BRADFORD COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

THE MISSION of the Bradford County Conservation District is to lead, educate, and empower people to manage resources wisely.

September Board Meeting

WHEN: Monday September 14, 2026, at 12:30 PM

WHERE: Zoom Meeting: Meeting ID: 839 6389 9032; Passcode: 615281
CALL IN: 1-929-205-6099; PASS CODE: 263690
LINK: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83963899032?pwd=qS2TcjGizFIGLV1CBHoIctKXEbJYI9.1

AGENDA:

12:30 - 12:35 Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance
12:35 - 12:40 Introduction of Guests & Action on Minutes
12:40 - 12:50 Reports from Cooperating Agencies and Guests

Old Business

Committees

New Business

12:50 - 1:00 Tech Team Leader position (D/A)
1:00 - 1:05 Set Budget Meeting Date (D)
1:05 - 1:10 Chapter 102 Delegation Agreement (D)
1:10 - 1:20 Contract for Stream Assistance (D/A)
1:20 - 1:25 Contract for Lake Assistance (D/A)
1:25 - 1:30 PACD/NRCS Umbrella Agreement (D/A)
1:30 - 1:35 PACD Dues (D/A)
1:35 - 1:40 Mileage Reimbursement Rate (D/A)
1:40 - 1:45 Bradford County Watershed Initiative 2025 Contract (D/A)
1:45 - 1:50 Underwater Drone Equipment (D/A)

Program Updates

1:50 - 1:55 NM Plans – Country View Family Farm, LLC – Pine Hill Farm (D/A)
1:55 - 2:00 ACAP
- 2026/2027 Project Ranking List (D/A)

2:00 - 2:05 Dirt, Gravel & Low Volume Roads

Other

2:05 - 2:10 Staffing (D)
2:10 - 2:15 Update on New Building Plans Received (D)
2:15 - 2:20 Shapiro Executive Order on Data Centers (D)
2:20 - 2:25 Commission Report - Field Representative (D)
2:25 - 2:30 Treasurer's Report & Payment of Bills (D/A)
2:30 - 2:35 Correspondence (D)

- Sullivan Family Farm Century Farm Designation
- Mike Lovegreen Article

Adjournment

Next Meeting: Monday, October 5, 2026, at 12:30 PM at Stoll Natural Resource Center & via Zoom

A) Action D) Discussion

OLD BUSINESS

COMMITTEES

NEW BUSINESS

- Consider hiring Maggie Norton for the Tech Team Leader position
- Consider the following dates for a budget meeting - 9/24 after 12, 9/28, 10/2, or 10/5 prior to the board mtg.
- Chapter 102 Delegation Agreement - biggest change will be that CDs will be required to complete either 10 Ag E&S Plans or 10 Ag E&S Inspections - our staff feel this is not a concern as we already complete at least 10 Ag E&S plans, we just need to report it through Ch 102 as well as NM
- Consider approval of a contract with Coterra Energy for stream rehabilitation assistance in Susquehanna County, PA in the amount of $6,000
- Consider approval of a contract with Jenny Payne for lake monitoring assistance at Bayards Pond (Brenchley's Lake) in the amount of $1,400
- Consider approval of the PACD/NRCS Umbrella Agreement for agricultural assistance reimbursement
- Consider approval of paying the 2026-2027 PACD Dues full amount of $2,865.00
- Consider approval of updating our mileage reimbursement rate to $.75 / mile from $.725 / mile to stay consistent with the federal reimbursement rate
- Consider approval of a contract with the Bradford County Commissioners to administer the Bradford County Watershed Initiative 2025 Growing Greener Grant in the amount of $286,000.00
- Consider approval to sell spare Underwater Drone Equipment

PROGRAM UPDATES

NM Plans - Recommend approval of the Country View Family Farm, LLC - Pine Hill Farm nutrient management plan

ACAP - Consider approval of the 2026/2027 ACAP priority ranking list as presented

Dirt & Gravel Roads

OTHER

- Staffing updates
- Three options for new Building Plans were received with a new one-story option along with a space comparison of existing and proposed options
- Governor Shapiro issued an Executive Order on Data Centers requiring 1. compliance with Responsible Infrastructure Development (GRID) requirements and 2. local approval

