LANCASTER COUNTY
Conservation District

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday, November 4, 2026
Lancaster Farm & Home Center
Zoom Info: https://zoom.us/j/91731607863
Business Meeting 7:00 PM

Timer

7:00 Invocation – Phil Dunn
Call to Order, Chairman, Sonia Wasco
Welcome & Introductions – Sonia Wasco
Additions to the Agenda – Chris Thompson
Public Comment: Survey media/guests: Agenda items of interest – Sonia Wasco

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8:25 V. Additional Public Comment

8:30 VI. Adjourn

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

Dates to Remember:

11/7 Lancaster & Lebanon Watershed Forum	11/20 Extra Give
11/11 Veterans' Day Holiday – Office Closed	11/26, 27 Thanksgiving Holiday – Office Closed
11/19 Chamber Ag Banquet	

NEXT MEETING DATE: Wednesday, December 2, 2026, 7:00 pm
Zoom or at the Lancaster County Farm & Home Center

***Action Required**

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Lancaster Field Office
1383 Arcadia Road, Room 200
Lancaster, PA 17601

Activity Report to LCCD Board of Directors – October 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 Gilbart, Biologist, PF (York & Lancaster)

CONSERVATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES					
FY26 Total (#)	**FY26 Total (Ac)**	**FY27 Mo. Total (#)**	**FY27 Mo. Total (Ac)**	**FY27 Total (#)**	**FY27 Total (Ac)**
94	6,323.8	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

CONSERVATION PRACTICE INSTALLATION ACTIVITIES			
Practice Code & Name	**FY26 Total**	**FY27 Mo. Total**	**FY27 Total**
313 – Waste Storage Facility (no)	22	-	-
362 – Diversion (ft)	2,003	-	-
367 – Roofs & Covers (no)	22	-	-
382 – Fence (ft)	11,750	**426**	**426**
412 – Grassed Waterway (ac)	3.4	-	-
516 – Livestock Pipeline (ft)	7,459	**2,000**	**2,000**
561 – Heavy Use Area Protection (sq ft)	45,129	**7,000**	**7,000**
575 – Trails & Walkways (ft)	2,573	**610**	**610**
578 – Stream Crossings (no)	2	**1**	**1**
600 – Terraces (ft)	-	-	-
614 – Watering Facility	36	**6**	**6**
620 – Underground Outlet (ft)	11,923	-	-
634 – Waste Transfer System (no)	8	-	-
327 – CREP Conservation Cover (ac)	34.81	-	-
391 – CREP Riparian Forest Buffer (ac)	4.36	-	-
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	**FY26 Total (#)**	**FY26 Total ($)**	**FY27 Total (#)**	**FY27 Total ($)**
EQIP/AMA	19	$2,234,034	-	-
EQIP IRA	NA	NA	-	-
CSP	7	$414,018	-	-
CSP IRA	NA	NA	-	-
TOTAL	26	$2,648,052	-	-

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS			
Program	**FY26 Total ($)**	**FY27 Mo. Total ($)**	**FY27 Total ($)**
ALL PROGRAMS	$3,757,914.56	**$139,046.27**	**$139,046.27**

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CONSERVATION EASEMENT ACQUISITION ACTIVITIES				
Program/Activity	**FY26 Total (#)**	**FY26 Total (ac)**	**FY27 Total (#)**	**FY27 Total (ac)**
ALE Easement Requests	-	-	**1**	**41.97**
ALE Easement Closings	-	-	**1**	**12.21**
WRE Easement Requests	-	-	-	-
WRE Easement Closings	-	-	-	-

CONSERVATION EASEMENT ANNUAL MONITORING ACTIVITIES		
Program/Activity	**FY26 Total (#)**	**FY27 Total (#)**
GRP Monitoring - Offsite	-	-
GRP Monitoring - Onsite	1	-
WRP/WRE Monitoring - Offsite	5	-
WRP/WRE Monitoring - Onsite	5	-
FRPP/ALE Monitoring - Onsite	-	-

CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (CREP) PLANNING ACTIVITIES:				
	FY26 Total (#)	**FY26 Total (Ac)**	**FY27 Total (#)**	**FY27 Total (Ac)**
New	5	31.85	-	-
Re-enrollments	16	69.92	-	-

Technical & Financial Assistance Updates:

- FY2027 Round 2 Sign-up Deadline (All Programs) – 12/1/2026
- FY2027 Allocations
    - PA will receive $44,324,000 for EQIP, a 23% increase from FY26 and $25 million for CSP, a 67% increase from FY26.
    - Lancaster's proposed EQIP allocation is $2,598,302, a slight increase from FY2026 and $1,650,000 for CSP, 4-times the allocation in FY2026.

Administrative/Staffing Updates:

- In accordance with *American Federation of Government Employees, AFL-CIO, et al. v. United States Department of Agriculture, Case No. 26-cv-09976-VC (N.D. Calif.)*, USDA Reorganization has been stayed at a national level. No action, including re-assignments, will take place at this time.

