

**LANCASTER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 4, 2025**

The 876th 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 June 4, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.

The following Directors were present: Sonia Wasco, Chairperson; Herb Kreider, Gordon Hoover, Kent Weaver, Deryk Shaw, Roger Rohrer, and Ken Meck.

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 Brady Bosworth.

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

The following visitors were present: None present.

Kent Weaver provided the invocation for the meeting.

Introductions: Sonia Wasco shared some fun facts about the month of June.

Additions to the Agenda: No Additions but Sonia announced that an Executive Session would be held at the end of the meeting to discuss a personnel issue.

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 highlighted her written report.

2. PA DEP Field Rep Report

Chaz Heberlig reviewed the written report and highlighted the Technical Assistance Program (TAP), Manure Management Plans Nutrient Balance Sheets, SPEED Program, and Chapter 102 documents being updated on his report.

II. Consent Agenda

No Additions. Roger Rohrer moved to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Deryk Shaw. The motion passed unanimously.

#1 – Minutes of May 7, 2025 Board meeting.

#2 – Technical Assistance Requests/Cancellations

#3 – Nutrient Management Plan Approvals

#4 – Conservation Plan Acknowledgement

**Item II.2
Requests for Technical Assistance**

APPLICANT	TITLE	TOWNSHIP	SIZE	ASSISTANCE
None Submitted				

**Item II.3
Requests for Nutrient Management Plan Approval (Lutz)
May 2025 Activity
June 4, 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 #
Walter Zeiset	Penn	Broiler	CAO	76.11	Riebling	279
Delmar Martin	West Cocalico	Poultry	CAO	105.82	Heigel	310
David H. Martin	Little Britain	Swine/Pullets	CAFO/CAO	3.61	Adams	9
Jeffrey & Diane Kile	Providence	Pullet	CAO	96.38	Reuter	32
Nathan Brubaker	Brecknock	Turkey	CAO	493.25	Heigel	2474
Dale Graybill	East Donegal	Equine/Swine	CAO	13.68	Schavnis	1648
Noah Kreider	East Donegal	Layer	CAFO/CAO	16.24	Schavnis	239
Tom Zartman Jr.	Clay	Swine/Pullets	CAFO/CAO	1.58	Bosworth	18
John Hoover	Caernarvon	Dairy	VAO	1.65	Schavnis	847
Brian Weaver	Rapho	Layer	CAO	3.4	Riebling	22
Keith Martin	Clay	Broiler	CAFO	269.26	Bosworth	189
Stephen Beiler	Leacock	Dairy	CAO	2.31	Brodbar	2411
Benuel Fisher	Leacock	Dairy	CAO	2.24	Brodbar	3106
David Buch	West Earl	Broiler	CAO	3.51	Brodbar	515
Leon Zimmerman	East Donegal	Steer/Swine/Pullet	CAFO/CAO	2.96	Schavnis	14
Lamar Zimmerman	Rapho	Broiler	CAFO/CAO	54.47	Riebling	72
Jacob Kauffman	Drumore	Dairy	CAO	2.2	Adams	395
Richard W. Rutt	East Donegal	Swine/Goat	CAFO/CAO	5.29	Lutz	70
Don Risser	Conoy	Dairy	CAFO/VAO	1.66	Schavnis	40
Robert Brubaker Jr.	Rapho	Broiler	CAO	247.28	Riebling	78

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 Acknowledge ment Letter Sent	Reason for Update
Rohrer Farms, LLC	Penn	5/2/2025	10/2/2024	William Rogers	Swine/Pullets/Layers	2158.33	CAO CAFO	5/2/2025	Simple Update

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

Conservation Plans	Number of Plans	Planner	Township
Brian K. Mull	1	Heather Grove	Providence
Mending Meadows LLC	1	Heather Grove	Manor
Thomas F. Nikolaus	2	Mark Myers	West Hempfield
Jasmine Kelliehan	1	Camila Martinez Sanchez	West Hempfield
Douglas K. Kauffman	1	Christine Griesemer	Conoy

LCCD AG EROSION & SEDIMENTATION PLANS

Conservation Plans	Number of Plans	Planner	Township
Vicki Newman	1	Josh Pullen	East Donegal
Richard Rutt	1	Kevin Lutz	East Donegal

III. Additional Business

1. Items removed from Consent Agenda

No items were removed from the Agenda.

2. Treasurer's Report

Stacey Hertz reported that the Raymond James fund has a balance of \$829,000. She also highlighted the Income and Expenses report, specifically the Grants.

3. Ag Committee Meeting Report/Outstanding Cooperator/Open Position

Kevin Lutz requested approval to post the position for Ag Compliance Coordinator. Roger Rohrer moved to approve to post the position, seconded by Kent Weaver. The motion passed unanimously.

Kevin Lutz requested approval to accept the recommendation of Robert & Michael Shearer, Twin Lane Farm, as the 2026 Outstanding Cooperator award. Roger Rohrer moved to approve, seconded by Gordon Hoover. The motion passed unanimously. Kevin highlighted that during the committee meeting it was discussed that having a list of criteria for those that qualify to be an Outstanding Cooperator would be helpful for the selection committee.

Kevin Lutz requested approval for the Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) Technician & Engineer Funding Agreement, and for the Nutrient Management Delegation Agreement. The conditions and work plan of the programs remain unchanged from last year. Roger Rohrer moved to approve both the agreements, seconded by Herb Kreider. The motion passed unanimously.

