

**LANCASTER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 4, 2026**

The 883rd 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 4, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

The following Directors were present: Gordon Hoover, Vice Chairman; Herb Kreider, Kent Weaver, Geoffrey Roher, Ken Meck, Dale Herr, Commissioner Ray D’Agostino, and Roger Rohrer.

The following Associate Directors were present: Kyle Solyak and Jennifer Engle.

The following District Staff were present: Chris Thompson, Stacey Hertz, Sallie Gregory (online), Kent Bitting, Kevin Lutz, Adam Stern, Eric Hout, Amanda Goldsmith (online).

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

The following visitors were present: None present.

Introductions: None.

Invocation: Eric Hout provided the invocation reminding everyone why they are in the room.

Additions to the Agenda: No Additions.

Adam Stern reminded everyone that the meeting was being recorded.

An opportunity was given for public comment: None.

I. Agency Reports

1. USDA, NRCS

Heather Grove stated there are no additions to their report.

2. PA DEP Field Rep Report

From the report; Chaz Heberlig highlighted the Larson Design Group – Technical Assistance Program application round opening, as well as different trainings offered for different departments such as Agriculture program, Dirt and Gravel Road, and Low Volume Road programs, and Chapter 102. He also highlighted that volunteers are needed for the Pennsylvania Envirothon, and that PennDOT has been submitting NPDES projects through KEES.

II. Consent Agenda

No Additions. Roger Rohrer moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Herb Kreider. The motion passed unanimously.

#1 – Minutes of January 21, 2026 Board meeting.

#2 – Technical Assistance Requests/Cancellations

#3 – Nutrient Management Plan Approvals

#4 – Conservation Plan Acknowledgment

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

| APPLICANT | TITLE | TOWNSHIP | SIZE | ASSISTANCE |
|-----------|-------|----------|------|------------|
| None | | | | |

**Item II.3
Requests for Nutrient Management Plan Approval (Lutz)
February 2026 Activity
March 4, 2026 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 # |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|-----------|-------------|----------------|----------|-----------|
| Robert Barley – Star Rock Farms | Manor | Swine | CAO | 184.44 | Reuter | 439 |
| Omar Glick | Upper Leacock | Dairy | CAO | 4.25 | Brodbar | 2551 |
| Lamar Martin | Ephrata | Broiler | CAO | 129.11 | Heigel | 1734 |
| Douglas Rohrer | W. Lampeter/ Pequea | Layer | CAFO/VAO | 1.03 | Brodbar | 111 |

| NMP Update Report to Lancaster County CD Board of Directors | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Date Range: | Jan-26 | Mar-26 | | | | | | | |
| NMP Name | Municipality | Plan Update Submission Date | Original NMP Approval Date | Planner ¹ | Species ² | AEUs | Regulated Operation Type ³ | Date Plan Acknowledgement Letter Sent | Reason for Update |
| Leroy & Timothy Zimmerman | East Donegal | 1/12/2026 | 10/4/2025 | William Rogers | Swint/ Steer/ Geese | 485.8 8 | CAO CAFO | 1/23/2026 | Simple Update |
| Brubaker Farms LLC | East Donegal | 1/5/2026 | 11/5/2025 | Jedd Moncavage | Dairy/ Broilers | 6116. 25 | CAO CAFO | 2/11/2026 | Simple Update |

Item II.4
Acknowledgment of Conservation Plans (Lutz)
The Lancaster NRCS Field Office recommends the following plans for the
January 21, 2026 Board Meeting:
NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

| Conservation Plans | Number of Plans | Planner | Township |
|--------------------|-----------------|---------|----------|
| None | | | |

LCCD AG EROSION & SEDIMENTATION PLANS

| Conservation Plans | Number of Plans | Planner | Township |
|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Dennis Weaver | 1 | Emma Riebling | Rapho |
| Larry Hoover | 1 | Matt Schavnis | Caernarvon |
| Jesse Lapp | 1 | Lauren Brodbar | Leacock |
| Edmund Heltshe | 1 | Josh Pullen | Conestoga |
| Garrett Weaver | 1 | Lauren Brodbar | Paradise |
| Jay Clifford Sensenig | 1 | Adam Hartz | Little Britain |

III. Additional Business

1. Items removed from Consent Agenda

None.

2. Treasurer's Report

Stacey Hertz reported on January and February account balances, and the Raymond James Bond has \$895,179 which is 19.4% gain, and Invest interest rates are 3.77%. She also highlighted the different funds that have been received since the January meeting.

3. Personnel Committee – Request to Hire

Adam Stern presented the request approval to hire Andrea Acosta for the additional Resource Conservationist role starting on March 16. Roger Rohrer moved to approve, seconded by Dale Herr. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Foundation Report & Board Member Approval

Chris Thompson requested approval for the four new Conservation Foundation Board members, and stated that two spots are still available. He also highlighted that the Foundation is researching ways they could potentially use the Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program to raise funds, and that the 2026 Annual Appeal campaign is wrapping up this month. Dale Herr moved to approve the four nominees for the foundation board, seconded by Kent Weaver. The motion passed unanimously.

