

**LANCASTER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 6, 2026**

The 885th 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 April 1, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

The following District Staff were present: Chris Thompson, Stacey Hertz, Kent Bitting, Kevin Lutz, Adam Stern, Eric Hout, Matt Kofroth, Morgan Brough, Tristan Conrad, Morgan Regan, Adam Hartz (online), and Sallie Gregory (online).

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: Roger Roher provided insight on planting from a farmer’s perspective because of the cold weather that is still present, and when plantings should be done. He then provided an invocation.

Introductions: Sonia introduced staff Tristan Conrad, Morgan Regan, and Morgan Brough.

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 were no updates to her written report.

2. PA DEP Field Rep Report

Chaz Heberlig had no additions to the report and highlighted some items such as the 2026-2027 Watershed Specialist Contract Renewal, Watershed Specialist Conference, Center for Agricultural Conservation Assistance Training, and Chapter 102 basic training. Chris Thompson also advocated for Watershed Specialist funding increase since there has been no increases in at least 5 years.

II. Consent Agenda

No additions. Gordon Hoover moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Deryk Shaw. The motion passed unanimously.

#1 – Minutes of April 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)
April 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 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 #
Zach Hurst	Warwick	Pullet	CAFO/CAO	263.15	Reibling	343
Adam High	Ephrata	Pullet	CAO	70.38	Heigel	305
Davin R. Martin	Ephrata	Broiler	CAO	40.83	Heigel	154
Aaron Hoover	West Earl	Beef/Poultry	CAFO/CAO	4.9	Heigel	2265
Randall Oberholtzer	Earl	Dairy	CAO	2.61	Brough	2695
Kenton Martin	Elizabeth	Turkey	CAO	13.84	Riebling	1130
Henry M. Hoover	Brecknock	Broiler, Heifer	CAO	3.77	Hartz	3317
Brian M. Landis	Fulton	Broiler	CAO	166.32	Adams	160
Daniel W. Ebersol	Salisbury	Dairy	VAO	1.94	Reuter	2243
Landis Hoover	West Earl	Swine/Beef	CAO	7.86	Wisely	274
Jeff Nolt	Rapho	Broiler	CAO	86.77	Riebling	53
Joe Rohrer	Strasburg	Dairy	CAFO/CAO	2.77	Brodbar	518

NMP Update Report to Lancaster County CD Board of Directors

Technician:

Date Range: Mar-26 Apr-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
Dwight Leaman	West Lampeter	3/18/2026	7/2/2025	Megan Kreider	Layers	143.61	CAO	3/23/2026	Simple Update

**Nutrient Management Plan Transfer for Board Acknowledgment:
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Owner	Proposed Transfer Date	Township	Operation	Designation	AEU's/Acre	Reviewer	Plan #
Mike Martin to Joel Martin	1/1/2026	Clay	Ducks	CAO CAFO	23.37	Riebling	465

Item II.4

**Acknowledgment of Conservation Plans (Lutz)
The Lancaster NRCS Field Office recommends the following plans for the
May 6, 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
Eli Stoltzfus	1	Jason Reuter	Colerain
Samuel Long	1	Samantha Adams	Fulton
Jacob Conley	1	Josh Pullen	West Hempfield

III. Additional Business

1. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

None.

2. Treasurer's Report

Stacey Hertz reported that the Raymond James account has maintained a gain of 19.5% and has \$898,663, and currently the interest rate for the invest account is 3.76 %. She also highlighted that significant grant dollars have been spent this past month.

3. Ag Committee – ACAP Project Approval

Kent Bitting Request approval for the projects listed below for ACAP and CEG funding. Roger Rohrer moved to accept all 3 applications, seconded by Herb Kredier. Sonia asked if there was any discussion before presenting the motion to vote. Herb Kredier, chair of the Ag Committee, reported that the Committee discussed one of the proposals earlier, a manure storage for Hope Valley Farms LLC., but it did not address a known erosion/stormwater concern, and they had to adjourn before agreeing on a final recommendation.

Kevin Lutz, Agricultural Program Manager, then reviewed the concerns associated with the site, but reminded directors that the ACAP program is designed to address soil erosion and nutrient management issues. Additionally, staff referenced that the operation is compliant with their current Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) which, although not used to manage stormwater, it does contain a 3-year schedule for implementing field practices intended to minimize accelerated soil erosion associated with fields where manure is applied.