Respectfully Submitted,



Heather L. Grove
District Conservationist

LANCASTER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 7, 2026

The 890th 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 October 7, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

The following Directors were present: Sonia Wasco, Chairperson; Gordon Hoover, Vice Chairman; Herb Kreider, Kent Weaver, Dale Herr, and Roger Rohrer.

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

The following District Staff were present: Chris Thompson, Stacey Hertz, Adam Stern, Matt Kofroth, Sallie Gregory (online), Tristan Conrad, Pedro Texidor, Kevin Lutz, and Kent Bitting.

The following Cooperating Agency representatives were present: Chaz Heberlig, DEP Field Representative; Heather Grove (online), District Conservationist, NRCS-USDA; Sarah Xenophon, Soil Conservation Commission (SCC); Allyson Gibson, Lancaster Clean Water Partners.

The following visitors were present: None present.

Invocation: Gordon Hoover provided the invocation.

Introductions: Tristan Conrad introduced Pedro Texidor, the new Ag Compliance Technician.

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 the reassignments of technicians are being delayed, so at this time there have been no changes. She then reviewed her report showing that the past year had the highest number of allocations for funding.

2. **PA DEP Field Rep Report**
   Chaz Heberlig highlighted the following topics from his report; the Executive Order regarding data centers, 2027 DEP Environmental Education Grant Applications are open, Teaching Green Newsletter reinstated, Urban Agriculture Infrastructure Grant open, Recent PA supreme court case "Punxsutawney Hunting Club & Pitch Pine Hunting Club v. PA Game Commission", Chapter 102 PNDI FAQ, Chesapeake Bay; Federal Executive Order Rescinding part of EO 13508 for the Chesapeake Bay and how it does not affect the scope of the Districts work.

II. Consent Agenda

Roger Rohrer moved to accept the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Dale Herr. Herb Kreider abstained from the vote due to a conflict of interest in Item II.3. The motion passed unanimously.

#1 – Minutes of September 2, 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)
September 2026 Activity
October 7, 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 #
Darvin Burkholder	West Earl	Broiler	CAO	3.08	Heigel	315
Tim Martin	Warwick	Steer/Turkey	CAO	2.62	Schavnis	586
Daniel Nolt	Earl	Dairy/Swine	CAO	6.82	Hartz	46
Jonathan L. Martin	Brecknock	Swine/Beef	CAO	15.85	Heigel	738
Nate Myer	Elizabeth	Broiler	CAO	4.58	Riebling	4
Moses Glick	Providence	Layer/Dairy	CAO	2.44	Reuter	2433
Wayne Piper	Eden	Dairy	CAO	31.1	Reuter	371
Stephen Zook	Martic	Layer	CAO	2.59	Reuter	118
Mike Cassel	Penn	Broiler	CAFO/CAO	2.17	Riebling	444
Brent Landis	Little Britain	Broiler	CAO	12.53	Adams	454
Josiah Rohrer	Rapho	Swine/Beef	CAFO/CAO	3.61	Conrad	84
Jacob J. Fisher	Rapho	Swine/Layer	CAO	5.29	Riebling	3373
Kervin Martin	Earl	Dairy/Swine	CAO	6.63	Wiest	324
Paul Horning	Manheim	Broiler/Beef	CAO	3.2	Coultas	1405
James & Melissa Landis	Little Britain	Broiler	CAO	25.62	Adams	338
Sylvan Weaver	East Earl	Steers	CAO	4.02	Brodbar	1788
Elam Fisher	Salisbury	Dairy	CAO	2.38	Brodbar	2222
John Petersheim	Rapho	Dairy/Layer	CAFO/CAO	4.77	Riebling	450
Scott Kreider	East Drumore	Dairy	CAFO/CAO	3.14	Adams	250
Jevin Kready	Rapho	Broiler	CAFO/CAO	5.61	Riebling	438
Aaron M. Nolt	Earl	Steer	CAO	3	Hartz	2673

NMP Update Report to Lancaster County CD Board of Directors

Technician:

Date Range: Aug-26 Sep-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
Glenn & Joel Martin	Penn	8/11/2026	11/5/2025	William Rogers	Ducks	73.55	VAO/CAFO	9/3/2026	Yearly Plan Submissions Update
Keith Frey	Manor	8/20/2026	5/7/2025	Megan Kreider	Layers	285.1	VAO/CAFO	8/31/2026	Simple Update
Mike Bollinger	East Drumore	8/26/2026	11/5/2025	Amber Funk	Broilers/ Heifers	136.05	CAO	9/16/2026	Yearly Plan Submissions Update
Walnut Run Farms Patnership	Penn	9/1/2026	9/3/2025	Amanda Sweger	Dairy	1470.15	VAO/CAFO	9/18/2026	Yearly Plan Submissions Update
Noah W. Kreider & Sons, LLP – Manheim Farm	Penn	9/1/2026	3/5/2025	Davin Gerlach	Dairy/Layers/Pullets	16631.6	CAO/CAFO	9/4/2026	Yearly Plan Submissions Update
Brubaker Farms, LLC	East Donegal	9/3/2026	11/5/2026	Jedd Moncavage	Dairy/Broilers	6116.25	CAO/CAFO	9/9/2026	Simple Update
Sweigart Farms	East Donegal	9/9/2026	8/6/2025	Corey Grove	Dairy/Pullets/Swine	2292.44	CAO/CAFO	9/24/2026	Yearly Plan Submissions Update

