



LANCASTER COUNTY Conservation District

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, July 1, 2026

Lancaster Farm & Home Center

Zoom Info: <https://zoom.us/j/91731607863>

Business Meeting 7:00 PM

Timer

- 7:00 Invocation – Herb Kreider
 Call to Order, Sonia Wasco, Chairperson
 Welcome & Introductions – Sonia Wasco
 Additions to the Agenda – Christopher Thompson
 Public Comment: Survey media/guests: Agenda items of interest – Sonia Wasco

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- 8:45 V. Additional Public Comment
- 8:50 VI. Adjourn

(Directors, please call the District office if you will not be attending.)

Dates to Remember:

7/3, LCCD Office Closed – 4 th of July Holiday	7/30, 3:30 pm, Cons. Foundation Ex. Comm. Mtg, F&H Center
7/8, Staff Picnic, F&H Center	8/4-6, PACD/SCC Joint Meeting, Harrisburg, PA
7/19-24, Youth Conservation School	

NEXT MEETING DATE: Wednesday, August 5, 2026, 7:00 pm

At the Lancaster County Farm & Home Center

***Action Required**

Item I.1

Activity Report to LCCD Board of Directors - June 2026

Lancaster Field Office Personnel:

Heather Grove, Supervisory District Conservationist
Mark Myers, Soil Conservationist
Joel Alicea Hernandez, Soil Conservationist
Christine Griesemer, Soil Conservationist
Camila Martinez Sanchez, Soil Conservationist
McKinley Morris, Soil Conservationist

Brittany Moore, Civil Engineering Technician
Brian Burns, Soil Conservation Technician
Hannah Luckenbaugh, Program Assistant, Capital R&D
Ashley Spotts, Restoration Specialist, CBF
Elli Liput, Biologist, PF (Dauphin, Lebanon & Lancaster)
Sophia Gilbert, Biologist, PF (York & Lancaster)

CONSERVATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES					
FY25 Total (#)	FY25 Total (Ac)	FY26 Mo. Total (#)	FY26 Mo. Total (Ac)	FY26 Total (#)	FY26 Total (Ac)
52	2,254.9	2	33.5	6	403.6

CONSERVATION PRACTICE INSTALLATION ACTIVITIES			
Practice Code & Name	FY25 Total	FY26 Mo. Total	FY26 Total
313 – Waste Storage Facility (no)	14	-	11
362 – Diversion (ft)	2,110	-	1,618
367 – Roofs & Covers (no)	10	2	14
382 – Fence (ft)	23,354	-	7,874
412 – Grassed Waterway (ac)	4.7	1.9	2.4
516 – Livestock Pipeline (ft)	4,601	1,365	3,283
561 – Heavy Use Area Protection (sq ft)	43,497	1,745	16,577
575 – Trails & Walkways (ft)	3,338	7,776	8,559
578 – Stream Crossings (no)	3	1	2
600 – Terraces (ft)	27,678	-	-
614 – Watering Facility	2	6	16
620 – Underground Outlet (ft)	8,043	3,305	8,014
634 – Waste Transfer System (no)	10	-	1
327 – CREP Conservation Cover (ac)	-	-	34.81
391 – CREP Riparian Forest Buffer (ac)	38.24	2.18	2.18
390 – CREP Riparian Herbaceous Buffer (ac)	-	-	-

*REFLECTS COMMON PRACTICES INSTALLED THROUGH NRCS & FSA FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS; DOES NOT REPRESENT ALL PRACTICES INSTALLED.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE CONTRACT OBLIGATION:				
Program	FY25 Total (#)	FY25 Total (\$)	FY26 Total (#)	FY26 Total (\$)
EQIP/AMA	12	\$1,068,326	4	\$82,477
EQIP IRA	12	\$634,373	NA	NA
CSP	1	\$35,855	-	-
CSP IRA	-	-	NA	NA
TOTAL	25	\$1,738,554	-	-

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS			
Program	FY25 Total (\$)	FY26 Mo. Total (\$)	FY26 Total (\$)
ALL PROGRAMS	\$2,886,742.62	\$171,940.94	\$2,327,492.24

CONSERVATION EASEMENT ACQUISITION ACTIVITIES				
Program/Activity	FY25 Total (#)	FY25 Total (ac)	FY26 Total (#)	FY26 Total (ac)
ALE Easement Requests	1	12.21	-	-
ALE Easement Closings	1	39.405	-	-
WRE Easement Requests	1	4.5	-	-
WRE Easement Closings	-	-	-	-

