

**Lancaster County Conservation District  
Agriculture Committee Meeting Minutes**

**June 4, 2025 at 6:30 PM**

**Farm & Home Center, Pennfield Room, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, PA**

Attendees: **Board Members-** Gordon Hoover  
**Staff-** Kevin Lutz, Kent Bitting  
**Guests-** N/A

6:36 PM Meeting Called to Order

- 1) The Committee discussed the Board Agenda Item III.3, request to post the Ag Compliance Coordinator position  
-Discussed intent to post the position in June to hopefully find a suitable candidate by August, allowing for training by Kevin Seibert prior to his planned retirement in January 2026.
  
- 2) The Committee discussed the Board Agenda Items III.7 & III.8, renewing the Chesapeake Bay Program Technician & Engineer Funding Agreement, and the Nutrient Management Delegation Agreement.
  - Discussed that no changes have been made by DEP or the SCC on any of the agreements from the previous year, including funding amounts and required output measures.
  - Noted that agreements were just received by the District on 5/30/25, which is why the request for approvals were included in the Addition to the Board packet.
  
- 3) The Committee discussed the Board Agenda Item III.3, Outstanding Cooperator 2026 Award Report
  - The Outstanding Cooperator Committee met on May 29 to review the nominations for the 2026 Outstanding Cooperator Award. District staff presented 5 candidates to the committee who consisted of Board members and staff members as well as representatives from NRCS, PSU, and FSA. Virtual tours of each property were given and after some discussion, the committee decided on Robert & Michael Shearer, of Twin Lane Farm (806 Anderson Ferry Road, Mount Joy, East Donegal Township) to be the recipient of next year's 2026 Outstanding Cooperator Award. The Shearer's good working relationship with LCCD and NRCS, as well as willingness to implement BMPs on both owned and rented properties, led to the recommendation by the committee to the Board.
  - The Outstanding Cooperator Committee meeting had to be rescheduled from May 22 to May 29 due to lack of attendance.

No Actions taken at this meeting.

Meeting Adjourned 7:01 PM