CORRESPONDENCE

		August
1	8/4/26	Farmshine
2	8/4/26	Rocket - Shopper
3	8/5/26	PennLines
4	8/11/26	Rocket - Shopper
5	8/13/26	Ronald McDonald House – News From the Heart-Summer 2026
6	8/18/26	Farmshine
7	8/18/26	Rocket – Shopper
8	8/18/26	Endless Mountains Magazine – Aug/Sep 26
9	8/25/26	Rocket – Shopper
10	8/25/26	Pennsylvania Angler & Boater September/October 2026
11	8/25/26	Green Career Day Sponsorship from Tioga County Commissioners
		September
12	9/1/2026	Rocket – Shopper
13	9/1/2026	Farmshine
14	9/3/26	PennLines
15	9/7/26	Bay Journal
16	9/9/26	Rocket – Shopper
17	9/11/26	Bradford County Human Society flyer/donation request

[x] Plan Approval
[ ] Update

NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN DATA SHEET

NAME: Austin Mantione

BUSINESS NAME: Country View Family Farm, LLC- Pine Hill Farm

LOCATION (Township/County): Columbia Township, Bradford County

WATERSHED: Mill Creek

PROGRAM ENROLLMENT: None

CAO [X] CAFO [X] Volunteer [ ]

REVISION [**X**]yes [ ]no

TYPE OF OPERATION: Swine

ANIMAL GROUPS & NUMBER: 5,050 sows, 750 sows with litters, 12 boars, 2,000 guilts, 19,200 nursery pigs

AEU/A: 3632.4

MANURE AND WASHWATER: 5,722,650 gal- deep pit under sow barn; 2,154,000 gal in stage 1 and 4,146,000 gal in stage 2 from nursery and guilt barn; 50 ton of compost

LAND UNDER MANAGEMENT CONTROL AVAILABLE FOR MANURE APPLICATION: 0

LAND AVAILABLE FOR EXPORTING MANURE IN NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN: 12,000,000 gal to broker, 2,577 acres available

PLANNER: Amber Funk, 2498 NMC

STAFF PERSON REVIEWING: Kevin Brown 2031-NMPD

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: approval

NMP APPROVAL DATE:

LAST REVIEW: June 5, 2023

NEXT REVIEW: September 30, 2029

ACAP Round 5

1	Allison Myers	165
2	Jerry Clapper	155
3	Mike Kinney	142
4	Fred Tiffany	136
5	Pete Solowieg	133
6	Steve Martin	125
7	Doug Fenninger	119
8	Rick Uppum (stream)	99
9	Joe Bates	97
10	Ralph McNeal (stream)	93
11	Joe Saxe	87
12	Kevin Gilpin	78
13	Vernon Clouse	77
14	Matt&Hannah	71
15	Jeff Ammerman	70
16	Dan Yasharian	65
17	South-Mont (stream)	58
18	Dick Isbell	57
19	Julie Varagson	46
20	Charles Bruce	34
21	Melissa Bruce	32
22	Abby Evens	5

September 2026
Conservation District Field Rep
Talking Points

Executive Order 2026-05 – Protecting Pennsylvania Consumers from Data Center Impacts

On August 18, Governor Josh Shapiro signed Executive Order 2026-05 – Protecting Pennsylvania Consumers from Data Center Impacts. As a follow-up to the EO on Aug 21, DEP Deputy Secretary Whitcomb sent a clarification memo to conservation districts. The program clarification memorandum (PCM) is provided to ensure uniform interpretation and implementation of the Pennsylvania Executive Order 2026-05 and provides specific steps to be taken by conservation districts that are delegated the Chapter 102 and 105 Programs. Districts shall consult with the regional office before they formally accept any permit application or registration request for a data center project to ensure compliance with the requirements of the EO. The full PCM (PCM - Data Centers (8-2026).pdf) can be found on the Clean Water Academy. Districts are encouraged to become familiar with this guidance and watch for updates from the Department.