CONSERVATION EASEMENT ANNUAL MONITORING ACTIVITIES		
Program/Activity	FY25 Total (#)	FY26 Total (#)
GRP Monitoring - Offsite	-	-
GRP Monitoring - Onsite	1	1
WRP/WRE Monitoring - Offsite	7	5
WRP/WRE Monitoring - Onsite	4	5
FRPP/ALE Monitoring - Onsite	-	-

CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (CREP) PLANNING ACTIVITIES:				
	FY25 Total (#)	FY25 Total (Ac)	FY26 Total (#)	FY26 Total (Ac)
New	2	3.36	-	-
Re-enrollments	17	70.19	-	-

Technical & Financial Assistance Updates:

- AMA, EQIP, CSP
 - Staff are working on planning and contracting.
 - EQIP – 18 applications for \$2,065,400
 - CSP – 6 applications for \$298,793
 - Contract Obligation Deadline – 6/30/2026
- CREP
 - Staff are working on planning and contracting.
 - Re-enrollment – 17 offers for 73.12 acres
 - New enrollment – 8 offers for 55.62 acres
 - Plan Update Deadline – 9/18/2026

Respectfully Submitted,



Heather L. Grove
District Conservationist

Item I.2
LANCASTER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 3, 2026

The 886th 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 3, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

The following Directors were present: Sonia Wasco, Chairperson; Gordon Hoover, Vice Chairman; Herb Kreider, Kent Weaver, Dale Herr, Commissioner Ray D’Agostino, and Deryk Shaw.

The following Associate Directors were present: Jennifer Engle, Lori Kier, Dan Zimmerman, and Kyle Solyak.

The following District Staff were present: Chris Thompson, Stacey Hertz, Kent Bitting, Adam Stern, Eric Hout, Matt Kofroth, Morgan Brough, Grace Chamberlain, Kevin Lutz (online), Sallie Gregory (online), Jordan Miller, and Isaac Carachilo.

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

The following visitors were present: None present.

Invocation: Matt Kofroth provided the invocation.

Introductions: None

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 the written report.

2. PA DEP Field Rep Report

Chas Heberlig highlighted the Watershed Specialist Contract renewal is due June 30th, Clean Water Academy trainings for Nutrient Management Plans, 2026 DEP Environmental Education Grant application period is August to November. Also, KEES updates regarding submitting amendments, renewal, NOT submissions/review were anticipated this summer, but has been pushed back to the fall. Lastly, he reminded directors that there are updates to the Chapter 102 delegation agreements to modernize and update.

II. Consent Agenda

Gordon Hoover moved to accept the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Deryk Shaw. The motion passed unanimously.

- #1 – Minutes of May 6, 2026 Board meetings.**
- #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)
May 2026 Activity
June 3, 2026 Board Meeting**

To: The Lancaster County Conservation Board of Directors:
I respectfully submit these Nutrient Management Plans and/or Plan Amendments to the Review Committee and recommend they be approved by the Board. The plans are for the following operations:

OWNER	TOWNSHIP	OPERATION	DESIGNATION	AEU's/ ACRE	REVIEWER	PLAN #
David Breckbill	Strasburg	Layer	CAO	130.9	Brodbar	446
Ben Martin	West Cocalico	Broiler	CAO	198.41	Heigel	417
Brandon Reiff	Pequea	Broiler	CAO	7.82	Reuter	3221
John Smucker	Brecknock	Layer, Sheep	CAO	13.7	Heigel	445
Mel Martin	West Earl	Swine	CAO	77.67	Brodbar	434
Coby & Wayne King	Eden	Beef	CAO	5.61	Reuter	2157
Dustin Ginder	Mount Joy	Layer	CAFO/CAO	1070.46	Schavnis	38
William Burkholder	Ephrata	Pullet	CAO	17.16	Heigel	715
Max Brubaker	Rapho	Broiler	CAFO/CAO	544.66	Riebling	72
Jeffrey Martin	Earl	Sheep/Broiler	CAO	4.22	Wiest	2879
Dale Frank	West Donegal	Swine	CAFO/CAO	1.82	Schavnis	100

NMP Update Report to Lancaster County CD Board of Directors

Technician:

Date Range: Apr-26 May-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
Edwin Horning	Ephrata	4/30/2026	12/3/2025	Jeremy Newswanger	Broilers	166.64	CAO	5/5/2026	Simple Update

