

**LANCASTER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 7, 2025**

The 875th 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 May 7, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

The following Cooperating Agency representatives was present: Chaz Heberlig; DEP Field Representative, Heather Grover; NRCS-USDA.

The following visitors were present: None present.

Gordon Hoover provided the invocation for the meeting.

Introductions: Sonia shared a quote about goals. Everyone then sang Happy Birthday to Roger Rohrer. Roger followed up with an anecdotal story. Kevin Lutz introduced Madison Rettenmaier, a new Ag Engineering Tech.

Additions to the Agenda: No Additions.

Adam Stern reminded everyone that the meeting was being recorded.

An opportunity was given for public comment: None offered.

I. Agency Reports

1. USDA, NRCS

Heather Grove updated that NRCS has lost 50 staff in Pennsylvania, and that they are still working through contracts. Chris and Heather discussed the loss in other counties and what is being done to assist with the loss.

2. PA DEP Field Rep Report

Chaz Heberlig reviewed his report. Chris highlighted the Pennsylvania Agriculture Conservation Stewardship (PACS) Certification Verifier Training, the SPEED program, and the Technical Assistance Program (TAP) updates.

II. Consent Agenda

Sonia Wasco gave the opportunity for Directors to withdraw any of the items from the Consent Agenda for additional discussion. Roger Rohrer wants to make a correction to the April 2, 2025 minutes, stating that he was in attendance. Roger Rohrer moved to approve the agenda as corrected, and was seconded by Kent Weaver. The motion passed unanimously.

- #1 – Minutes of April 2, 2025 Board meeting.**
- #2 – Technical Assistance Requests/Cancellations**
- #3 – Nutrient Management Plan Approvals**
- #4 – Conservation Plan Acknowledgement**

Requests for Technical Assistance

APPLICANT	TITLE	TOWNSHIP	SIZE	ASSISTANCE
None Submitted				

**Item II.3
Requests for Nutrient Management Plan Approval (Lutz)
April 2025 Activity
May 7, 2025 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 #
Lee & Sherrie Brown	Caernarvon	Equine	CAO	4.20	Heigel	352
Daniel S. Smucker	Caernarvon	Dairy	CAO	2.81	Heigel	334
Mike/Curtis Buckwalter	East Donegal	Swine/Beef	CAFO/VAO	1.66	Schavnis	387
Dennis Groff	Strasburg	Layer	CAFO/CAO	6.87	Brodbar	915
James Charles	Manor	Layer/Swine	CAFO/CAO	3.38	Reuter	234
Keith Frey	Manor	Layer	CAFO/VAO	1.98	Reuter	115
Jonas/Gerald Sensenig	Drumore	Swine	CAFO/VAO	1.59	Adams	268
Brian Nolt	Rapho	Swine	CAO	5.66	Riebling	141

NMP Update Report to Lancaster County CD Board of Directors									
Technician:									
Date Range:									
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
Hershey Farms, LLC	Mount Joy	3/27/2025	9/7/2022	Devin Gerlach	Broilers/Swine	837.69	VAO CAFO	4/2/2025	Simple Update

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

Conservation Plans	Number of Plans	Planner	Township
David G. Bollinger	5	McKinley Morris	East Hempfield
David G. Bollinger	1	McKinley Morris	West Hempfield
Jacob R. Hess	1	McKinley Morris	Mount Joy
Shawn D. McKinney	1	Mark Myers	Brecknock
Cedar Meadow Farm LLC	3	Joel Alicea-Hernandez	Martic

Sweigart Farms LLC	1	McKinely Morris	East Donegal
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LCCD AG EROSION & SEDIMENTATION PLANS

Conservation Plans	Number of Plans	Planner	Township
Wayne Powell	1	Emma Riebling	Rapho
Amos & Reuben Lapp	1	Jason Reuter	Colerain
Stephen Stoltzfus Jr.	1	Lauren Brodbar	West Earl
Randy Kreider	1	Josh Pullen	Manor
Jeff Mitchell	1	Josh Pullen	West Whiteland (Chester County)

III. Additional Business

1. Items removed from Consent Agenda

No items were removed from the Agenda.

2. Treasurer's Report

Stacey Hertz highlighted the Raymond James account, there was a 9.7% gain, \$820,500 value which remains steady. The interest rate in the invest account is also steady currently at 4.3%. Currently 2.4 million spent so far this year. There was discussion about what they think the future could look like regrading funding and funds available.