- Phil Dunn
- Justin Hollinger
- Billy Clauser
- Ethan Bauer

5. ACAP Project Update

Kent Bitting reported that there are \$4.6 million available for projects, and that half of the funds will be for District projects. The other half will be made available to consultants to submit applications on behalf of their clients. Ranking will be the same as previous years, except one ranking question related to the timing of construction has been updated. The funds must be used by October 2026 so we can claim them and get reimbursed in the future.

6. Planning Meeting Report

Sallie Gregory thanked all board directors and associate directors who participated. She highlighted the S.W.O.T. exercise and S.M.A.R.T analysis of several program goals, and the action steps that were developed from the January 21st meeting.

There are four goals:

1. Evaluate and plan for expanding the DnA BMP Verification program while working with the Ag Department to shift the BMP Verification Coordinator position to the Ag Department.
2. Prioritize accessible Annual Appeal, Legacy Giving Plan in Support of District Programming in cooperation with CFLC.
3. Expand support for new and existing watershed organizations.
4. Offer an option for digital submission of plans and permits. Addition and implementation of the Chapter 102 PCSM delegation. Increase the field presence of E&S staff on regulated sites.

7. Watershed Program Report

Amanda Goldsmith updated the directors about the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission's Habitat Improvement Grant Program. Since the last meeting, the project that they are applying for was changed to Christian Petersheim. This project will include 1,300' of restoration and about a 2-acre buffer.

Amanda requested approval to be added to the Clean Water Partner's grant application for, "NFWF INSR Reducing Runoff" for the Mark Beiler Farm. This project will include 1,240' habitat restoration with 2.0 acre riparian buffer. Roger Rohrer moved to approve the request to apply for the grant, seconded by Kent Weaver. The motion passed unanimously.

8. DG/LVR QAB Report

Gordon Hoover stated there are three separate items to the Quality Assurance Board (QAB) has requested action on.

- Contract Amendment - On February 23rd the QAB met to discuss an amendment for a Dirt and Gravel Road project on Pumping Station Road in Elizabeth Township. The project needs an additional \$160,137.78 to finalize the project.
- QAB Organizational Updates - From the meeting held on March 4th there are some program updates listed below.
 - Removing Jay Snyder and adding Dale Herr Jr to the QAB. As well as removing Tyler Keefer and adding Matthew Kofroth as staff/Program Administration.
 - Updating the meeting 2026 schedule to include dates in March and September.
 - Application periods will be approximately 30 days and announced approximately 45 days prior to the QAB's regularly scheduled spring and fall meetings.
- Project Approval - From the March 4th meeting, there is an application from Rapho Township for Cold Springs Road. The project includes the installation of a stormwater drainage under-road crossing. The proposal includes replacing an existing 60' x 24" round pipe with a 64' x 29" x 45" elliptical pipe (equivalent to 36" round). A riprap silting pond will be installed on the outflow side of the pipe to help dissipate the stormwater energy. Additionally, upstream improvements (stream realignment and riprap would be installed to stabilize the upstream banks and stream channel. The QUA reviewed the project details with Rapho Twp Public Works Director, John Haldeman. The total cost of the project is \$46,166.00. The township is requesting a grant of \$24,868. and offering an in-kind match of \$21,320.00. The QAB recommends this project for approval.

Herb Krider moved to approval all three items, seconded by Kent Weaver. The motion passed unanimously.

9. PL-566 Agreements Approval

Chris Thompson provided a background of the Chiques Creek PL-566 project and requested approval to sign the agreement so that the State's Historic Preservation Office can start researching any cultural resources at some potential sites that could be impacted by these floodplain projects. The agreement is between NRCS and the State's Historic Preservation Office, but our signature is needed since the County and the District are partners for this project. Herb Kreider moved to approve, seconded by Roger Rohrer. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Reports & Information

1. Correspondence, News, and Updates

- Thank you cards from staff for monetary gift received in January.
- LNP Article about the District's 75th anniversary.
- Copy of Tree Sale order form.
- Bay in the Balance – Agenda from 2026 Meeting in Gettysburg.

2. E&S/NPDES Monthly Projects Report

Eric Hout highlighted the January and February reports, noting that the numbers are similar to past years. Adam Stern then provided updates on the coordination with DEP to pursue the PCSM delegation. Adam also highlighted the first SPEED submission received.

3. Ethics Forms

Chris Thompson reminded directors to submit their ethics form for 2025 by the May 1st deadline.

VI. Additional Public Comment:

Chris Thompson reviewed dates to remember, and then Kevin Lutz gave some information about the avian influenza that is affecting poultry farms in the County.

VII. Meeting Adjourned

Gordon Hoover adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:19 PM.

Respectfully,



Morgan Regan
E&S Administrative Support Specialist