**Item II.4
Acknowledgment of Conservation Plans (Lutz)
The Lancaster NRCS Field Office recommends the following plans for the
June 3, 2026 Board Meeting:
NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE**

Conservation Plans	Number of Plans	Planner	Township

None			
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LCCD AG EROSION & SEDIMENTATION PLANS

Conservation Plans	Number of Plans	Planner	Township
Preston Newcomer	1	Emma Riebling	West Hempfield
John Stoltzfus	1	Lauren Brodbar	Earl
John Lantz	1	Josh Pullen	Upper Leacock

III. Additional Business

1. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

None.

2. Treasurer’s Report

Stacey Hertz highlighted Fulton as of 5/28 the value was \$898,995.00, with a 19.9% gain. As of the day of the meeting it had a value of \$901,218.00, a 20.2% gain. Invest interest as of 5/28 was 3.76%, in the invest account there is \$15,107,193.00. Stacey highlighted the negative balance is due to the funds we got for the projects were from last year. Grant Project Income is down compared to the budget due to waiting on CAP funds. This report is filed subject to audit.

3. ACAP/CEG Project Approval

Kent Bitting requested approval for two projects, listed below. Dale Herr moved to approve the projects, seconded by Herb Kreider. The motion passed unanimously.

Landowner	District/Private Consultant	Municipality	BMPs	Total Project Cost	Total Grant Requested
Edwin Horning Jr.	District	Ephrata Twp.	Roofed Stacking Shed, Heavy Use Area, Underground Outlet, Roof Runoff Structure	\$234,556.32	\$211,100.66
Darren Charles	District	Pequea Twp.	Roofed Stacking Shed, Heavy Use Area, Underground Outlet, Roof Runoff Structure	\$208,260.99	\$187,434.89
Totals				\$442,817.31	\$398,535.55

4. Watershed Specialist Agreement

Matt Kofroth requested approval to renew the Watershed Specialist Contract. The contract is for a maximum of \$50,250.00, including a mini-education grant for \$5,000.00. Deryk Shaw moved to approve the contract as presented, seconded by Herb Kreider. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Watershed Committee Report

Grace Chamberlain requested approval to apply for two grants, information for each grant is listed below. There were some questions regarding why these projects were chosen, and Grace stated that this helps to connect other projects in the area. Gordon Hoover moved to approve, seconded by Herb Kreider. The motion passed unanimously.

- The 319 grant application will be for two habitat restoration projects on Eshleman Run and Walnut Run in the Pequea Creek Watershed. The total request will be between \$300,000-\$350,000. The Eshleman Run Project, owned by Jacob Glick, includes a 2200’ habitat restoration project with a 3.5-acre riparian buffer. This project will connect to a stream project completed in 2018 and another that was completed last summer. completed on Quarry this past

summer. The Walnut Run Project, owned by Fred Ranck, includes a 1,800' habitat restoration project with a 2.8-acre riparian buffer.

- The Growing Greener application will be for two habitat restoration projects – one on an UNT to Chiques Creek and another along Little Muddy Creek. The total request will be between \$300,000-\$320,000. The UNT to Chiques Creek Project, owned by Caitlin Morse, includes a 600' habitat restoration project with a challenging change in gradient from upstream to downstream. The Little Muddy Creek Project, owned by Steven Weaver, includes a 2,300' habitat restoration project with a 3.5-acre riparian buffer.

6. Personnel Committee Report

Dan Zimmerman circulated Jennifer Sparks resume and requested approval to hire Jennifer for the Finance Assistant position. Gordon Hoover moved to approve, seconded by Dale Herr. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Reports & Information

1. Correspondence, News, and Updates

- Donald Robinson memorial card
- Lititz Record Express – Warwick HS sweeps top spots at Lancaster County Envirothon
- Article about Sierra Club awards Green Grants
- Water Week Flyer – Schedule of Events

2. E&S/NPDES Monthly Projects Report

Adam Stern highlighted a call with DEP about their findings from the Chapter 102 evaluation, and anticipating a final report at the end of June. Eric Hout then highlighted numbers from the E&S reports.

3. Tree Sale Report

Matt Kofroth highlighted the report that was included in the BOD packet, making note of the top selling trees and perennials.

4. Envirothon Events Report

Sallie Gregory highlighted the written report.