4. CEG Project Approval

Kent Bitting requested approval for the two projects listed below. Roger Rohrer moved to approve, seconded by Deryk Shaw. The motion passed unanimously.

Landowner	District/Private Consultant	Municipality	BMPs	Total Project Cost	Total Grant Requested
Stephen M. Stoltzfus	District	Clay Twp	Roofed Stacking Shed, Roof Runoff Structure, Heavy Use Area Protection	\$105,709.05	\$95,138.15
Melvin S. Allgyer	District	Caernarvon Twp	Waste Storage Fence	\$6,446.43	\$5,801.79
Totals				\$112,155.48	\$100,939.94

5. Watershed Committee Report

Amanda reviewed the June 4th, 2025 Watershed Committee report saying the committee met before the Board meeting to review 319 Nonpoint Source Management grant proposals. The first application will be two habitat restoration projects on the Big Beaver and Calamus Run. The total request will be between \$300,000-\$350,000. The Big Beaver Project, owned by Aaron Esh and Matt Buckwalter, includes a 2050’ habitat restoration project with a 1.6 acre riparian buffer. This will be the third project completed in a row on the Big Beaver Creek. The Calamus Run Project, owned by Mark Beiler, includes a 1,240’ habitat restoration project with a 2.0 acre riparian buffer. Total reductions for both projects based on Model My Watershed are 288 T of sediment, 4,291 lbs of nitrogen, and 715 lbs of phosphorous.

The second application is intended to support the new position (WIP & Monitoring Coordinator) in the Watershed Department and includes a small amount for two projects in Watershed Implementation Plan/Advanced Restoration Plan (Mill, Conewago, Conowingo, and Fishing) watersheds. The grant will pay for the management of sondes in WIP/ARP watersheds and support project permits, design, and implementation for internal and partner projects in WIP/ARP watersheds. The Watershed team already works with many watershed groups and partner groups on projects, so this grant will provide more funding and technical expertise to support this relationship. Approximately \$100,000 will be requested for two restoration projects in any WIP/ARP watershed, and approximately \$100,000 will be requested for salary time designing and managing projects.

The Watershed Board Committee unanimously recommended both grants for approval. Roger Rohrer made the motion to apply for both grants, seconded by Deryk Shaw. The motion passed unanimously. We expect an award in Fall 2026.

6. Executive Committee Report

Chris Thompson reported that there is further discussion to be had regarding offering an invocation at public meetings, but Chris also reported on the committees recommendation to change the board meeting time from 7:30 pm to 7:00 pm. After a few minutes of discussion, Roger Rohrer moved to change the start time from 7:30 pm to 7:00 pm starting January 2026, seconded by Gordon Hoover. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Associate Director Appointment

Chris Thompson highlighted the application for a new Associate Director, Kyle Solyak. There was discussion regarding his background and how his experience in Archtechure could be helpful. Directors also questioned if he should start within the next few months or to wait to have him start in January. Deryk Shaw moved to appoint Kyle as an associate director starting right away depending on his availability, seconded by Herb Kreider. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Reports & Information

1. Correspondence, News, and Updates

- Letter from a student “Our Family Farm”.
- Landstudies updated leadership.
- PACD/SCC Joint Annual Conference Invitation

2. Ken Depoe Remembrance

Matt Kofroth highlighted articles about the former Board Member, and his wife that recently passed.

3. E&S/NPDES Monthly Projects Report

Adam Stern reported the numbers of plans submitted for the month, and also talked about Steve Wyld leaving the district and Chelsea McKenzie starting to take her own territories. He mentioned that the Resource Conservationist role is posted.

4. Tree Sale Report

Co-chair of the Tree Sale Committee, Brady Bosworth, reported on the 2025 Tree Sale highlights. Specifically for the 75th celebrations, for those that spent over \$75.00 dollars they received a gift of a seed depth indicator. He also highlighted that gross sales topped \$40,000 and there was a net profit of \$7,537.90, which was approximately \$700.00 more than last year.

5. Envirothon Events Report

Sallie Gregory reported that there are growing number of schools interested in the Envirothon, and the Persistent Possums from Warwick High School that won the local Senior Envirothon, placed 23rd out of 65 in the State Envirothon Contest.

6. PACD/SCC JAC Registration Announcement

Chris Thompson and Sonia Wasco reminded everyone that the JAC will be July 15-17. Sonia also mentioned that PACD was able to balance budget, and that there are some possible future changes regarding the treasurer and other positions.

7. Lancaster OLN Report

Sallie Gregory highlighted the Outdoor Learning Network Initiative, showing all the partners that help make it possible. She also reviewed where they are planning to go this year. Dates for the 2025 OLN Training are June 17-19.

V. Additional Public Comment:

There was some discussion regarding Solar Panel Companies and Farms. Herb Kreider mentioned that he was approached by a solar broker about leasing a new farm his brother bought at \$5,000 per acre for 5 years.

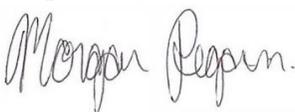
VI. Executives Session:

The Chair called for an executive session at 9:04 PM to discuss a personal matter, and invited the associate directors to stay if they wished.

VII. Meeting Adjourned

The Chair reconvened the meeting and adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:38 PM.

Respectfully,



Morgan Regan
E&S Administrative Support Specialist