

**Lancaster County Conservation District
Agriculture Committee Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2024 at 6:30 PM
Farm & Home Center, Multipurpose Room, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, PA**

Attendees: Herb Kreider, Robert Shearer, Gordon Hoover, Jay Snyder, Chris Thompson, Kevin Lutz

6:34 PM Meeting Called To Order

- 1) The Committee discussed the Board Agenda Item III.5, a Manure Storage Setback Waiver Request by Bryan Zeiset, operator of an Act 38 dairy farm in Ephrata Township. The committee heard about the specifics of the proposed hoop roofed manure stacking shed, viewed the location on the proposed plan view of the design, and was presented with the report provided by Michael Brubaker of the State Conservation Commission that included items that are requested to be shown on the design related to protecting the storage from surface water runoff. Jay Snyder asked a clarifying question about the adjacent well depth (700 ft), and further discussion related to the transfer of manure from the barns to the storage took place. A motion was made by Gordon Hoover, and with a 2nd by Herb Kreider, to recommend that the Board approve the manure storage setback waiver as requested, and was passed unanimously.
- 2) The Committee discussed the additional topic under Board Agenda Item III.5, the purchase of an ACAP Engineering Vehicle. It was noted that a vehicle purchase is already included in the 2024 Ag budget, and the State Conservation Commission granted approval to use ACAP funds for the purchase. Two options were presented to the committee; a used Ford Ranger with limited mileage and existing cap, and a new Ford Ranger. The committee discussed the benefits to purchasing the used vehicle, but recognized the need to allow for the purchase of a new vehicle if the used one is no longer available. A motion was made by Herb Kreider, with a 2nd by Robert Shearer, to recommend to the Board approval for purchasing the presented used vehicle as a first option, but with approval of a 2nd option to purchase the least cost option new Ford Ranger and cap with a total not-to-exceed \$44,000. This motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned 6:54 PM