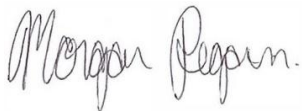
VI. Additional Public Comment:

None offered.

VII. Meeting Adjourned

Herb Kreider moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Gordon Hoover. Sonia Wasco adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:29 PM.

Yours for a better environment,



Morgan Regan
E&S Administrative Support Specialist

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

APPLICANT	TITLE	TOWNSHIP	SIZE	ASSISTANCE
None				

**Item II.3
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June 2026 Activity
July 1, 2026 Board Meeting**

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I recommend these plans to be approved by the Board. The plans are for the following operations:

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John Hoover	Brecknock	Turkey	CAO	7.81	Heigel	713
Curvin Zimmerman	Earl	Layer	CAO	134.75	Heigel	2643
Daniel and Dwight Forry	West Hempfield	Swine, Heifer, Goats	CAFO/VAO	1.95	Riebling	411
Brandon Barry	West Cocalico	Layer	CAO	81.1	Heigel	2686
Stephen Martin & Andrew Rutt	Clay	Broiler	CAO	242.64	Riebling	244
Michael Musser	Clay	Pullet	CAO	11.92	Heigel	327
Elam K. King	West Earl	Heifers/Layers	CAO	10.6	Heigel	284
Jason Martin	Ephrata	Broiler	CAO	101.62	Schavnis	256
Louis Martin	East Earl	Broiler	CAO	12.48	Hartz	2633
Julian Martin	East Earl	Broiler/Rooster/ Pullet	CAO	68.81	Hartz	15
Brad Byers	Drumore	Broiler	CAO	126.8	Adams	461
Mike Rohrer	Manor	Dairy	CAFO/CAO	3.6	Reuter	265
Steve Good	Strasburg	Broiler	CAFO/CAO	6.69	Brodbar	300
Curvin Nolt	Drumore	Broiler	CAO	36.09	Adams	49
Geoffrey Rohrer	Manor	Dairy/Broiler	CAFO/VAO	1.49	Reuter	52
David L. Lapp	Salisbury	Broiler	CAO	267.47	Brodbar	79
Paul Stoltzfus	Salisbury	Beef	CAO	3.12	Brodbar	804
Chris Hoover	East Drumore	Layer	CAO	21.47	Adams	966
Robert Barley	Manor	Dairy	CAFO/CAO	3518.23	Reuter	421

NMP Update Report to Lancaster County CD Board of Directors

Technician:

Date Range: Apr-26 May-26

NMP Name	Municipality	Plan Update Submission Date	Original NMP Approval Date	Planner¹	Species²	AEUs	Regulated Operation Type³	Date Plan Acknowledgement Letter Sent	Reason for Update
Bacon Acres LLC & Providence Farms LLC	Martic	6/8/2026	8/6/2025	Devin Gerlach	Swine/Layers	675.13	CAO CAFO	6/22/2026	Simple Update

Item II.4

Acknowledgment of Conservation Plans (Lutz)

The Lancaster NRCS Field Office recommends the following plans for the July 1, 2026 Board Meeting:

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

Conservation Plans	Number of Plans	Planner	Township
David C. Kazmerski	1	Heather Grove	West Hempfield
Shawn D. Mckinney	1	Mark Myers	Brecknock

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Conservation Plans	Number of Plans	Planner	Township
Delmar Weiler	1	Greg Heigel	East Earl
Mitch Stoltzfus	1	Lauren Brodbar	Sadsbury

Item III.2
Lancaster County Conservation District
Balance Sheet
As of June 23, 2026