Nutrient Management Plan Transfer for Board Acknowledgment
September 2026 Activity
October 7, 2026 Board Meeting

Owner	Proposed Transfer Date	Township	Operation	Designation	AEU's/Acre	Reviewer	Plan #
Norman Hoover to Reuben Jay Esch	10/1/2026	Ephrata	Broiler	CAO	45.11	Heigel	68

Item II.4
Acknowledgment of Conservation Plans (Lutz)
The Lancaster NRCS Field Office recommends the following plans for the October 7, 2026 Board Meeting:
NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

Conservation Plans	Number of Plans	Planner	Township
Thomas Nauman	1	Christine Griesemer	Rapho
Paul David Weaver	5	Camila Martinez Sanchez	East Cocalico
Joshua P. Martin	19	Christine Griesemer	West Cocalico
Winston Wolgemuth	3	McKinley Morris	West Donegal

LCCD AG EROSION & SEDIMENTATION PLANS

Conservation Plans	Number of Plans	Planner	Township
Sam Martin	1	Greg Heigel	Ephrata
Elmer Lapp	1	Jason Reuter	Bart
Joseph King	1	Samantha Adams	Fulton
Middle Creek WMA	1	Samantha Adams	Clay/West Cocalico

III. Additional Business

1. **Items Removed from Consent Agenda**
   None.

2. **Treasurer's Report**
   Stacey Hertz reported that Raymond James currently has a 19.1% gain which is a decrease from last month which was a 21% gain. On the report there is $893,043 in the Raymond James account which a decrease from $907,365 from last month, and as of the date of the meeting there is $896,709 which is a 19.6% gain. The Invest account interest is reported to be 3.98%, which is an increase from 3.81% on the last report. Currently there is $16.4 million within all the invest accounts, the Citizens account has $38,600. Stacey then highlighted revenue account number 765 – GP Permits, this was created to assist with tracking reimbursements from farmers. The net income is negative $1.6 million because of working capital over previous years, and now we are finally spending it. Account number 560 Grant Administration currently in the negative from delayed reimbursements and paying for staff's time.

3. **CEG Update**
   Lancaster is one of seven districts participating in the CEG program. Kevin Lutz reminded the board of the conversation from Septembers Board meeting about the CEG Funds that would need to be returned. The total dollar amount the SCC requested to be returned is $500,000. Sarah Xenophon from the SCC has been assisting the District with this situation and attended the meeting to explain the situations and assist with questions. She reiterated that LCCD did nothing wrong and that the federal fund requirements and deadlines were something identified after the fact and we have the funds in the account and there are no additional fees or interest that are being requested in addition to the $500,000. There was additional discussion and reassurance that this situation will not happen again. Roger Rohrer moved to approve the repayment to SCC, seconded by Kent Weaver. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Nutrient Management Expiring Plans Pre-Approval**
Kevin Lutz reminded everyone about the Act 38 Nutrient Management Plans being approved yearly, and they were able to get the non-compliant list down to only 4 operators, three of which had submitted their plans. There is one operator, John Stoltzfus, in Fulton Township, and there is no indication that he is updating his plan and is the only one on the list below that has not responded. The Ag Committee that met before the meeting is recommending to forward John Stoltzfus to the SCC for follow up and potential enforcement. Herb Kreider moved to approve the referral of John Stoltzfus to the SCC, seconded by Gordon Hoover. The motion passed unanimously.

Operator	Municipality
Daniel King	Earl
John Stotlzfus	Fulton
Jason Wenger	Rapho
Jerry Stoltzfus	Upper Leacock

5. **Budget & Finance Committee Meeting Report**
Matt Kofroth requested approval to follow the recommendations of Robert Hoffman, Fulton Financial Advisor, to reallocate approximately $186,000 from the Lord Abbett Bond Fund to three new investment options: 27% to the Small Cap fund, 27% into Gold and Precious Metals, and the remaining 46% to the Transamerica Bond Fund. He also reviewed the draft 2027 budget, highlighting some ideas to offset the $600k to $100k deficits. Roger Rohrer moved to approve moving the money into new investments, seconded by Dale Herr. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **Lease Renewal Proposal**
Chris Thompson highlighted the changes to the Lease Agreement since the District has been operating Month-to-Month since 2023. Some of the changes include a 5-year lease agreement that controls how much rent will increase each year, all utilities and cleaning are included, and our frequently rented meeting rooms through the Farm and Home Center are now included and no longer require an additional fee. They will also assist with the renovations that are being planned for the second floor in 2027. Herb Kreider moved to approve the Lease Renewal, seconded by Kent Weaver. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **2027 LCCD Board Committee Dates**
Chris Thompson reviewed the Committee Dates for 2027. Gordon Hoover moved to approve the list of dates, seconded by Herb Kreider. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **Ann Brown Scholarship Committee Report**
Chris Thompson reviewed the committee report and requested approval to change the name of the scholarship from the Ann Brown Scholarship to the Conservation Memorial Scholarship with the tagline "Honoring the Past. Protecting the Future." The goal behind this change is to be more inclusive and open it up for more donations. Roger Rohrer moved to approve the change of name, seconded by Dale Herr. The motion passed unanimously.

