

**LANCASTER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 6, 2024**

The 862nd 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 March 6, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

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

The following Associate Directors were present: Frank Burkhart, Jennifer Engle, Bob Shearer, Jay Snyder, and Dan Zimmerman.

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

The following Cooperating Agency representative was present: Heather Grove, USDA-NRCS; and Charles Heberlig, DEP Field Representative.

The following visitors were present: Sarah Xenophon, TeamAg Inc.; Jamie Pontius, and Patricia Barnes.

Sonia Wasco called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Sonia welcomed everyone both in person and on Zoom. She invited new Board Director Geoffrey Rohrer to share a little about himself. Adam Stern reminded everyone that the meeting was being recorded.

Herb Kreider provided the invocation for the meeting.

Introductions: none offered.

Additions to the Agenda: no additions.

An opportunity was given for public comment: Bob Shearer shared how impressed he is with the professionalism of the staff that led the breakout sessions at the last Board meeting.

I. Agency Reports

1. USDA, NRCS

Heather Grove stated that there were no additions to the report.

2. PA DEP Field Rep Report

Chas Heberling highlighted the Trenchless Technology and High Tunnel Guidance in his report. He announced a Conservation District and Ag Agencies meeting is scheduled for mid to late July and Districts will be notified when the date is selected. Chas pointed out various upcoming trainings. Chris Thompson shared about the ACAP 3-day workshop for staff and agencies. He expressed concern for the interest in the ACAP Program by other partners and how it could affect the District. Chris invited anyone interested to attend the Southcentral Regional Directors meeting in Cumberland County which is tomorrow.

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. Roger Rohrer 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 February 7, 2024 Board meeting.
- #2 – Technical Assistance Requests/Cancellations
- #3 – Nutrient Management Plan Approvals
- #4 – Conservation Plan Acknowledgement
- #5 – List of LCCD Memberships

**Requests for Nutrient Management Plan Approval (Lutz)
February 2024 Activity
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The plans are for the following operations:

OWNER	TOWNSHIP	Operation	DESIGNATION	AEU's/ ACRE	REVIEWER	PLAN #
Charles & Elaine Craig	Little Britain	Dairy	CAFO/CAO	2.2	Adams	5

**NMP Update Report to Lancaster County Conservation District Board of Directors
February 2024 Activity
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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
Leroy & Timothy Zimmerman	East Donegal	2/7/2024	10/4/2023	William Rogers	Swine/ Beef/ Geese	485.88	CAO CAFO	2/12/2024	Simple Update
Dale Frank	West Donegal	2/14/2024	11/3/2022	Amber Funk	Swine/ Beef	697.87	VAO CAFO	2/20/2024	Simple Update
Melvin Huber	Rapho	11/17/2024	10/5/2022	William Rogers	Layers	395.69	CAO CAFO	2/20/2024	Simple Update

III. Additional Business

1. Items removed from Agenda

None removed.

2. Treasurer's Report

Stacey Hertz reported that the current value of the Raymond James fund is \$778,268 which is a gain of 3.8%. She noted the Net Income for the District is -\$1,495,671.19 due to open invoices to be reimbursed by the state for a total of a little more than \$3.6 million.

3. 2022 Audit Presentation

Matt Kofroth requested approval of the 2022 audit. Roger Rohrer made a motion to approve the 2022 Audit. It was seconded by Kent Weaver. Chris Thompson shared that there are hard copies available for any Director who would want one. The motion passed unanimously.

4. ACAP Grant Approval

Kent Bitting presented 7 applications for Board approval:

Landowner	District/Private Consultant	Municipality	BMPs	Total Project Cost	Total Grant Requested
Isaac Beiler	Weaver Environmental	Bart Twp.	Manure Storage, Roofed Stacking Shed, Diversion, Fence, Lined outlet, Pumping Plant, Roof Runoff Structure, HUA, Animal Trails, Stream Crossing, Structure for Water Control, Underground Outlet, Waste Transfer	\$539,450.64	\$441,318.07
Dale Frank	District	West Donegal Twp.	Roofed Stacking Shed, Roof Runoff Structure, Access Road	\$151,220.00	\$136,100.00
John Ivan Zimmerman	District	Caernarvon Twp.	Stream Crossing, Animal Trails	\$13,341.87	\$12,007.68
Tim Brazelton	NRCS	Sadsbury Twp.	Roofed Staking Shed, Diversion, Fence, Roof Runoff Structure, HUA, Livestock Pipeline, Underground Outlet	\$132,725.74	\$44,794.94
Amos Zook	TeamAg	Sadsbury Twp.	Manure Storage, Stacking Pad, Waste Transfer, Diversion, Underground Outlet, Fence, Stream Crossing	\$201,028.00	\$177,162.00
Jeff Martin	Mowery Environmental	Earl Twp.	Roofed Stacking Shed, Roof Runoff Structure, HUA, Structure for Water Control, Access Road, Underground Outlet	\$157,177.86	\$118,190.01
Levi Stoltzfus	District	East Lampeter Twp.	Grassed Waterway, Fence, Lined Outlet, Animal Trail	\$9,887.71	\$8,898.93
Totals				\$1,204,831.82	\$938,471.63

