

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 15, 2022, A.C.C.D. BOARD MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Adams County Conservation District (District) Board of Directors (Board or BOD) was held on December 15, 2022, via a Teams/conference call due to inclement weather. Chairman, Carl Keller, Jr. called the meeting to order at 1:33 PM. A quorum was met. The following were present via computer or by phone:

Carl Keller, Jr., Chair	Ed Wilkinson, Vice-chair
Commissioner Jim Martin, Commissioner Director	Charlie Bennett, Public Director
Tyler Trostle, DEP	Adam McClain, District Manager
Alan Zepp, Associate Director	Debra Eck, Board Secretary/Staff Accountant
Rick Crouse, Public Director	Dave Benner, Farm Director
Michelle Kirk, Treasurer/Farm Director	Lindsey Bream, NRCS

Adam went over the additional measures the District is taking to maintain transparency during the COVID-19 pandemic: advertised in the *Gettysburg Times* that Board meetings may be held as virtual meetings, Board meeting agenda was posted in the District Office and on the County website, Board meeting call-in information was posted on the County website and the Ag Center entrance.

Welcome and Roll Call Chairman, Carl Keller, Jr. welcomed all and a roll call was done.

Public Comments There were no comments from the public.

Approval of Additional Agenda Items and Flexibility of the Agenda Order Adam McClain stated that there were no additional agenda items for this month's Board meeting. *Dave Benner moved to approve the Board having flexibility of the agenda order. Michelle Kirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

Approval of Minutes *Ed Wilkinson moved to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2022, BOD meeting. Dave Benner seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

Treasurer's Report *Michelle Kirk reviewed the Treasurer's report for November 2022. Michelle found everything to be in order and recommended that it be filed for audit.*

Cooperating Agency Reports

NRCS - Lindsey Bream, District Conservationist, highlighted the USDA-NRCS monthly report and upcoming new programs.

DEP – Tyler Trostle highlighted DEP's monthly Talking Points.

Committee Reports – Ed Wilkinson reported on some Ag Center items including the installation of nitrogen generator by Johnson Controls and actuator motor by McClure. Adam McClain also discussed recent repairs by Frantz to unclog drain lines and the possibility of future repairs and replacements of drain lines.

Nutrient and Odor Management Program Action Adam McClain gave a synopsis of both plans which Tyler Echard recommended both for approval.

- a. **Brian Weaver NMP** – *Ed Wilkinson moved to approve the Brian Weaver NMP. Michelle Kirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.*
- b. **Tim Anderson NMP** – *Dave Benner moved to approve the Tim Anderson. NMP. Commissioner Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.*
- c. **NMP Updates** – None provided

Mosquito-borne Disease Control Grant *Ed Wilkinson moved to approve the \$69,642.21 PA DEP Mosquito-borne Disease Control Program grant. Commissioner Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

Countywide Action Plan Implementation Grant and Extension *Commissioner Martin moved to approve the \$318,149 PA DEP Countywide Action Plan Implementation Grant and Extension. Ed Wilkinson seconded the motion. Charlie Bennett abstained. Motion carried.*

Ag Center Facility Use Policy *Ed Wilkinson moved to approve the revised Ag Center Facility Use Policy. Michelle Kirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

2023 Goals & Objectives *Adam McClain highlighted the 2023 Goals and Objectives. The Board had no questions or suggested edits. Ed Wilkinson moved to approve the 2023 Goals and Objectives as presented. Commissioner Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

2023 Board & Committee Schedule *Ed Wilkinson moved to approve the dates and times of the proposed 2023 Board and Committee meetings. Michelle Kirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

2023 Tenant Related Organizations *Commissioner Martin moved to approve the 2023 Ag Center Tenant Related Organizations as presented. Ed Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

2022 Farmer of the Year & Outstanding Cooperator *Dave Benner moved to approve Getty Acres as the 2022 Farmer of the Year. Rick Crouse seconded the motion. Ed Wilkinson abstained. Motion carried. Michelle Kirk moved to approve Josh Ramsburg as the 2022 Outstanding Cooperator. Ed Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

Net Metering Rider and Interconnection Agreement with Met-Ed *Adam McClain discussed the agreement, which is under review by Harry Eastman. Ed Wilkinson moved to approve the Net Metering Rider and Interconnection Agreement with Met-Ed if there are no major modifications recommended by Harry Eastman. Dave Benner seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

2022 Adams County Highlights *Adam McClain shared the document with the Board.*

Rock/Marsh Critical Area Resource Plan (CARP)/Act 220 *No report presented.*

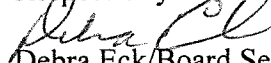
Program/Staff Reports

- a. **Staff Accountant** – Debra Eck shared deposit and loan rate updates and discussed Board mileage sheets for 2022 to be emailed to all for approval.
- b. **District Manager** – Adam McClain discussed MOU's received and proposed revisions from Franklin Township. It was recommended that Adam contact Franklin Township to discuss their concerns. Adam noted upcoming interviews scheduled for Ag Tech position. He also mentioned Director appointments were approved for Dave Benner and Commissioner Martin

Director Concerns/Comments/Information Sharing *Commissioner Martin mentioned that the County Budget for 2023 was approved and the County did not increase taxes for 2023. All of the directors wished everyone a happy holiday, thanked everyone for their participation in 2022, and continued support in 2023.*

Adjournment *Chair Carl Keller Jr. adjourned the meeting at 2:27PM.*

Respectfully submitted,


Debra Eck/Board Secretary/Staff Accountant
Adams County Conservation District