

**LANCASTER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 4, 2024**

The 868th 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 September 4, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

The following Directors were present: Sonia Wasco, Chairwoman; Gordon Hoover, Roger Rohrer, Deryk Shaw, Commissioner Ray D’Agostino, and Kent Weaver.

The following Associate Directors were present: Jenny Engle and Jay Snyder

The following District Staff were present: Chris Thompson, Adam Stern, Stacey Hertz, Tyler Keefer, Matt Kofroth, Kevin Lutz, and Sallie Gregory.

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

The following visitors were present: None present.

Chairwoman Sonia Wasco called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Sonia welcomed everyone both in person and on Zoom.

Deryk Shaw 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 reported that they are coming to the end of their fiscal year and directed Board members to her report.

2. PA DEP Field Rep Report

Chaz Heberlig reviewed highlights from the Field Report and gave information on the DEP’s Education Grants Program. Chaz also reminded directors about the PAG-02 master permit renewal deadline. He also talked about the different courses that are available on Clean Water Academy. Chris Thompson asked a few questions regarding the grants.

II. Consent Agenda

There are no additions to the agenda, Roger Rohrer motioned to accept the consent agenda and the motion was seconded by Deryk Shaw. The motion passed unanimously.

The Consent Agenda includes the following approved items.

- #1 – Minutes of August 7, 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)
August 2024 Activity
September 4, 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 #
Elmer Martin	Brecknock	Chukar/Cattle	CAO	2.96	Heigel	105
Dean Weinhold	West Earl	Broiler	CAO	11.79	Brodbar	226
John K. Lapp Jr.	Clay	Broiler	CAO	4.97	Bosworth	1098
Douglas Rohrer	West Lampeter	Layer	CAFO/VAO	0.67	Reuter	111
Aaron Breneman	Manor	Dairy	CAFO/CAO	3.24	Reuter	245
Lloyd Nolt/Quality Livestock Co.	West Lampeter	Swine	CAFO/CAO	8.67	Brodbar	34
Luke H. Zimmerman	Brecknock	Poultry	CAO	3.16	Heigel	26
Vernon Weaver	Ephrata	Poultry/Beef	CAO	2.63	Heigel	475
Kevin L. Nolt	East Donegal	Layer/Swine	CAO	16.71	Schavis	158
Doug Hottenstein	West Donegal	Pullet	CAO	4.88	Bosworth	294
Clark Oberholtzer	Fulton	Swine	CAFO/CAO	2.62	Adams	390
Connor Beiler	Leacock	Broiler	CAO	2.55	Adams	129
Joel Nissley	Rapho	Pullet	CAO	21.24	Riebling	296
Stephen Horst	Earl	Guinea	CAO	21.32	Bosworth	374
Steven Glick	Bart	Horse	CAO	8.09	Reuter	506
Jay Deiter	Conoy	Swine	CAFO/CAO	2.75	Lutz	233

NMP Update Report to Lancaster County Conservation District Board of Directors

July and August 2024 Activity

September 4, 2024

NMP Name	Municipality	Plan Update Submission Date	Original NMP Approval Date	Planner ¹	Species ²	AEUs	Regulated Operation Type ³	Date Plan Acknowledgment Letter Sent	Reason for Update
Harvest Lane Farm, LLC	Manheim	7/9/2024	11/1/2023	Amber Funk	Layers	312.51	VAO CAFO	8/7/2024	Yearly Plan Submissions Update
Noah W. Kreider & Sons, LLP- Manheim Farm	Penn	8/15/2024	4/3/2024	Devin Gerlach	Dairy/ Layers/ Pullets	15800.4	CAO CAFO	8/29/2024	Yearly Plan Submissions Update

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

Conservation Plans	Number of Plans	Planner	Township
David D. Stoltzfus	1	Brett Ramer	Salisbury
Ranck Family Farm	1	Brett Ramer	Strasburg
Franklin View Farms LLC	5	Brett Ramer	West Hempfield
Franklin View Farms LLC	8	Brett Ramer	Manor
Bryan A. Zeiset	2	Christine Griesemer	Ephrata
Boll-Hidden Valley	8	Christine Griesemer	Mount Joy
Boll-Hidden Valley	3	Christine Griesemer	Rapho
Boll-Hidden Valley	1	Christine Griesemer	East Earl

LCCD AG EROSION & SEDIMENTATION PLANS

Conservation Plans	Number of Plans	Planner	Township
Clifford Hershey	1	Josh Pullen	Manor
Simeon Musser	1	Matt Schavnis	East Cocalico
Richard Falk	2	Josh Pullen	Manor

III. Additional Business

1. Items removed from Agenda

2. Treasurer's Report

Stacey Hertz reported that the balances for the Raymond-James account are from 9/3/2024, and it increased to 8.1%. She also highlighted that we have received a little over \$7.4 million in reimbursements since January, and grant expenses of a little over \$6 million. She touched on the interest income and also how there are a few outstanding invoices. There were questions about the interest income, and how it will be utilized, Chris replied that each reserve account that contributed to the fund would receive a portion of the income. No further questions.

3. Personnel Committee Report

Deryk Shaw reviewed the committee report and reported on the increase of the Life Insurance benefits for employees. He shared that a draft of a parental leave policy was being reviewed by legal, and the budget considerations for 2025. Chris Thompson gave some further information into the benefit changes. He also reviewed the 2025 Holiday schedule, and the flex work schedule. Deryk motioned to accept the report as submitted, this was seconded by Gordon Hoover. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Budget & Finance Committee Report

Matt Kofroth highlighted the minutes from the meeting. He reviewed possible impacts to the 2025 budget; capital improvements, potential new positions, and additional funding in the following year. The committee recommended keeping the Raymond James Investment account, also recommended to drop the First Trust Managed Municipal ETF fund and move those to a Carillon Reams Unconstrained Bond Fund. Gordon Hoover motioned to accept the report and the action items, this was seconded by Kent Weaver. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Low Volume Rd. Project/ Quality Assurance Board Report

Tyler Keefer presented the QAB recommendation to approve two projects. The first is in Rapho Township, Johnsonville Lane \$39,601 to complete 500 feet of bank armoring with stone to help correct erosion issues. The second is in Bart Township on Cherry Hill Road, \$74,000 for road improvements and to decommission a section of a township road. This would come from the Dirt and Gravel Fund. Roger Rohrer motioned to accept the projects, seconded by Deryk Shaw. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Reports/Information

1. Correspondence, News and Updates

Article in LNP- Conservation Plans set path for Lancaster County's Pollution Reduction Goals.

2. E&S/NPDES Monthly Projects Report

Adam Stern discussed the review fees received for the year so far, and highlighted the large number of complaints received this month. He also discussed the master permit expiration letters that were sent out.

3. Youth Conservation School Report

Sallie Gregory reviewed the written YCS report and reported on the metrics of who attended and assisted with Youth Conservation School.

4. E&S Committee Report

Tabled until October Board Meeting.

5. Watershed Committee Report

Tyler Keefer reported on the first Watershed Committee and reviewed the written report .

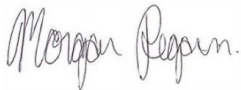
V. Additional Public Comment:

There was additional discussions regarding dates to remember and positive things going on in the conservation community.

VI. Meeting Adjourned

Sonia Wasco adjourned the meeting at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Morgan Regan
E&S Administrative Support Specialist