavnis	473
Doug Metzler - ENJ Farms	Martic	Layer	CAO	8.30	Adams	166
Jacob Blank	Salisbury	Beef	CAO	4.83	Brodbar	2981
Mark Leid	Earl	Broiler	CAO	8.53	Bosworth	468
Jarred Vanderplate	Rapho	Layer	CAO	8.67	Bosworth	483
Paul H. Burkholder	Earl	Swine/Steer	CAO	2.50	Brodbar	43
Ivan N. Stauffer	East Earl	Dairy	CAO	4.17	Reuter	476
Lamar Gockley	Brecknock	Dairy	VAO	1.15	A. Reiter	28
John Wanner	Salisbury	Dairy	CAFO/CAO	2.12	Brodbar	24
Aaron Zook	Eden	Dairy	CAO	2.45	Reuter	1045

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

Conservation Plans	Number of Plans	Planner	Township
Jason R. Fleager	1	Brett Ramer	Manor
Hershey Springs Farm LLC	7	Mark Myers	East Donegal
Benuel S. King	2	Mark Myers	Paradise

Reuben B. Esh	2	Heather Grove	Leacock
Alvin S. Beiler	1	Brett Ramer	Strasburg

LCCD AG EROSION & SEDIMENTATION PLANS

Conservation Plans	Number of Plans	Planner	Township
Jordan B. Weaver	3	Kevin Seibert	West Earl
Abner G. Kauffman	2	Kevin Seibert	Upper Leacock

III. Additional Business

1. Items removed from Agenda

None removed.

2. Treasurer's Report

Stacey Hertz reported a few large payments that have been made, such as ACAP. The interest rate for the invest account is 5.26%, and for the Raymond James account there was a interest gain of 7.3% and as of 8/7/2024 the current value is \$804,000. There were no additional questions.

3. Personnel Committee Report

Dan Zimmerman reported there was the recommendation to hire Chelsea McKenzie for the open E&S Resource Conservationist positions. Herb Kreider motioned to approve, seconded by Deryk Shaw. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Watershed ME/WE Project/Grant Approval

Amanda Goldsmith reported that they submitted a proposal for work on the Amos Fisher Farm and were awarded a grant for the Clean Water Partner's NFWF program. Seeking approval to accept the grant, Deryk Shaw motioned to approve, seconded by Kent Weaver. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Conservation Foundation MOU Review and Renewal

Chris Thompson is seeking approval to change the MOU to reflect a change in the banking situation for the District and for the Conservation Foundation. Gordon Hoover motioned to approve the MOU as amended, Herb Kreider seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Board Resignation

Sonia Wasco reported on Dale Herr's resignation. He wishes to stay on as an associate director. The first motion is to accept Dale Herr's resignation, motioned by Sonia, seconded by Gordon Hoover. This motion passed unanimously.

The second motion is to accept Dale Herr as an associate director. Herb Kreider motioned to accept, seconded by Deryk Shaw. This motion passed unanimously.

7. Diamond Jubilee Committee Update

Sallie Gregory reported that the Gala Core Committee is seeking approval for the 75th Gala Celebration to be held at Moonstone Manor on 9/25/2025 from 6pm to 9pm. Gordon Hoover motioned to approve the location, date and time, and cost. Seconded by Geoffrey Rohrer. Sallie also reported that there was an approved grant from Arconic for \$23,000 for the 75th. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Reports/Information

1. Correspondence, News and Updates

Horse Progress Days Flyer.

PACD/SCC Joint Annual Conference handouts.

Potential Effects of dropping the Bay Program letter from Chesapeake Bay Program.

Lancaster Conservancy 2023 Annual Report.

5 Ways ACAP Benefits PA Farmers Flyer.

2. E&S/NPDES Monthly Projects Report

Adam Stern reported on the updates with the NPDES permit renewal, and some of the updates with the PAG-02. Reported on the E&S report that shows there was increase in the submissions this month. No additional questions.

3. OLNi Report

Sallie Gregory reported that the Grant she received from Arconic for the OLNi program and can also help support other teachers through smaller grants in 2025.

4. Youth Conservation School Update

Sallie Gregory showed the Conservation School Wake Up Call on WGAL. She then reported on highlights from this years Youth Conservation School.

5. PACD Executive Council Meeting Report

Sonia Wasco reported on the topics that were discussed during the JAC meeting in July. Also mentioned that we won an award for the social media contest held a few months ago.

6. Watershed Committee Report

Amanda Goldsmith reported about the topics of discussion that were held, and that a full report will be available for the September BOD meeting.

7. Tree Sale Report

Amanda Goldsmith reviewed a submitted report of the sales from the 2024 Tree Sale.

8. Strategic Goal 2023-2024 Marketing Work Group Report

Sallie Gregory reported on the potential new district logo. There was discussion that followed about the logo. A final version will be presented at the October board meeting.

9. Summer Intern Activities Report

Lily Stehman reported on her time at the district.

V. Additional Public Comment:

No additional comments.

VI. Meeting Adjourned

Roger Rohrer adjourned the meeting at 9:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morgan Regan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'M' and a trailing 'n'.

Morgan Regan
E&S Administrative Support Specialist