BRADFORD COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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September 2026 Meeting

The September 2026 meeting of the Bradford County Conservation District was called to order by Keith Heimbach on September 14, 2026, at 12:30 PM, at the Stoll Natural Resource Center, Wysox, PA.

District Directors attending the meeting were: Keith Heimbach, Daryl Miller, Al Herman, and Brian Zeidner, Rob Miller, and Nicole Harris.

Others attending the meeting were: Joe Quatrini – District Manager, Chad Spencer – NRCS, Jeremy Yohe – PA Fish & Boat Commission, Ethan Duffy – PA Fish & Boat Commission, Les Bresee – Associate Director, John Sullivan – Associate Director, Brad Cummings – 102/205 Program Manager, Jonathan Vannoy – Natural Resource Specialist, Miranda Neville - Agricultural Resource Specialist, Lacy Powers – Watershed Specialist, Adam Chorba – District Forester, Tim Robson – Dirt & Gravel Roads Specialist, Dan Rhodes – Education Coordinator, and Jenny McNeal – District Account Supervisor

Daryl Miller made a motion to accept July 2026 minutes as written. Rob Miller seconded the motion, and it was unanimously passed.

REPORTS FROM COOPERATING AGENCIES AND GUESTS:

Commissioner's Office – Daryl Miller reported that budget season is beginning.

John Sullivan – John reported that his farm had recently been designated a Century Farm. The ceremony took place with about 130 guests including members of the Historical Society and Commissioner Miller.

NRCS – EQIP and CSP contracts have been completed. Modifications and extensions are being worked out. CREP reenrollment has been finished. The deadline for FY 27 is October 1, 2026. Follow-ups on the FY 27 applications have started including site visits and I & Es.

PA Fish & Boat Commission– Jeremy Yohe introduced Ethan Duffy, who will be covering Eastern Bradford and Susquehanna Counties. Updates were given concerning the deputy program and the repealing of the Open Field Doctrine.

Claverack – Brian Zeidner reported that crews had been busy with storm and wind damage. Trees lining the driveway were being removed and would be replaced. Claverack Member Appreciation Day was successfully held on September 4th at the Wyoming County Fairgrounds.

OLD BUSINESS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Tech Team Leader Position – Nicole Harris made a motion to approve the hiring of Maggie Norton. Brian Ziedner seconded the motion. Daryl Miller abstained. The motion passed unanimously. Maggie's start date will be September 28th.

Budget Meeting – The Budget Meeting will be October 5th at 10:00 AM, before the Board Meeting.

Chapter 102 Delegation Agreement - The new delegation agreement will mandate that districts complete either 10 Ag E&S plans or 10 Ag E&S inspections. Staff feel this will not be an issue, as we already complete at least 10 Ag E&S plans, we will just need to report them through Chapter 102 as well as Nutrient Management.

Contract for Stream Assistance – Brian Zeidner made a motion to approve a contract with Coterra Energy for stream rehabilitation assistance in Susquehanna County in the amount of $6,000.00. Al Herman seconded the motion, and it was unanimously passed.

Contract for Lake Assistance – Al Herman made a motion to approve a contract with Jenny Payne for lake monitoring assistance at Brenchley's Lake in the amount of $1,400.00. Brian Zeidner seconded the motion, and it was unanimously passed.

PACD/NRCS Umbrella Agreement – Brian Zeidner made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 agreement. Rob Miller seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. This is the final year of the current agreement with reimbursement anticipated to be $6,000.00 to cover staff time.

PACD Dues – Daryl Miller made a motion to pay the same amount in dues as last year. Al Herman seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

Mileage Reimbursement Rate - Daryl Miller made a motion to approve an increase in mileage reimbursement rate from .725 to .75 per mile. Brian Zeidner seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Bradford County Watershed Initiative 2025 Grant – Brian Zeidner made a motion to approve and sign 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. Al Herman seconded the motion, and it unanimously passed.

Underwater Drone – Al Herman made a motion to sell unused underwater drone parts. Brian Zeidner seconded the motion, and it was unanimously passed.

PROGRAM UPDATES:

Nutrient Management Plan – Staff recommended the approval of the NMP for Country View Family Farm-Pine Hill Farm. Daryl Miller made a motion to approve the Nutrient Management Plan, and Brian Zeidner seconded the motion. Rob Miller abstained. It passed unanimously.

ACAP – Brian Zeidner made a motion to approve the 2026/2027 ACAP priority rankings as presented. Al Herman seconded the motion, and it was unanimously passed.

OTHER:

Staffing Updates – Breanna Ameigh's last day was September 11th. We will be posting that position and the Dirt and Gravel position as well.

Building Plans – A set of new plans was received and sent out for review. Please contact Joe with any comments.

Data Centers – Governor Shapiro issued an Executive Order on Data Centers requiring compliance with GRID requirements and local approval.

Correspondence - See Attached

Treasurer's Report – Brian Zeidner made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and pay the bills. Nicole Harris seconded the motion, and it was unanimously passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:26 PM by Keith Heimbach.

The next meeting of the Bradford County Conservation District will be held on October 5, 2026, at 12:30 PM at the Stoll Natural Resource Center and via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Jenny McNeal
Accounts Supervisor

[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

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

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