ASSETS

Dst Accts	
District General Fund	
1001 · General Fund INVEST	1,549,055.32
1015 · General Fund Citizens	51,287.89
Total District General Fund	1,600,343.21
Raymond James/Fulton Advisors	
Investment Unrealized Gain/Loss	149,261.88
Raymond James/Fulton Advisors - Other	750,000.00
Total Raymond James/Fulton Advisors	899,261.88
E & S	
1002 · E & S - A	897,582.53
1005 · Clean Water - R	423,451.33
Total E & S	1,321,033.86
1003 · Youth Conservation School - C	1,115.76
1006 · Separation - A	51,590.13
1007 · Reserve	
Reserved-LCCD Health - A	30,087.16
Reserved-Capital - A	61,869.69
Reserved-Communication - A	29,000.00
Reserved-Computer Hardware - A	36,725.77
Reserved-NM Program - A	62,863.97
Reserved-NMP Vehicle - A	84,662.65
1007 · Reserve - Other	301,487.94
Total 1007 · Reserve	606,697.18
1008 · Scholarship - C	
Bond Unrealized Gain/Loss - C	-2,998.32
Scholarship Bonds - C	35,000.00
1008 · Scholarship - C - Other	11,026.01
Total 1008 · Scholarship - C	43,027.69
1009 · Dirt & Gravel Roads - R	62,464.72
1013 - Exelon - R	809,928.67
1014 - Low Volume Roads - R	318,930.69
1115 · Conservation Excellence - R	1,229,672.39
1118 · American Rescue Plan Act - R	192,529.34
1119 · Agriculture Conservation Ass -R	5,602,123.53
1120 · CAP 2024 - R	865,009.37
1121 · ARPA 2024 - R	45,596.32
1122 · SCC ACAP 24/25 - R	1,074,211.54
1123 · DEP CAP 2025 - R	27,246.15
1124 · SCC ACAP 25/26 - R	1,837,120.22
1125 · DEP CAP 2026 - R	589,493.00
1017 · Self-Funded Health Insurance -R	125,767.70
TOTAL ASSETS	17,303,163.35

\$1,456,492.42	General Operations - U
\$36,173.29	Grants without bank account - R
\$56,991.82	Activities Account - A
\$50,685.68	Tree Fundraiser Account - U
\$1,600,343.21	TOTAL

Fulton Advisors	Fulton + INVEST
Funds Invested	Balance
5/2/2022	5/28/2026
350,000	1,247,582.53
	<u>423,451.33</u>
	1,671,033.86
25,000	26,115.76
25,000	76,590.13
100,000	130,087.16
100,000	162,863.97
125,000	426,487.94
25,000	68,027.69
750,000	Initial Investment
899,262	Current value
19.9%	ITD Gain/Loss

\$1,886,373.72	A - Assigned Funds
\$94,143.45	C - Committed Funds
\$13,239,718.26	R - Restricted Funds
\$2,082,927.92	U - Unassigned Funds
\$17,303,163.35	TOTAL

Lancaster County Conservation District
Balance Sheet
As of June 23, 2026

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Other Current Liabilities

2200 · YCS Liability 26,115.76

2016 · Health Insurance Liability 125,205.90

Total Other Current Liabilities 151,321.66

Total Current Liabilities 151,321.66

Total Liabilities 151,321.66

Equity

3000 · Opening Bal Equity 893,054.68

3900 · Retained Earnings 17,532,560.59

Net Income -1,273,773.58

Total Equity 17,151,841.69

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 17,303,163.35

Lancaster County Conservation District
Income and Expenses
 January 1 through June 23, 2026