9. **2026 CAP Grant Update**
Matt Kofroth reviewed that the Countywide Action Plan (CAP) is money received from the State, and DEP intends to award an additional $3,000,000. The CAP review committee ranked 21 projects and is presenting 15 to move forward with; the projects are listed below. Roger Roher moved to approve, seconded by Kent Weaver. Gordon Hoover had to abstain from the vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Project Name	Conservation Partner	BMP's	Total Project Cost	CAP Amount Funded
Longwood Bioretention	DMA	Runoff Control, 3.5 acres	$280,000.00	$250,000.00
Carol Ellis Stacking Shed	AET	Manure Storage, Roofed Stacking Shed	$87,500.00	$87,500.00

Restoring Nature & Preserving History	The Tangor Arboretum	Stormwater Runoff Control	$25,000.00	$25,000.00
Brubaker Farms Fertigation System	PDA/TeamAG	Nutrient Management/Water Management	$387,350.00	$387,350.00
Reinholds Pig Farm	TeamAg, CCWA	Waste Storage, HUA, Grassed Waterway	$473,490.00	$473,490.00
A Herr Park Buffer	DMA	Riparian Forest Buffer	$27,600.00	$27,600.00
E. Branch Octoraro at Creek Road Floodplain Restoration	Sadsbury Township, Chester County	Stream, Floodplain, & Wetland Restorations	$600,000.00	$500,000.00
Agricultural Conservation for the Next Generation of the J. Stoltzfus Dairy Farm	LFT	HUA, Fencing, Access Road, Animal walkway, Stream Crossing, Watering facility, Waste transfer & Pipeline & Outlets, Roof Runoff Structures	$592,440.63	$450,440.63
Green Infrastructure at Joe Jackson Tot Lot	City Of Lancaster	Rain Gardens, porous Rubber Play surfaces and porous pavers	$1,678,000.00	$161,845.00
Ewell Gantz Park Green Infrastructure	City of Lancaster	Subsurface Trench, Porous Play Surface	$442,000.00	$61,110.00
Mervin Smucker – Manure Storage	AET	Waste Storage Facility (original ask was $187,500.00 but awarding $250,000.00 with the stipulation that he also improves the barnyard area)	$187,500.00	$250,000.00
John Fisher Field BMPs	NRCS, Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, TeamAg, Land O'Lakes, Hershey Company	Access Road, Grassed Diversions, Lined Waterways, Lined Rock Outlets, Stream Crossing	$132,733.58	$78,729.58
Building on a Decade of Conservation Stewardship at the Blank Farm	Mowery Environmental, Weaver Environmental Partners, Providence Township, Lancaster Clean Water Partners, Lancaster County Conservation District, National Fish & Wildlife Foundation, PA State Conservation Commission,	Critical Area Planting, Fence HUA Exterior & Fence Grassed Waterway, Grass Waterway, Lined Way, Livestock pipeling, Roof Runoff Structure, HUA, Structure for Water Control, Water Facility, Underground Outlet	$164,334.90	$60,334.90

	Chesapeake Bay Foundation			
Bon View Linear Park Urban Riparian Buffer Restoration Project	Denver Borough Recreation Board Denver Shade Tree Commission Cocalico High School Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay	Riparian Forested Buffer	$100,000.00	$85,000.00
Whole-Farm Conservation Initiative: Supportive BMP Implementation on the J. Stoltzfus Satellite Farm	Mowery Environmental, East Lampeter Township, Lancaster Clean Water Partners, Lancaster County Conservation District, National Fish & Wildlife Foundation, PA State Conservation Commission, Chesapeake Bay Foundation	Critical Area Planting, 0.75 acres Mulching, Heavy Use Area Protection, Waste Storage Facility, Roofs and Covers – Tarp Cover, Roofs and Covers – Timber Framed Roof over Concrete Barnyard. Fence, Roof Runoff Structure, Underground Outlet Stormwater Runoff Control, Structure for Water Control, Diversion	$249,525.00	$139,275.00
15 TOTAL PROJECTS			TOTAL AWARDED	$3,037,673.58

IV. Reports & Information

1. **Correspondence, News, and Updates**
   - Denim & Pearls – Save the Date
   - Building Industry Association – Annual Meeting
   - Agriculture Industry Banquet
   - Wendy Coons Karrasch Obituary
   - Lubow "Luba" Irwin Obituary
   - Historic Poole Forge - "Thank You" Letters

2. **E&S/NPDES Monthly Projects Report**
   Adam Stern reviewed the report, highlighting some of the larger projects received in September.

3. **E&S Committee Report**
   Adam Stern reviewed the minutes from the Committee Meeting. He highlighted the Notification of Pending Legal Filing and that the PA Supreme Court has dismissed the filing from the landowner. He also reviewed the discussion of reviewing the fee schedule since it is updated every other year and this upcoming year they're anticipating larger fees due to obtaining the PCSM delegation.