Multiple Program Delegation Agreements Update

Various DEP programs (102, 105, etc.) that work with CCDs have been directed to modernize and update CCD delegation agreements. Many are significantly outdated and, in some cases, limiting program progress. These updates will more accurately reflect current program operations and promote better consistency across the Commonwealth. A selection of CCD staff have been participating in workgroups to provide input and feedback. DEP staff will provide an update on these delegation agreements at the September 8 State Conservation Commission Meeting. The Chapter 102 and 105 Programs are currently aiming for a draft by early fall.

2026 Management Summit Oct 27 - 29

Registration is now open for the 2026 Management Summit & PreCon, October 27 -29 at the Wyndham Garden State College Conference Center in Boalsburg. This year's program features a dedicated New Manager Training Day on Tuesday, a Wednesday keynote and panel on individual and collective voices, and a staff retention focus on Thursday. All district management staff and partner staff are invited to attend - visit Building for Tomorrow for agenda, registration, and room block reservations.

Coastal Zone Grant Round to Open August 31

Applications for Coastal Zone grants are being accepted from Friday August 31 through Monday October 19, 2026, at 03:59PM. Eligible applicants include government entities and incorporated non-profits conducting projects in the two Pennsylvania Coastal Zones: the Lake Erie Coastal Zone and the Delaware Estuary Coastal Zone. Funds can be used for a variety of projects, and Conservation Districts in the Coastal Zones are encouraged to apply. The Coastal Zone includes Berks, Bucks, Delaware, Erie, Montgomery and Schuylkill Counties. For more information, see the Coastal Zone grant webpage (Apply for a Coastal Zone Grant) or contact Shane Gutsie at sgutsie@pa.gov.

The DGLVR Annual Maintenance Workshop

The DGLVR Annual Maintenance Workshop registration is open and available on https://dirtandgravel.psu.edu/. This conference is being held Sept 29 – Oct 1 in Williamsport, PA, and will feature classroom sessions, field trips, networking opportunities, and more. The conservation district staff most involved in the DGLVR Program for each county are encouraged to attend, and other staff involved in the DGLVR Program are also welcome to attend.

DGLVR Policy Update

Policy updates for the Dirt, Gravel, and Low Volume Road (DGLVR) Program went into effect 7/1/2026. District staff with questions about this should reach out to SCC staff in the DGLVR Program. The updated Administrative Manual and associated forms are available on https://dirtandgravel.psu.edu/.

Conservation District Watershed Specialist Annual Conference Registration

The 26th annual Conservation District Watershed Specialist Meeting, required by DEP's Watershed Specialist agreement, is scheduled for October 21-22 at the Wyndham Garden Inn in Boalsburg. Due to limitations, the registration is restricted to County Conservation District Watershed Specialists, funded through DEP's Watershed Specialist grants, DEP Watershed Managers and Watershed Support Section staff only.

On Wednesday, October 21st, the new Watershed Specialist session will be held from 8:00 – noon, and the full conference will begin at 1:00 p.m. Full agenda and registration details will be sent to districts in early August. **Please register for the annual meeting by September 8th** using the registration link provided in the registration email.

DEP has reserved a block of overnight rooms at the hotel at the rate of $149 per night. Reservations for this room block may be made using the following link: Wyndham Garden State College | Boalsburg, PA Hotels or guests can call the hotel at 814-466-2255 and reference block code: **102126DEP.** To receive the discounted rate and reserve under the room block, room reservations must be made by **September 8th.**

Questions may be directed to Rachael Fish at rafish@pa.gov or Shane Kleiner at shkleiner@pa.gov.

Chapter 102 Program

District Staff Updates through Attachment B Forms – Under the current Chapter 102 delegation agreements, **districts are required to notify DEP of all staff changes within 30 days**, using the electronic Attachment B form available online in Clean Water Academy (CWA). This includes new hires, resignations, retirements, and terminations, as well as title, position, or duty changes related to the 102 Program. Over the last few months, the Bureau of Clean Water (BCW) has become aware that many districts are not keeping their Attachment Bs current. Each District Manager should be completing this task or designating a specific individual to do so; staff should not be expected to maintain their own records. Please keep in mind that having a new hire create CWA and Greenport accounts is just the first step; the district's Attachment B still needs to be updated. Additionally, when someone leaves a District, their Attachment B record should be updated with an end date of employment. If you have questions or need assistance, please feel free to contact RA-EPCHAPTER102@pa.gov.

