Item IV.3
Lancaster County Conservation District
Erosion & Sedimentation Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday September 24, 2026 1:30 P.M.
Farm & Home Center - Sunroom – Upstairs Room 222 - Virtually via Microsoft Teams

Attendance

In Person: Commissioner Ray D'Agostino, Greg Strausser, Adam Stern
Online: Deryk Shaw, Kyle Solyak, Eric Hout, Chris Thompson

1. Notification of Pending Legal Filing – Fairmount Road, Little Britain Township

Eric Hout notified the committee that an LCCD E&S Department staff member, Ryan Riebling, has been named within a filing to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. In April 2026, LCCD and DEP staff, including Ryan Riebling, conducted an inspection of a site for which LCCD had received a complaint. Subsequently, the property owners filed a writ of mandamus with the Supreme Court and named Mr. Riebling within the filing along with various DEP staff. The Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General (OAG) is providing legal representation to the LCCD and DEP. LCCD staff will continue to work with the DEP and OAG as the case progresses.

2. 2027 E&S Committee Meeting Schedule

Committee will keep the same meeting schedule for 2027. "Erosion & Sedimentation Committee will be held on the 4th Thursday of each month except November and December will meet on the 3rd Thursday. All meetings at 1:30 PM."

3. 2027 Fee Schedule – Initial Review

Adam Stern presented the initial research and information gathering completed in preparation for a proposed 2027 fee schedule increase. Current internal procedure recommends evaluation of the fee schedule every other year and the current schedule was enacted at the beginning of 2025. Additionally, adding staff needed for the PCSM delegation will necessitate a fee increase to cover associated expenses.

Discussion included:

- **Impact of a fee increase on the regulated community and by proxy residents of Lancaster County**
- **Current proposed 2027 E&S Department budget and an anticipated deficit**
- **Desire to phase in any large fee increase in order to provide opportunities for reconsideration as well as planning for the regulated community**
- **Merits of a resubmission fee**
- **Potential for incentivizing pre-application meetings**
- **Comparison of current and proposed fees to other county conservation districts**

Committee asked staff to:

- **Prepare a proposed fee schedule that targets a 25% increase for NPDES permitted projects with a smaller increase for standalone E&S plan reviews**
- **Research the possibility of financially incentivizing pre-application meetings**
- **Include a proposal for a resubmission fee that avoids punishing well developed submissions with minimal deficiencies while working to cover the additional costs associated with review of substantially deficient submissions**

Next Scheduled Meeting
Thursday October 22, 2026 @ 1:30 PM
Farm & Home Center and virtually via Microsoft Teams