4. **Nominating Organization Meeting Report**
   Sallie Gregory highlighted that there are 13 nominating organizations, and 7 were able to attend the meeting. The meeting reviewed the nominating process and program descriptions of the roles board members have. Currently, the District is looking for one public director nominee and one farmer director.

5. **Lancaster Clean Water Partners Update**
   Allyson Gibson highlighted that there is now a network of 110+ partner organizations. She highlighted what the Lancaster Clean Water Partners have been doing to assist the community and how the Lancaster Clean Water Partners are connected to the Conservation Foundation and the Lancaster County Conservation District.

6. **ExtraGive Information**
   Salie Gregory provided the information for ExtraGive and requested that people share the information.

VI. Additional Public Comment:

None offered.

VII. Meeting Adjourned

Dale Herr moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Roger Roher. Sonia Wasco adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:08 PM.

Yours for a better environment,



Morgan Regan
E&S Administrative Support Specialist

LANCASTER COUNTY
Conservation District

MEMORANDUM

TO: **Christopher Thompson, Lancaster County Conservation District**

FROM: Hal Kreider

SUBJECT: **Abstention from Voting and Deliberations**

To comply with Section 1103(j) of the Public Official and Employee Ethics Act, I wish to publicly announce at today's meeting my abstention from voting or deliberating on Agenda 'Item # 11.3 - NMP approval

Please also have this memorandum filed with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting.

Reasons for Abstention: ownership interest

Herbert Kreider
Signature

10/7/26
Date

LANCASTER COUNTY
Conservation District

MEMORANDUM

TO: **Christopher Thompson, Lancaster County Conservation District**

FROM: Gordon Hoover

SUBJECT: **Abstention from Voting and Deliberations**

To comply with Section 1103(j) of the Public Official and Employee Ethics Act, I wish to publicly announce at today's meeting my abstention from voting or deliberating on Agenda 'Item # 11c9 - 2026 Countywide Action Plan Proposed Projects

Please also have this memorandum filed with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting.

Reasons for Abstention: LFT employee

Signature

10-07-2026
Date

Item II.2
Requests for Technical Assistance

APPLICANT	TITLE	TOWNSHIP	SIZE	ASSISTANCE
None				

Item II.3
Requests for Nutrient Management Plan Approval (Lutz)
October 2026 Activity
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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 #
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Delvin Martin	Brecknock	Swine	CAO	72.35	Heigel	2809
Greg Herr	Rapho	Broiler	CAO	309.37	Riebling	355
Levi Stoltzfus	Penn	Layer	CAO	7.86	Riebling	441
Leonard Brubacher	Caernarvon	Layer	CAO	3.43	Coultas	2793
Timothy Zimmerman	East Donegal	Swine/ Steer/Goose	CAFO/CAO	4.88	Schavnis	96
Lawrence Leid	Ephrata	Swine/Steer	CAO	6.81	Heigel	692
Samuel Stoltzfus	Colerain	Swine	CAO	151.44	Reuter	35
Derek Hanna	Rapho	Layer	CAO	251.2	Riebling	285
Tom Nauman	Rapho	Dairy	CAO	2.32	Schavnis	3407
Kevyn Musser	Rapho	Swine	CAFO/CAO	4.38	Riebling	205
James Stahl	Manheim	Poultry	CAFO/VAO	1.41	Schavnis	33
Elmer Fisher	Drumore	Beef	VAO	0.96	Smith - Lebanon CCD	3367

NMP Update Report to Lancaster County CD Board of Directors

Technician:

Date Range: Aug-26 Sep-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
Jay Deiter	Conoy	9/28/2026	9/4/2024	Jay Deiter	Swine	552.8	CAO/ CAFO	10/1/2026	Yearly Plan Submissions Update

Item II.4
Acknowledgment of Conservation Plans (Lutz)
The Lancaster NRCS Field Office recommends the following plans for the November 4, 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
Amos Glick	1	Jason Reuter	Providence
Emanuel Fisher	1	Jason Reuter	Bart
James O. Nolt	1	Kelsey Coultas	Earl
John Blank	1	Josh Pullen	Colerain
Samuel Stoltzfus	1	Emma Riebling	Rapho