9:36 AM
 06/25/26
 Cash Basis

	General Operations	E&S	Activities & Tree Sale	Grants	Scholarship	Separation/ Reserve	Jan 1 - Jun 23, 26	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Income									
520 · County Funding	250,000.00						250,000.00	250,000.00	0.00
530 · Program Contracts	978,350.82	53,000.00					1,031,350.82	723,141.50	308,209.32
560 · Grant Administration	613,768.62			13,920.00			627,688.62	969,457.00	-341,768.38
570 · Grant Project Income	338.46			6,643,836.19			6,644,174.65	5,500,000.00	1,144,174.65
580 · Fee / Reimbursement Income	4,616.40		4,050.00				8,666.40	10,472.08	-1,805.68
581 · E&S102 Review Fees		281,695.00					281,695.00	341,194.42	-59,499.42
582 · NPDES Permit Fees		46,500.00					46,500.00	48,055.54	-1,555.54
590 · Interest Income	17,357.63	20,796.55		224,268.48	495.81	10,044.52	272,962.99	35,561.09	237,401.90
540 · Activity Income	(333.33)		15,515.77		2,570.50		17,752.94	32,407.89	-14,654.95
585 · Tree Sales Income			31,679.57				31,679.57	45,600.00	-13,920.43
595 · Other Income	395.00	9.35		1,528.68		25,988.74	27,921.77	6,000.00	21,921.77
599R · Interfund Transfer In						1,388.77	1,388.77	7,666.67	-6,277.90
Total Income	1,864,493.60	402,000.90	51,245.34	6,883,553.35	3,066.31	37,422.03	9,241,781.53	7,969,556.19	1,272,225.34
Gross Profit							9,241,781.53	7,969,556.19	1,272,225.34
Expense									
7100 · Staff Salary	1,005,188.66	332,014.30		236,798.49			1,574,001.45	1,598,295.33	-24,293.88
710 · All Emp Benefits	274,655.25	75,173.35	1,656.56	33,152.81			384,637.97	478,307.70	-93,669.73
720 · Vehicle & Travel Expenses	17,801.57	3,225.05	16.68	3,460.02			24,503.32	39,405.59	-14,902.27
722 · Meeting Expenses	4,254.90	797.19		578.85	387.64		6,018.58	10,620.34	-4,601.76
730 · Supplies	4,945.66	313.22	868.03	26.44			6,153.35	10,286.33	-4,132.98
735 · IT - Communication	14,519.04	4,427.36	80.00	1,233.00			20,259.40	16,338.79	3,920.61
740 · Postage	2,086.76	268.58	23.20	107.38	37.74		2,523.66	3,051.51	-527.85
745 · Office Rent	37,877.54	11,616.38		4,813.04			54,306.96	52,476.19	1,830.77
750 · Equipment	3,739.16	4,810.50					8,549.66	17,002.48	-8,452.82
830 - Administrative	64,304.60	35.00		104.28			64,443.88	4,925.71	59,518.17
810 · Activity Expenses	591.50	315.00	29,692.23	4,918.40	2,500.00		38,017.13	59,304.86	-21,287.73
820 · Grant Project Expenses	(19,601.64)	13,086.72		8,330,701.98			8,330,701.98	5,500,000.00	2,830,701.98
805 · Allocated Cost Transfer	(351.00)			6,514.92			49.00	77,008.50	-77,008.50
890 · Miscellaneous Expenses	1,388.77			400.00			240.26	240.26	-191.26
899E · Interfund Transfer Out							1,388.77	7,666.67	-6,277.90
Total Expense	1,411,400.77	446,082.65	32,336.70	8,622,809.61	2,925.38	0.00	10,515,555.11	7,874,930.26	2,640,624.85
Net Income	453,092.83	-44,081.75	18,908.64	-1,739,256.26	140.93	37,422.03	-1,273,773.58	94,625.93	-1,368,399.51

Item III.3
ACAP/CEG Grant Approval
 Bitting/Lutz

The Agriculture Conservation Assistance Program (ACAP) and Conservation Excellence Grant (CEG) currently have 5 applications that have been reviewed by district staff and are ready for board action. The following table outlines the projects and amounts requested.

Landowner	District/Private Consultant	Municipality	BMPs	Total Project Cost	Total Grant Requested
Levi Stoltzfus	AET Consulting	Bart Twp.	Liquid Manure Storage, Heavy Use Area, Underground Outlet, Waste Transfer	\$152,600.00	\$138,600.00
Kenneth Martin	District	East Earl Twp.	Roofed Stacking Shed, Heavy Use Area, Underground Outlet, Roof Runoff Structure	\$207,502.25	\$186,752.02
Jonathan M. Hess	District	Pequea Twp.	Roofed Stacking Shed, Heavy Use Area, Underground Outlet, Roof Runoff Structure	\$154,000.00	\$138,600.00
Jay L. Hess	District	Conestoga Twp.	Roofed Stacking Shed, Heavy Use Area, Underground Outlet, Roof Runoff Structure	\$88,000.00	\$79,200.00
Harold W. Weik	District	Mount Joy Twp.	Fencing	\$11,333.33	\$10,200.00
Totals				\$613,435.58	\$553,352.02

The Ag Program Manager and Assistant Ag Program Manager recommend positive action for approving \$553,352.02 worth of ACAP/CEG funding for the multiple applications.

***Action Required**

**Item III.4
Outstanding Cooperator 2027
Award Report**

The Outstanding Cooperator Committee met on May 27, 2026 to review candidates nominated by District & NRCS staff for the Outstanding Cooperator Award. Committee members Gordon Hoover (Director Member), Chris Thompson (staff member), Kevin Lutz (staff member), Kent Bitting (staff member), Heather Grove (NRCS), and Kimberly Merlau (FSA) attended the meeting. Staff who submitted names were at the meeting to present material and answer questions. Information for each of the eight candidates listed below was provided, and committee members took a virtual tour of each farm using PracticeKeeper and Google Maps. Each presenter provided historical and current information, and committee members were given the chance to ask questions and make comments.