There was a discussion to clarify the work that will be done on the Isaac Beiler home farm. Roger Rohrer made a motion to approve the projects presented and the motion was seconded by Geoffrey Rohrer. The motion passed unanimously.

5. CEG Approval

Kent Bitting presented one project:

Landowner	District/Private Consultant	Municipality	BMPs	Total Project Cost	Total Grant Requested
Douglas Brubaker	District	East Donegal Twp.	Roof Runoff Structure	\$1,445.00	\$1,300.00
Totals				\$1,445.00	\$1,300.00

A motion was made by Herb Kreider to approve the project presented. Kent Weaver seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Dirt & Gravel/Low Volume Rd. QAB Report

Tyler Keefer reported on the reorganization of the Quality Assurance Board (QAB). There were two projects presented to the committee for the Low Volume Road program. The first project is in East Earl Township for \$207,286 and the second project is in West Hempfield Township for \$70,153. Additionally, there were three amendment requests. Two were for the Low Volume Road program for Mifflin Street, Lancaster City in the amounts of \$32,391.94 and \$12,471.26. The third amendment was for the Dirt & Gravel Road program for Pumping Station Road, Elizabeth Township for \$44,000. Herb Kreider made a motion to approve the two new project applications and the three amendments. The motion was seconded by Roger Rohrer and passed unanimously.

IV. Reports/Information

1. Correspondence, News and Updates

Chris Thompson shared an article from the February 29, 2024, Lititz Record about the Tree Seedling Sale.

2. E&S/NPDES Monthly Projects Report

Adam Stern stated there were a few complaints in February. He highlighted the Plan Submissions received that were over \$5,000 and noted the Outstanding NPDES Projects list total remains steady. Chris pointed out that 15 of the 37 Outstanding NPDES Projects are at DEP waiting for action. Chris shared that LCCD will not participate in a pilot project for expedited reviews. The E&S committee had agreed to not participate in a DEP pilot project but at the commissioner’s request would be revisiting the topic after next week’s meeting with DEP staff.

3. Township Stormwater Ag BMP Verification Program Update

Chris Thompson reviewed the written summary of how well the Stormwater Credit program has worked in Upper Leacock Township. The District is looking for another municipality to come alongside and support them in their stormwater fee program. Another outcome of this program is a new initiative to perform a comprehensive conservation impact on a municipality.

4. Annual Planning Meeting Update

Sallie Gregory thanked everyone for their help and input at the Annual Planning meeting. The information collected is being synthesized and a report will be created. The report will be shared at the April Board Meeting.

5. Banquet Committee Report

Chris Thompson reminded everyone to make their reservations for the Annual Awards Banquet on March 26, 2024. He encouraged everyone to attend and Sonia Wasco highlighted the social time in advance of the Banquet.

6. Ethics Forms

Chris Thompson explained the ethics form. Directors who served in 2023 are required to complete the form and he requested the forms be submitted to the office by the April 3, 2024 Board meeting.

7. Board of Directors Committees

Christ Thompson shared the 2024 Board Committee List. He requested the Directors to review the document and let him know if there are any concerns. He explained that Associate Directors can serve as the chairperson of the committee but a Director would need to bring forward any motions from the committee to the Board. Sonia Wasco thanked the Directors and Associate Directors for serving on the committees and pointed out there are still a few openings if any Director or Associate Director is interested in filling in.

8. PACD Executive Committee

Sonia Wasco reported there are numerous trainings available soon. She shared a statement from the PACD Executive Board to clarify funding information. Chris Thompson announced there will be a joint annual committee meeting with the State Conservation Commission and PACD in July. More details to follow.

9. Board Development Training

Chris Thompson announced the schedule for the Board Development Training sessions for all Directors and Associate Directors beginning next month. There will also be a Board assessment this summer.

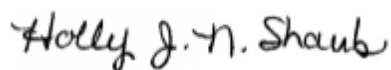
V. Additional Public Comment:

Herb Kreider shared that he read an article from a farmer claiming a digester in Maryland got rid of phosphorus in manure and questioned the legitimacy of the claim.

VI. Meeting Adjourned

Sonia Wasco adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Holly J. N. Shaub
Staff Secretary for the Board of Directors