To ensure the field practices get implemented, Directors discussed making funding for the manure storage project contingent on expediting the implementation of the in-field BMPs found in the Nutrient Management Plan. They also suggested that staff notify the operator/planner that additional funding can be requested to support in-field practices. Staff noted that any cropland BMPs are intended to address soil erosion, no storm water.

After additional discussions, Roger amended his motion to approve funding for the 3 projects, but to hold in escrow the estimated cropland BMP cost from the award for the Hope Valley Farms manure storage project until the field practices found in the Nutrient Management Plan were implemented. Herb Kreider approved the amended motion, and it passed unanimously.

Landowner	District/Private Consultant	Municipality	BMPs	Total Project Cost	Total Grant Requested
David W. Smucker	Weaver Environmental	Paradise Twp.	Waste Storage, Roofed Stacking Shed, Heavy Use Area, Underground Outlet, Waste Transfer, Lined Outlet, Fence, Diversion, Grassed Waterway, Access Rad, Animal Trail, Buffer	\$535,522.50	\$420,997.50
Hope Valley Farms LLC	AET Consulting	East Drumore Twp.	Waste Storage, Waste Transfer, Underground Outlet	\$245,250.00	\$222,750.00
Stephan King	Weaver Environmental	Colerain Twp.	Manure Storage, Fence, Lined Waterway, Heavy Use Area, Access Road, Waste Transfer, Structure for Water Control, Underground Outlets	\$316,901.76	\$263,640.96
Totals				\$1,097,674.26	\$907,388.46

4. 2026 Ann Brown Scholarship

Morgan Regan reviewed details for each of the 3 candidates and requested approval for Bryce Steach, Derek Moffett, and Olivia Hirst, to receive the \$1,000 2026 Ann Brown Scholarship. Roger Rohrer moved to approve, seconded by Dale Herr. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Personnel Committee – Request to Hire

Dan Zimmerman reviewed her credentials and requested Board approval to promote Grace Chamberlain to Watershed Specialist position. Gordon Hoover moved to approve the promotion request; seconded by Deryk Shaw. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Reports & Information

6. Correspondence, News, and Updates

- Lancaster Farming Article about LCCD 75th Anniversary Banquet
- New PACD Directors Manual was circulated
- County Commissioners Proclamation – In honor of Conservation Week, April 26- May 2, 20206

7. E&S/NPDES Monthly Projects Report

Adam Stern reported updates on the first step obtaining the PCSM delegation, a 102 program audit. The review team at DEP has all the requested files and materials and a call is scheduled to receive the results on the 26th. Adam also reported that staff are preparing a rough draft of a job posting and job description for a

PCSM Engineer. Eric Hout then highlighted numbers from the monthly report, showing that there was a lull this month with fewer permit submissions than in 2025, which resulted in a lower number of Outstanding NPDES Permits in review.

8. Tree Sale Update

Morgan Regan gave an update on the Tree Sale stating 414 orders were processed and handed out to customers and thanked staff and volunteers for their assistance. A final report will be available in June.

9. Banquet Committee Final Report

Adam Hartz highlighted his report, there were no updates.

10. Senior High Envirothon Update

Sallie Gregory reported that The Hellbenders from Warwick High School won the Senior High Envirothon Competition and will be representing Lancaster at the State Envirothon on May 20. She also stated that Junior Envirothon will be on May 14 and Middle Envirothon will be on May 21.

11. PACD JAC Meeting Announcement

Chris Thompson gave a verbal announcement about the Joint Annual Conference that will be held at the Farm Show Complex Harrisburg on August 4-6. Additional details and registration will be reviewed at the June meeting.

12. Water Week Update

Sallie Gregory highlighted the author Rosalie Haizlett of "Tiny Worlds of the Appalachian Mountains: An Artist's Journey." A water week event LCCD is hosting in collaboration with the Library System of Lancaster County there will be a chance to meet her for an Author Event on June 10.

13. Lancaster County Youth Conservation School

Sallie Gregory highlighted details about the Youth Conservation School (July 20-25) stating that applications are still welcome.

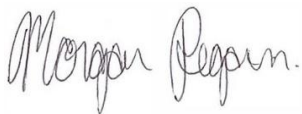
VI. Additional Public Comment:

None offered.

VII. Meeting Adjourned

Deryk Shaw moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Herb Kreider. Sonia Wasco adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:15 PM.

Yours for a better environment,



Morgan Regan
E&S Administrative Support Specialist