6:09 PM
10/28/26
Cash Basis

Lancaster County Conservation District
Balance Sheet
As of October 28, 2026

ASSETS	
Dst Accts	
District General Fund	
1001 · General Fund INVEST	1,259,564.82
1015 · General Fund Citizens	21,106.89
Total District General Fund	1,280,671.71
Raymond James/Fulton Advisors	
Investment Unrealized Gain/Loss	148,844.71
Raymond James/Fulton Advisors - Other	750,000.00
Total Raymond James/Fulton Advisors	898,844.71
E & S	
1002 · E & S - A	873,512.06
1005 · Clean Water - R	415,099.23
Total E & S	1,288,611.29
1003 · Youth Conservation School - C	1,130.11
1006 · Separation - A	52,248.39
1007 · Reserve	
Reserved-LCCD Health - A	17,174.60
Reserved-Capital - A	51,734.69
Reserved-Communication - A	29,000.00
Reserved-Computer Hardware - A	36,725.77
Reserved-NM Program - A	62,863.97
Reserved-NMP Vehicle - A	64,077.48
1007 · Reserve - Other	308,997.28
Total 1007 · Reserve	570,573.79
1008 · Scholarship - C	
Bond Unrealized Gain/Loss - C	-2,998.32
Scholarship Bonds - C	35,000.00
1008 · Scholarship - C - Other	11,475.74
Total 1008 · Scholarship - C	43,477.42
1009 · Dirt & Gravel Roads - R	94,437.33
1013 - Exelon - R	961,424.84
1014 - Low Volume Roads - R	410,096.67
1115 · Conservation Excellence - R	1,218,675.78
1118 · American Rescue Plan Act - R	73,176.23
1119 · Agriculture Conservation Ass -R	7,038,988.02
1120 · CAP 2024 - R	41,189.58
1122 · SCC ACAP 24/25 - R	505,042.48
1123 · DEP CAP 2025 - R	102,059.92
1124 · SCC ACAP 25/26 - R	1,514,969.68
1125 · DEP CAP 2026 - R	548,837.22
1017 · Self-Funded Health Insurance -R	124,381.41
TOTAL ASSETS	**16,768,836.58**

$1,121,116.77	General Operations - U
$63,693.44	Grants without bank account - R
$49,631.28	Activities Account - A
$46,230.22	Tree Fundraiser Account - U
$1,280,671.71	**TOTAL**

Fulton Advisors	**Fulton + INVEST**
Funds Invested	**Balance**
5/2/2022	**9/28/2026**
350,000	1,223,512.06
	415,099.23
	1,638,611.29
25,000	26,130.11
25,000	77,248.39
100,000	117,174.60
100,000	162,863.97
125,000	433,997.28
25,000	68,477.42

750,000	Initial Investment
898,845	Current value
19.8%	ITD Gain/Loss

Lancaster County Conservation District
Balance Sheet
As of October 28, 2026

LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
2200 · YCS Liability	26,130.11
2016 · Health Insurance Liability	124,381.41
Total Other Current Liabilities	150,511.52
Total Current Liabilities	150,511.52
Total Liabilities	150,511.52
Equity	
3000 · Opening Bal Equity	893,054.68
3900 · Retained Earnings	17,532,560.59
Net Income	-1,807,290.21
Total Equity	16,618,325.06
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	**16,768,836.58**

Lancaster County Conservation District
Income and Expenses
January 1 through October 28, 2026

	General Operations	E&S	Activities & Tree Sale	Grants	Scholarship	Separation/ Reserve	Jan 1 - Oct 28, 26	Budget	$ Over Budget
Income									
520 · County Funding	250,000.00						250,000.00	250,000.00	0.00
530 · Program Contracts	1,386,741.97	53,000.00					1,439,741.97	1,411,292.28	28,449.69
560 · Grant Administration	875,485.53	2,733.12		19,199.80			897,418.45	1,892,004.79	-994,586.34
570 · Grant Project Income	338.46			12,580,339.76			12,580,678.22	10,733,870.97	1,846,807.25
580 · Fee / Reimbursement Income	4,696.40		3,300.00				7,996.40	12,331.85	-4,335.45
581 · E&S102 Review Fees		496,475.00					496,475.00	585,940.85	-89,465.85
582 · NPDES Permit Fees		78,000.00					78,000.00	82,526.87	-4,526.87
590 · Interest Income	32,066.40	37,370.87		396,008.23	945.54	18,212.12	484,603.16	61,069.89	423,533.27
540 · Activity Income	(333.33)		16,015.77		2,570.50		18,252.94	32,407.89	-14,154.95
585 · Tree Sales Income	4,140.50		27,306.04				31,446.54	45,600.00	-14,153.46
595 · Other Income	475.00	9.35		4,053.58		25,571.57	30,109.50	9,330.65	20,778.85
599R · Interfund Transfer In	19,822.92	2,426.00		798.64		10,000.26	33,047.82	10,000.00	23,047.82
Total Income	2,573,433.85	670,014.34	46,621.81	13,000,400.01	3,516.04	53,783.95	16,347,770.00	15,126,376.04	1,221,393.96
Gross Profit							16,347,770.00	15,126,376.04	1,221,393.96
Expense									
765 · GP Permits	536.50						536.50	0.00	536.50
7100 · Staff Salary	1,748,875.60	560,982.26		356,928.26			2,666,786.12	2,739,767.12	-72,981.00
710 · All Emp Benefits	471,115.34	128,911.79	5,381.10	52,719.29			658,127.52	816,387.27	-158,259.75
720 · Vehicle & Travel Expenses	61,739.58	4,505.67	98.61	6,378.30			72,722.16	67,672.07	5,050.09
722 · Meeting Expenses	12,953.93	5,215.46		2,202.81	387.64		20,759.84	18,238.48	2,521.36
730 · Supplies	9,432.20	413.87	1,252.41	1,252.04			12,350.52	17,664.90	-5,314.38
735 · IT - Communication	28,276.80	4,890.36	131.67	1,233.00			34,531.83	28,059.10	6,472.73
740 · Postage	4,148.29	449.29	23.20	133.72	37.74		4,792.24	5,240.45	-448.21
745 · Office Rent	64,929.31	20,209.10		8,250.13			93,388.54	90,118.52	3,270.02
750 · Equipment	17,258.98	9,970.31				10,135.00	37,364.29	28,481.45	8,882.84
830 - Administrative	67,422.53	591.44		9,476.28			77,490.25	8,459.02	69,031.23
810 · Activity Expenses	629.66	315.00	32,642.18	4,918.40	2,500.00		41,005.24	60,814.68	-19,809.44
820 · Grant Project Expenses				14,402,084.93			14,402,084.93	10,733,870.97	3,668,213.96
805 · Allocated Cost Transfer	(34,208.16)	22,838.53		11,369.63			0.00	115,512.75	-115,512.75
890 · Miscellaneous Expenses	(327.59)			400.00			72.41	412.63	-340.22
899E · Interfund Transfer Out	10,000.26					23,047.56	33,047.82	10,000.00	23,047.82
Total Expense	2,462,783.23	759,293.08	39,529.17	14,857,346.79	2,925.38	33,182.56	18,155,060.21	14,740,699.41	3,414,360.80
Net Income	**110,650.62**	**-89,278.74**	**7,092.64**	**-1,856,946.78**	**590.66**	**20,601.39**	**-1,807,290.21**	**385,676.63**	**-2,192,966.84**