Chapter 102 Pilot Program – The Chapter 102 Pilot program was launched May 1, 2024, to try new processes to see whether they accelerate permit review times for Individual NPDES Permits. As of August 2026, PAG-02 reviews have also been added to the Pilot program. Any CCD who wishes to participate or has questions can contact the Bureau of Clean Water (BCW) at RA-EPCHAPTER102@pa.gov. Participation will require a delegation agreement amendment. Any CCD who is currently participating may also request that BCW amend their delegation agreement to include PAG-02 review.

It is critical that any CCD participating in the Pilot follow the SOP for the program. Straying from the Pilot procedures by issuing multiple technical deficiency letters, granting applicants extra time extensions, etc. diminishes DEP's ability to determine the Pilot's effectiveness.

Upcoming 102 Events

Regional In-Person E&S Training – DEP's Bureau of Clean Water is hosting one-day small group E&S training events again in 2026. These in-person events focus on sediment basin/trap review, with designated time for Q&A on any E&S topic. Completion of the Level I Training Program and event registration is required. Details and sign-up are available on Clean Water Academy: https://pacleanwateracademy.remote-learner.net/course/view.php?id=922.

For those wondering, channel review has been incorporated into DEP's annual Chapter 102 Basic Technical Training event.

- Northwest – October 14

Chapter 105 Program

Basic Wetland ID Training for Chapter 105 Staff – The September Basic Wetland ID training for 105 staff (DEP and CCDs) is full and closed. The Chapter 105 Program is still planning on additional trainings in spring or early summer 2027, but details are still in the works. Please stay tuned.

Updated Chapter 105 Letter Templates To Be Used Immediately: The Chapter 105 Program sent out a notice in August about new letter templates. There is a new Environmental Hearing Board address, and the new letter templates must be used effectively immediately! **Please note there were two notices sent, because the original notice listed an incorrect address. The information below refers to the updated notice and correct information.**

The Environmental Hearing Board has a new address:

Environmental Hearing Board
301 Fifth Avenue
Suite 310 – Piatt Place
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

The program has updated all appropriate letter templates on the Clean Water Academy resource page (See screenshots below). **You must begin using these immediately.** They will have a revision date of "…08-19-2026".

e-permitting and KEES Letters: We are working to update letter templates generated by e-permitting. In the meantime, users will need to manually edit these letters with the correct hearing Board address. The Chapter 105 letter templates in KEES have been updated.

Dates to Remember

2026 State Conservation Commission Meeting and Conference Call Dates

Meetings	Conference Calls
September 8	August 18
November 17	October 20
	December 15

SCC Meetings – 9:00 am Briefing Session, 10:00 am Business Meeting
SCC Conference Calls – 8:30 – 10:00 AM

102 Regional Small Group In-Person E&S Training

Northcentral	September 10
Northwest	October 14

2026 All Ag Meeting & ACAP Conference

Indiana County	September 14, 15-17

Delegated 105 CCD Staff Basic Wetland ID Training

Virtual	September 10 and 22
In-Person	September 15-16

Conservation District Watershed Specialist Annual Conference

Wyndham Garden, State College	October 21-22

2026 Management Summit October 27 - 29
Wyndham Garden, State College

DGLVR Trainings

Environmentally Sensitive Road Maintenance (ESM) Training: ESM Training Registration - Center for Dirt and Gravel Road Studies

Lawrence County	September 2 & 3
Susquehanna County	October 21 & 22
Centre County	November 17 & 18

DGLVR Annual Maintenance Workshop

Williamsport	Sept. 29 – Oct 1

DGLVR Administrative Training

State College	November 18

DGLVR Financial Training

State College	November 19

Also, check the Conservation District Training/Special Events Calendar at, www.PACD.org. Select the "Events" tab and then the "Training Calendar" tab.