

# BRADFORD COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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July 1, 2024, MEETING

The July 2024, meeting of the Bradford County Conservation District was called to order by Keith Heimbach on July 1, 2024, at 12:30 PM, at the Stoll Natural Resource Center.

District Directors Attending the Meeting were: Keith Heimbach, Alvin Herman, Tony Ventello, Nicole Harris and Rob Miller

Others attending the meeting were: Cathy Yeakel – District Manager, Miranda Neville – Ag Resource Specialist, Kevin Brown – Ag. Team Leader, Tim Robson – D&G Roads Specialist, Patrick Cullen – District Engineer, Chad Spencer - NRCS, Adam Chorba – Forest Specialist, Daniel Rhodes – Education Coordinator, Lacy Powers – Natural Resource Specialist, Jenny Marino – Accounts Supervisor, Katie Morse – Intern, Glenn Bell – Ag Resource Specialist and Brad Cummings – Chapter 102/105 Program Manager.

Others attending via Zoom: Sean Freidhof – DCNR Service Forester

## REPORTS FROM COOPERATING AGENCIES AND GUESTS:

Commission Report – Field Representative – a report wasn't provided in time for our meeting. When one becomes available Cathy will forward the report to the Directors.

NRCS – Staff completed one livestock contract in the amount of \$375,000 and four CSP contracts for over \$100,000. Chad Spencer reported that there was a new hire named Kara who started Monday, July 1, 2024. Chad Spencer had applied, interviewed and received the SCD position. The Civil Engineering Tech position has been advertised. Jason has been working on CREP reenrollment. Staff is also working on planning for next year.

DCNR– Sean reported that spraying for the spongy moth is taking place. They have been monitoring spongy moth damage on Robwood mountain. DCNR will be set up at both the Lycoming County Fair and the Sullivan County Fair.

Alvin Herman made a motion to accept the June 3, 2024, minutes as written. Tony Ventello seconded the motion; motion was unanimously passed.

## OLD BUSINESS

District Picnic – The Annual Conservation District Staff and Volunteer Appreciation Picnic will take place at Mt. Pisgah State Park's poolside pavilion on August 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM. Please RSVP by calling the office with the number of people attending. The kayak shop and pool will be open. It is also Smokey the Bear's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday with an event taking place at the hilltop pavilion from 10AM to 12PM.

Land Swap – The papers for the land swap between Randy Williams and the Bradford County Conservation District have been signed and notarized.

**COMMITTEES** - None

## NEW BUSINESS

Chesapeake Lease – The. Conservation District was approached by Halo Land Management to inquire about a mineral lease on 17.39 acres of property. The board recommended getting a copy of the current lease that the Commissioners have, ask the County Solicitor to review the lease, inquire about a drill schedule and come up with addendums to add to the lease agreement. More discussion will follow.

ACT 38 Withdrawal – Kevin presented a letter to formally withdrawal Gorrell Dairy from the ACT 38 Program as Glenn Gorrell is below the threshold needed to be considered a Confined Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO).

CB Engineer Agreement – Cathy presented the CB Engineer Agreement Renewal to the board for approval. Tony Ventello made a motion to approve the submission of the agreement. Al Herman seconded the motion, the motion was unanimously passed.

ACT Agreement Renewal – Cathy presented the ACT Agreement Renewal to the board for approval. Nicole Harris made a motion to approve the submission of the agreement. Rob Miller seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed.

ACT 38 NM Delegation Agreement Renewal – Cathy presented the ACT 38 NM Delegation Agreement Renewal to the board for approval. Tony Ventello Made a motion to approve the submission of the agreement. Al Herman seconded the motion, motion was unanimously passed.

Watershed Specialist Agreement Renewal – Cathy presented the Watershed Specialist Agreement Renewal to the board for approval. Nicole made a motion to approve the submission of the agreement. Rob Miller seconded the motion; motion was unanimously passed.

Above and Beyond Award – The winner of the second quarter Above and Beyond Award was Dan Rhodes for his recent FFA Award and successful completion of the eels in the classroom program across the county. Dan also helped Nicole at several field trips this spring and received a lot of good comments about Dan and his programming. Congratulations Dan!

## **PROGRAM UPDATES**

ACAP and CAP updates – Both programs continue to produce projects. One producer pulled out of a CAP project but funds will be redirected to another project.

Nutrient Management Plan Approvals – Tony Ventello made a motion to approve the Rushtown Poultry, LLC – Milan Farm plan as presented. Alvin Herman seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed.

D&G Contracts – None

Commission Report - None

Treasure's Report & Payment of Bills – The Treasurer's Report was presented to the Board. Tony Ventello made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills. Nicole Harris seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed.

Correspondence – A summary of correspondence received was provided at the meeting. Cathy passed around a thank you letter from Claverack REC for our donation toward their pollinator project.

Cathy passed around a sign up for the Troy Fair. Time slots in the evening are available. Please let her know if you can fill one of them.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm by Keith Heimbach

The next meeting of the Bradford County Conservation District will be held on Monday, August 5, 2024, 12:30 PM, at the Stoll Natural Resource Center and via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Yeakel

District Manager

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CORRESPONDENCE

- #1 FARMSHINE
- #2 Claverack, REC – Thank you card for our donation to their pollinator project.
- #3 *Highlands Journal* – Delaware Highlands Conservancy Summer 2024 Newsletter
- #4 PA DEP, Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields Program
  - Copy of Receipt of Notice of Intent to Remediate and Final Report to Creston Environmental, LLC for the Indian Foot Well Pad Lease Road, Monroe Township.
  - Copy of Statewide health Standard Final Report Approval for the Chesapeake Parys Water Impoundment Diesel Fuel Release Cleanup, Tuscarora Township.
  - Copy of Statewide Health Standard Final Report Approval to Flynn Energy Transport, Inc. for the South Main Street Spill Site, Towanda Township.
- #5 PA DEP, Waterways & Wetlands Program
  - Copy of E41-9999 Authorization Notification to PennDOT for structure 08105500801254, Rome Township.
- #6 PA DEP, District Oil and Gas Operations
  - Copy of Water Obstruction & Encroachment Permit (WOEP) Issuance to Chesapeake Appalachia, LLC for the North Marcellus Lillie WP – Hillis WP Temporary Waterline, Herrick Township.
  - Copy of WOEP Issuance to Chesapeake Appalachia, LLC for the North Marcellus Allen WI Temporary Waterline, Wysox Township.
- #7 Tri-County Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. – Invitation to the 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting at Alparon Park during the Troy Fair week, Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00PM.

Plan Approval

Update

## NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN DATA SHEET

NAME: Linford Snyder

BUSINESS NAME: Rushtown Poultry LLC – Milan Farm

LOCATION (Township/County): Smithfield Twp, Bradford

WATERSHED: Tomjack Creek-Peas Creek

PROGRAM ENROLLMENT:

CAO  CAFO  Volunteer

REVISION yes no

TYPE OF OPERATION: Poultry

ANIMAL GROUPS & NUMBER: 60,000 birds

AEU/A: 188.4

MANURE AND WASHWATER: 911.15 tons

LAND UNDER MANAGEMENT CONTROL AVAILABLE FOR MANURE APPLICATION: 0

LAND AVAILABLE FOR EXPORTING MANURE IN NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN: 337.5 ac

PLANNER: Leann Shirk, Rosetree Consulting

STAFF PERSON REVIEWING: Kevin Brown

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Approval

NMP APPROVAL DATE:

LAST REVIEW:

NEXT REVIEW: October 1, 2027