Item III.3

CEG Payment Update

At the October 7th Board meeting, the Director's approved returning $500,000 of unspent federal funds to the SCC. After the meeting, there was concern raised about sending a check before we were able to secure an adequate paper trail for the auditor to document what the SCC/PDA is asking us to do. That authorization had been requested several times, and we were assured it would come after the check was sent.

Administration reached out to the Board Chair and those who made and seconded the motion to send the payment to ask if we could delay sending the check as leverage to get the documented guidance we have been asking for since the beginning.

The three directors agreed to delay sending the check and to send the attached letter to the SCC reexplaining our request for official direction and instructions.

Three days later, the SCC responded with a second letter (see attached) that addressed all of the issues raised except for a statement that said the District had acted within the direction and guidance of the CEG program. When questioned, we were later told that PDA legal department would not allow a binding statement to be included.

Feeling satisfied that we have the requested paperwork for our auditor, Administration has moved forward with authorizing the payment.

October 8, 2026

Good morning Sarah,

Thanks again for sending the ARPA/CEG Funding letter yesterday afternoon and for attending our Board meeting last night to explain the federal funding claw-back situation. I know I already expressed my frustration that the letter was rather obscure in the details I was requesting… a statement clearing the District of mismanagement of the program funds, a specific dollar amount to be returned to the state, a due date for when the funds need to be delivered and the letter being signed or endorsed by a state or program official.

I do appreciate that Marty signed the letter, but your stated assumption that we "should get a receipt listing the other details once the money was returned" does not give me confidence especially considering how difficult it was to get even this misrepresented letter through the review process.

I do understand the potential liability concerns that kind of a statement could raise for PDA's legal team, but requesting clear written guidance about returning the federal funds is important to us for auditing purposes. I assumed LCCD was a valued and trusted partner in this effort. I know LCCD has acted in good-faith and done everything we could to cooperate with the SCC to rectify the federal funding issues. The fact that PDA's legal counsel is unwilling to put the other requested details in writing gives me reason to take pause.

So yes, the LCCD Board of Directors has authorized a return of the unspent 2025 ARPA dollars, but if PDA's legal team is more concerned about protecting their interests instead of being an honest partner in this situation I think we need to do the same.

A check will be sent as soon as we receive a letter from PDA/SCC that includes a statement that the Lancaster Conservation District acted within the guidance and direction of the CEG Program, it lists a specific dollar amount to be returned to the state, an address and due date for where and when the funds need to be delivered, a statement that indicates by returning the funds LCCD has satisfied our obligations under the federal contracting requirements and signed or endorsed by a state or program official.

Please know that this request in no way reflects our on-going partnership with the SCC staff or programs, but our way of ensuring there is documentation for the unprecedented action of returning unspent federal funds.

Sincerely.

Christopher M. Thompson
District Manager

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

October 26, 2026

Lancaster County Conservation District,

Thank you for your efforts and patience in organizing Conservation Excellence Grant ("CEG") American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") related data, and for your commitment to complete the program reporting. I appreciated hearing directly from your board and would like to respond with the following guidance.

- Based on the expense reporting and audit data you've provided to the State Conservation Commission ("SCC") staff, your district is required to return the advanced ARPA funds in the amount of $500,000.00.
- The SCC requests that all funds owed, which are currently available for transfer, be returned to the SCC postmarked no later than October 31st. In the interest of time, an SCC staff member will be available to personally pick up your check from your offices. The timeline is based on reconciling the ARPA accounting by the following state entities: Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Office of Comptroller Operations and Pennsylvania State Treasury, to ensure compliance with the United States Treasury deadline.
- The SCC ensures no impact to future State CEG allocations to districts.
- In accordance with federal funding terms and conditions, Districts who meet federal audit requirements will continue to be subject to federal audits and will be responsible for keeping their own expense records as required.

