

**LANCASTER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 5, 2026**

The 888th 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 August 5, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

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

The following Associate Directors were present: Jennifer Engle, Lori Kier, Dan Zimmerman, Philip Dunn (online), Kyle Solyak, Bob Shearer, and Greg Strausser.

The following District Staff were present: Stacey Hertz, Kent Bitting, Adam Stern, Matt Kofroth, and Sallie Gregory (online).

The following Cooperating Agency representatives were present: Chaz Heberlig, DEP Field Representative; Mark Myers (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

Mark Myers highlighted the report and stated that their fiscal year is coming to a close and they will have more information in September.

2. PA DEP Field Rep Report

Chaz Heberlig highlighted from his report that registration being open for the following conferences; the PA Agency All Ag Meeting and Annual ACAP Conference, the Conservation District Watershed Specialist Annual Conference, and 2026 Management Summit. He also highlighted the Chapter 102 Pilot Program being available to Districts, those interested must reach out to the Bureau of Clean Water.

II. Consent Agenda

Dale Herr moved to accept the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Roger Rohrer. The motion passed unanimously.

- #1 – Minutes of July 1, 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)
July 2026 Activity
August 5, 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 #
Samuel M. Esch	West Lampeter	Dairy	CAO	2.63	Brodbar	389
Dennis Groff	Strasburg	Layer	CAFO/CAO	4.06	Brodbar	915
Samuel Kauffman	Sadsbury	Dairy	CAO	10.88	Reuter	311
Bryan Zeiset	Ephrata	Dairy	CAO	2.3	Heigel	1791
Evan Augsburg	West Cocalico	Swine	CAFO/CAO	147.41	Heigel	690
Phil Good	Strasburg	Layer/Heifer	CAFO/CAO	7.24	Brodbar	829
Melvin Beiler	East Drumore	Dairy/Sheep	CAO	9.08	Adams	3363
Brent Gehman	Clay	Dairy	CAO	3.43	Schavnis	689
Doug Wolgemuth	West Donegal	Swine	CAFO/VAO	1.08	Schavnis	20
Randall Bleacher	Manor	Layer	CAFO/CAO	8.44	Reuter	262
Dutchland Farms	Mount Joy	Layer	CAFO/CAO	373.49	Lutz	255
Eli Smucker	East Drumore	Dairy	CAO	3.26	Adams	1743
Ezra Smucker	Little Britain	Dairy	CAO	2.19	Adams	694
David Sweigart III & Jon Sweigart	Mt. Joy / W. Donegal	Dairy/Swine	CAFO/CAO	5.59	Schavnis	369
Frank Weaver	Caernarvon	Broiler	CAO	3.72	Heigel	2718
Ben Stoltzfus Jr.	Caernarvon	Dairy	CAO	2.69	Brough	1579
Wilmer W. Nolt	Fulton	Dairy/Ducks	CAFO/VAO	0.9	Adams	1579

NMP Update Report to Lancaster County CD Board of Directors

Technician:

Date Range: June-26 July-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
Scott Wagner	Little Britain	6/19/2026	11/5/2025	Bryan Withiam	Turkeys	400.58	CAO CAFO	7/6/2026	Simple Update
Hess Agrimarket ing, LLC	East Donegal	7/6/2026	10/2/2024	William Rogers	Beef	416.44	CAO CAFO	7/17/2026	Yearly Plan Submissions Update
Levi Stoltzfoos	Sadsbury	7/13/2026	1/21/2026	Derek Metcalfe	Dairy	158.1	CAO	7/14/2026	Simple Update

Item II.4

Acknowledgment of Conservation Plans (Lutz)

The Lancaster NRCS Field Office recommends the following plans for the

August 5, 2026 Board Meeting:

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

Conservation Plans	Number of Plans	Planner	Township
Karen L. Trump	1	McKinley Morris	Conoy
Jon Dwight Yoder	1	Eli Liput	East Hempfield
Gerry L. Kready	1	Christine Griesemer	Rapho
Katrina T. Devine	1	Mark Myers	West Cocalico
Bradley J. Myers	1	McKinley Morris	Pequea
Jevin M. Kready	1	Christine Griesemer	Rapho
Jared J. Krantz	1	Mark Myers	East Drumore
Lavender and Locks Design LLC	1	Christine Griesemer	Mount Joy
Elmer E. Fisher	1	McKinley Morris	Drumore
Michael J. Landis	1	Christine Griesemer	Manheim
Scenic Valley Farms LLC	19	Joel Alicea-Hernandez	Ephrata

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Conservation Plans	Number of Plans	Planner	Township
Doug Shenk	1	Josh Pullen	Warwick
Ken Martin	1	Lauren Brodbar	East Earl
Solomon Fisher	1	Lauren Brodbar	East Lampeter

III. Additional Business

1. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

None.

2. Treasurer's Report

Stacey Hertz highlighted that the Raymond James Investment account has slightly decreased this month due to the gain going from 19.9% to 19.7%, but she checked the day of the meeting, and the account had \$905,436.95 with a 20.7% gain. The invest interest rate was 3.82% increased from 3.75%. She also highlighted the amount of -\$6,515.05, this is due to waiting for funds from grants to go towards projects.

3. Personnel Committee Report/Request to Hire

Dan Zimmerman requested approval to hire Pedro Texidor for the Agriculture Compliance Specialist position. Herb Kreider motioned to approve, seconded by Roger Roher. The motion passed unanimously.

4. ACAP/CEG Project Funding Approval

Kent Bitting requested approval for two applications for the Agriculture Conservation Assistance Program (ACAP) and Conservation Excellence Grant (CEG). Herb Kreider moved to approve the funding for the 2 projects, seconded by Deryk Shaw. The motion passed unanimously.

Landowner	District/Private Consultant	Municipality	BMPs	Total Project Cost	Total Grant Requested
Scott Wagner	District	Little Britain Twp.	Roofed Stacking Shed, Heavy Use Area, Access Road, Underground Outlet, Roof Runoff Structure	\$368,741.08	\$331,866.97
Douglas W. Gibson	District	Drumore Twp.	Terrace, Underground Outlet	\$8700.77	\$7830.69
Totals				\$377,441.85	\$339,697.66

5. Ag Department Vehicle Purchase

Kent Bitting reported that staff purchased a "Daybreak Blue Pearl" 2026 Subaru Forester for \$29,178.54 from Steve Moyer Subaru, which was under the budget of \$30,000. The Ag Program also received two other estimates for this purchase, and Steve Moyer was the lowest.

IV. Reports & Information

1. Correspondence, News, and Updates

- Obituary for Barbara Heistand, mother of former District Employee Gerald Heistand.

2. E&S/NPDES Monthly Projects Report

Adam Stern highlighted feedback from the DEP program review, and the changes they are making to comply with the items that were highlighted for improvement. He also highlighted the E&S report going over fees received in comparison to the budget.

3. Youth Conservation School Update

Sallie Gregory gave a brief history of the Youth Conservation School. She highlighted from her report that there were 18 students and some of the events the students got to participate in while recognizing some of the volunteers that assisted with Youth Conservation School.

4. Artificial Intelligence (AI) Use Policy Review

Matt Kofroth highlighted the draft AI Policy and the background on where they pulled information for the policy as well as the goals of the policy to make sure that there is responsible AI use. There was some discussion about different problems that have come up with AI such as fact checking AI to be a starting point, and that some people have had problems where the plans they create for a client get uploaded into AI by the client, which is copyright infringement, and how are we going to protect ourselves from that happening to our work. Staff will review the policy to make any edits suggested by the Board and will return the AI Policy to the Board in September.

VI. Additional Public Comment:

None offered.

VII. Meeting Adjourned

Deryk Shaw moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Herb Kreider. Gordon Hoover adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:05 PM.

Yours for a better environment,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Morgan Regan".

Morgan Regan
E&S Administrative Support Specialist