FARMS SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION

Bill Hershey	26 Fern Crest Road, Quarryville	Greg Heigel
Bryan Byers	81 Four Pines Road, Quarryville	Samantha Adams
Ken Martin	1397 Robert Fulton Hwy, Quarryville	Samantha Adams
Bruce Wagner	305 Elm Road, Lititz	Mark Myers (NRCS)
Jim Hershey	338 Sunnyburn Road, Elizabethtown	Matt Schavnis
Randy Andrews	421 Penn Grant Road, Lancaster	Lauren Brodbar
Keith Frey	3919 Elizabethtown Road, Manheim	Emma Riebling
Dale Rohrer	750 Doe Run Road, Lititz	Emma Riebling

After hearing all of the presentations and discussing the uniqueness of each farm, the committee proposes honoring Bill Hershey as our 2027 Outstanding Cooperator. This operation was considered at the 2026 Outstanding Cooperator Committee meeting as well. Although installing practices mainly through the assistance of NRCS, the Hershey family has had District staff assist with the implementation over the years, including retired NRCS, now District staff member, Gary Ballina. PACD and CBF staff have also worked with Bill. The committee found it noteworthy that this smaller family dairy completed conservation work without regulatory pressures and is in the process of transitioning the operation to the next generation with the same conservation ethic.

The Committee also recommends presenting the Soil Stewardship Award to Jim Hershey in 2027. The committee felt that Jim's strong influence in conservation through his efforts on the PA No-Till Alliance, and the impressive amount of Best Management Practices that he has installed on his farm, which he has opened up as demonstrations for both the public and agency staff, fit the spirit of this award perfectly.

The Outstanding Cooperator Committee recommends that the Board approve granting the 2027 Outstanding Cooperator Award to Bill Hershey, Little Britain Township, and the Soil Stewardship Award to Jim Hershey, Mount Joy Township.

***Action Required**

Item III.5

Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) Technician & Engineer Funding Agreement

The District has been participating in the Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) Technician & Engineer programs for many years. The maximum funding available for the Chesapeake Bay Technicians has remained unchanged at \$250,000. As with last year, this includes \$10,000 for BMP verification. The maximum funding available has also remained unchanged for the Chesapeake Bay Engineering Specialist and Engineering Assistant at a total of \$176,900.

The total CBP Contract for fiscal year 2026-2027 has a value of \$426,900.

The Agriculture Program Manager and the District Administrator recommend the submission of the funding applications to DEP for processing and final signatures.

***Action Required**

Item III.6

Conservation District Fund Allocation Program (CDFAP)/Agricultural Conservation Technical Assistance (ACT) Funding Applications

It is anticipated that at the July 2026 SCC meeting, formal action will be taken to allocate funds through the CDFAP/ACT programs. This funding provides partial support (\$20,000 base allocation) of the salary/benefits costs of our Ag Compliance position (Tristan Conrad). These funding levels are the same as last year. Once again, this is partial funding; the remaining part of Tristan's salary is made up from Chesapeake Bay Technician funding and Unconventional Gas Well (UGF) funding. Board action is required for this funding application.

***Action Required**

Item III.7

2026 PACD/SCC Joint Annual Conference

August 4-6, 2026 (preconference activities planned for August 4)
at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex & Expo Center in Harrisburg

July 17, 2026 | 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

PACD District Employees Committee Videoconference

Contact hmiller@pacd.org for a registration link.

July 21, 2026 | 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

PACD Education & Outreach Committee Videoconference

Contact swehinger@pacd.org for a registration link.

July 22, 2026 | 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

PACD Legislative Committee Videoconference

Contact mburns@pacd.org for a registration link.

July 27, 2026 | 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

PACD Ways & Means Committee Videoconference

Contact abrown@pacd.org for a registration link.

July 28, 2026 | 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

PACD Operations Committee Videoconference

Contact mburns@pacd.org for a registration link.

August 4-6, 2026 (preconference activities planned for
August 4)

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Item IV.3
Education Program Update
Water Week – Virtual Author Visit

Sallie Gregory, District Education and Operations Coordinator, and Sarah Bower, Youth Liaison, Library System of Lancaster County, hosted a virtual visit with Rosalie Haizlett, author of *Tiny Worlds of the Appalachian Mountains: An Artist's Journey*. Laurel Marx, District Summer Intern, also supported the event.