3. ACAP/CEG Project Approval

Kent Bitting presented the seven district projects for approval. Roger Rohrer moved to approve the listed projects, seconded by Herb Krieder. The motion passed unanimously.

Landowner	District/Private Consultant	Municipality	BMPs	Total Project Cost	Total Grant Requested
Amos K. Lapp	District	Colerain Twp	Grassed Waterway, Lined Outlet, Animal Trail, Stream Crossing, Terrace, Fence, Underground Outlet	\$53,546.14	\$48,191.52
Benuel Smucker	District	Caernarvon Twp	Waste Storage, Fence, Lined Outlet, Roof Runoff Structure, HUA, Animal Trail, Stream Crossing, Waste Transfer, Underground Outlet	\$380,817.54	\$342,735.79
Kenneth Martin	District	East Drumore Twp	Mortality Facility, Roofs, Roof Runoff Structure, Access Road, HUA, Underground Outlet	\$124,576.50	\$112,118.85

Stephen S. Stoltzfus	District	West Earl Twp	Roofed Stacking Shed, Lined Outlet, Access Road, HUA, Terrace, Underground Outlet	\$106,395.25	\$95,755.72
John Rohrer	District	Upper Leacock Twp	Waste Storage, Fence, Grassed Waterway, Pumping Plant, HUA, Animal Trail, Underground Outlet, Waste Transfer	\$240,653.05	\$216,587.75
Warren Sensenig	District	Caernarvon Twp	Roofed Stacking Shed, Roof Runoff Structure, HUA, Underground Outlet	\$101,686.67	\$56,741.16
James Shirk	District	East Earl Twp	Waste Storage, Fence, Roof Runoff Structure, HUA, Underground Outlet	\$98,378.02	\$88,540.22
Totals				\$1,106,053.17	\$960,671.01

4. Watershed Department – NFWF Small Watershed Grant

Amanda Goldsmith requested approval to apply for a NFWF Grant for a new position in the Watershed Department. Roger Rohrer moved to approve as presented, seconded by Kent Weaver. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Watershed Specialist Agreement Renewal

Amanda Goldsmith requested approval for the renewal of the 2025-2026 Watershed Specialist Contract. Gordon Hoover moved to approve the renewal, seconded by Herb Kreider. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Scholarship Committee Report

Adam Stern reviewed the committee report and requested approval to accept Ellie Eshleman and Lauren Smith as the Scholarship winners. Roger Rohrer moved to approve as presented, seconded by Kent Weaver. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Envirothon State Contest Additional Cost

Sallie Gregory highlighted that Elizabethtown Area High School has only approved a single-day travel. The school is not approving an overnight stay, and students would have to be housed at a hotel. Sallie highlighted conversations she's had with Chris regarding the State Envirothon and concerns they have regarding school policies having a future impact on programs.

IV. Reports & Information

1. Correspondence, News, and Updates

None.

2. E&S/NPDES Monthly Projects Report

Adam Stern highlighted the E&S report showing that, compared to last year, we are about on track with what was anticipated. He also informed the board that Resource Conservationist, Steve Wyld, is moving away within the coming months.

3. Annual Awards Banquet Report

Chris Thompson highlighted the Summary report of the awards banquet.

4. Tree Sale Report

Amanda Goldsmith reviewed highlights of the 2025 tree sale. There will be a more in-depth report in the upcoming months.

5. PACD JAC Meeting Announcement

Chris Thompson highlighted the PACD/SCC Joint Annual Conference announcement and asked directors to let the office know if they needed registration assistance.

6. Farm & Home Center Updates

Chris Thompson reported that Deanna Grager is moving and leaving her position as Building Manager. He also reported that the upstairs renovations are on hold pending updates from USDA/NRCS

7. 75th Diamond Jubilee Gala/Photo Contest

Matt Kofroth highlighted that with the One Ask from earlier in the year, some of the funding will be going towards the Gala. He showed the form for patrons who would like to donate to the District, and highlighted the limited room available for spots at the Gala. Sallie Gregory highlighted the Photo Contest.

VI. Additional Public Comment:

Sonia commented that there has been a discussion at the Executive Committee regarding the continuation of offering an Invocation at our public meetings. She expects to address this topic in June. Sonia also notified directors about the potential to change the meeting time from 7:30 pm to 7 pm.

VII. Meeting Adjourned

Sonia Wasco adjourned the meeting at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully,



Morgan Regan
E&S Administrative Support Specialist