Thank you again for your board's direct communication. In the coming months I look forward to attending one of your public board meetings to learn more about your local concerns. Please let me know if you have any additional questions or concerns.

All my Respect,

Marty Qually, Executive Secretary
PA State Conservation Commission

Cc: Greg Hostetter, PDA Executive Deputy Secretary
Sarah Xenophone, CEG Program Manager

Item III.4
Chiques Creek Watershed Project Plan Completion (PL-566)

The Chiques Creek Watershed Project Plan (PL-566), which is a project the Conservation District and the County have been partnering with NRCS on since 2021, is now complete. The project is evaluating ways to reduce sediment pollution within the Chiques Cr. Watershed, more specially through legacy sediment removal of streambank sediments. This technique is also called floodplain restoration or floodplain reconnection. NRCS used a federal program called the Public Lands 566 program to complete this plan, which lists options for doing this work within the Chiques Cr. Watershed. The Plan spells out possible alternatives that could be implemented in the watershed to achieve significant sediment reductions. As local partners of this project, NRCS are requesting the Conservation District and Board of the County Commissioners to sign off on the completed plan and its approach.

Next steps after signatures would be design and permitting for potential projects in the watershed that demonstrate significant sediment reduction possibilities through legacy sediment removal then. Followed by implementation of said projects. This is where the county and District come in with local involvement and expertise. The majority of the funding for these projects is provided by the PL-566 program, but there is a match for implementation projects, so this will be something partners will be exploring before we get to that point. The goal is to have the plan approved by all parties this year and request federal design and permitting funds for projects this winter and next spring. Implementation of projects will not take place till sometime in 2027/2028.

***Board approval is needed to sign this Watershed Project Plan agreement**

Item III.6
Reeser's Run Initiative Grant Approval

Since the launch in 2024, Grace Chamberlain (Watershed Specialist) and Lauren Brodbar (Ag Conservation Technician) have been heading the Reeser's Run Initiative (RRI). The initiative is being funded by Capital RC&D and NFWF. The program's goal is to create a partnership between the community, Upper Leacock Township, and the District to demonstrate the success of water quality improvements using District resources while continuing to educate about conserving and protecting water resources.

The initiative is two parts: Ag Plan Reimbursement and Best Management Practice Reimbursement. As part of this program, landowners can be reimbursed for up to 90% of the cost or $2,000 per ag plan. For any eligible BMPs, applicants can be reimbursed up to 90% of the total project cost. Since the start of the project, 12 landowners have been reimbursed for plans, and 2 BMP projects have been successfully implemented (waterways, crossings, fencing, and buffer installation). An interested landowner has applied for funding through the RRI project. They have been reviewed by District staff and are ready for Board action. The following table outlines the projects and amounts requested.

Landowner	Municipality	BMPs	Estimate Project Cost	Total Funding Requested
Darrell Ranck	Strasburg	Animal Trail/Walkway, Exclusionary Fencing, Stream Crossing	$45,506.38	$40,955.74

***Action Required**

Item IV.4
Watershed Awarded Grants

The Watershed Department applied for a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Chesapeake Bay Small Watershed Grants – Planning and Technical Assistance (NFWF SWG PTA). The grant pays for staff time to support grassroots watershed groups and the Lancaster-Lebanon Watershed Forum. LCCD's Watershed program started because of watershed group connections and remains a fundamental part of the program. The grant will support the following groups with activities such as running events, finding grants, site visits, and building partnerships: Donegal Trout Unlimited, Cocalico Creek Watershed Association, Little Conestoga Watershed Alliance, Chiques Creek Watershed Alliance, Pequea Creek Watershed Association, and will help form the Conoy Creek watershed group. The total amount awarded was $48,317.31 and will run for approximately 18 months.

The Watershed Department also applied for two 319 Nonpoint Source Pollution grants. The first 319 grant, *Lancaster WIP Partnership Implementation & Monitoring*, will support the implementation of two unnamed projects in any of the four watersheds (Mill Creek, Fishing Creek, Conewago Creek, and Conowingo Creek). The grant will also pay for the designing and permitting of future projects in these watersheds for both LCCD and watershed organizations. The total amount awarded was $171,050.00 and will run for 3 years. The second 319 grant, *Connecting Projects and Restoring the Pequea: Big Beaver and Calamus Restorations*, will pay for the implementation of two stream restoration projects in the Pequea Creek watershed. This will include a total of 3,400 linear feet of Pequea Creek tributaries restored, 2,500' of streambank fencing, 3 stream crossings, and planting 3.7 acres of riparian buffer to reduce N, P, and sediment pollutants causing agricultural impairment. This grant will also build upon the momentum in the Pequea Creek Watershed and connect to existing projects in the area. The total amount awarded was $281,570.00 and will run for 3 years.