Twenty-six people participated in the Zoom call on June 10, 2026, at 6 pm. More than 50 people initially registered for the free program. Rosalie described her artistic process, the coordination of the trip, and the idea to combine her detailed journal and beautiful watercolors into a book.

The Library System of Lancaster County generously purchased her book for each library as part of this special event. A quick search today shows 9 of the 16 copies are currently checked out. *Tiny Worlds of the Appalachian Mountains* features artist Rosalie Haizlett's hand-drawn exploration of the region's smallest creatures and plants--a celebration of biodiversity and an invitation to slow down and appreciate nature's hidden wonders. The journey encompasses a trip through the Appalachian peaks, trails, and rivers from Alabama to Maine to Canada. Along the way, Rosalie talks about the tools and steps for deep noticing and observation, discovering luna moths, earthstar mushrooms, pickerel frogs, showy orchids, and more. Exploring national forests, national parks, wildlife refuges, and other public lands, she met with biologists, ecologists, and rangers to get an insider's look.

The event was publicized by both the Conservation District and the Library System. Special thanks to Noelle Cudney for designing the event poster. Additionally, Laurel designed a trifold brochure that highlighted books available within the Library System and connected to conservation. A copy of the brochure will be available at the board meeting. This connection with local libraries is another way to share the work of the Conservation District with new audiences. Laurel also monitored the chat during the program. She presented participants' questions to Rosalie after her presentation.

The surprising outcome of the program was that in the virtual setting, we were able to host participants from across the country. The Conservation District and Library System services and programs were introduced at the start to folks from Lancaster County to North Carolina, Texas, and all the way to Washington state. Sallie and Sarah appreciated the opportunity to partner in this event and look forward to working together in the future.

Item IV.4
Lancaster County Youth Conservation School

The 47th Conservation School will be held on July 19-24, 2026. A Sponsor Dinner will be held on Wednesday, July 22, at 5:30 pm. Directors and Associate Directors are invited to attend to represent the Board of Directors. Please RSVP by Wednesday, July 15, 2026. Sallie Gregory, Education and Operations Coordinator, will email an invitation form to respond to or call 717-299-5361 ext. 2516 by July 15 to RSVP if you plan to attend.

Item IV.5
Summer Intern Presentation

Laurel Marx, a graduate of Lehigh University, will share a presentation regarding her summer internship at the Conservation District. Laurel has been working directly with the Education and Watershed Programs. The internship continues until July 30.

Item IV.6
Lancaster OLNI (Outdoor Learning Network Initiative)

A 3-day professional development was held for teachers, June 16-18, 2026. The seventh cohort included 27 teachers from schools across Lancaster County. The Lancaster Outdoor Learning Network Initiative's purpose is to advance watershed and environmental literacy by stewarding teacher professional development, connecting educators within school districts, and increasing students' understanding of watershed concepts using local resources.

The program is facilitated through major funding from the Arconic Foundation and additional support from the PA Department of Environmental Protection, Lancaster County Ag Council, and Sierra Club Lancaster.

Teachers received materials, lesson plans, and resources encouraging them to develop a Meaningful Watershed Education Experience with their students. Each day was spent at different locations in Lancaster County, with instruction from 12 presenters and all members of the Leadership Team. A display at the board meeting will include the schedule, books of the day, and several of the resources provided.

Special thanks to Morgan Regan, Noelle Cudney, and Matt Kofroth for their support and assistance in preparing for the event.

Many participants this year have attended a previous Lancaster OLNI. Eight teachers were new to the program. Evaluations are still being collected; however, there is growth in most of the participants' understanding of watershed concepts. This year, wetland ecosystems were a new topic presented. One participant evaluation stated, " The tour led by the engineer at Long's Park wetland system – I learned how a community plan can come together to meet a multitude of needs and address many areas. I directly saw the impact of invasive animals and plants within the system, as well as learning about the beneficial ways to mitigate stormwater. Residing and teaching in the county makes it impossible not to know about the efforts being made within Lancaster to help the bay, so getting an up-close view of this restored wetland and how it works was informative."

The program is a mix of presentations, lesson models, tours, scientific data exploration, examples from teachers who are integrating MWEE's, and time for teachers to plan, ask questions, and design ideas. This year, several mini-grants are available to participants to apply for from the Conservation District.

The word Network is used in the title of the program for a reason. Community organizations serve as partners to support teachers. The growing impact of the program is illustrated by teachers' confidence and awareness to develop curriculum connections and communicate with local resources for support or instruction. See the display at the board meeting for further information.