

# MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 27, 2026, 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 August 27, 2026, at the Adams County Agricultural and Natural Resources Center, 670 Old Harrisburg Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325 with a call-in option. Chair, Carl Keller, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. A quorum was met. The following were present in person or by phone (\* if present via phone):

Carl Keller, Jr., Chair/Farm Director  
Adam McClain, District Manager  
Dave Benner, Farm Director  
Lindsay Bream, NRCS  
Christopher Santore, DEP  
Susan Landauer, Admin Spec/Board Secretary

Ed Wilkinson, Vice-chair/Farm Director  
\*Rick Crouse, Public Director  
\*Commissioner Jim Martin, Commissioner Director  
\*Michelle Kirk, Treasurer/Farm Director  
Charlie Bennett, Public Director

Adam McClain went over the additional measures the District is taking to maintain transparency: 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. To join this meeting by phone or for other means to provide public comment, the request must have been received by noon today. Request to join by phone: Rick Crouse, Michelle Kirk, Commissioner Jim Martin

**Welcome and Roll Call:** Chair, Carl Keller Jr welcomed all and a roll call was done by Adam McClain.

**Public Comments:** There were no comments from the public.

**Additional Agenda Items and Flexibility of the Agenda Order:** *Ed Wilkinson moved to approve having flexibility of the agenda order. Charlie Bennett seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

**Approval of Minutes:** *Dave Benner moved to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2026, BOD meeting. Ed Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

**Treasurer's Report:** *Charlie Bennett reviewed the Treasurer's report for July 2026, found everything to be in order, and recommended that it be filed for audit.*

## **Cooperating Agency Reports:**

**Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)** – Christopher Santore, Conservation District Field Representative, highlighted the August 2026 DEP Conservation District Field Rep Talking Points.

**Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)** – Lindsey Bream, District Conservationist, highlighted the NRCS monthly report.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Ag Center** – Ed Wilkinson shared that Hull's Electric was in to give a quote on a generator hookup, McClure and NRG looked over the HVAC system, and McClure started an energy audit for the building.

**Safety Committee** – Adam McClain shared the Committee's recommendations. *Ed Wilkinson moved to approve using the 2026/2027 PCoRP grant of \$3,690 for CPR certification training, replacing 6 water extinguishers with ABC units, hands-on fire extinguisher training, purchasing 2 stop signs for the sidewalk, and the balance to go toward replacing the uneven pavers. Dave Benner seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

**Capital RC&D Dues:** *Charlie Bennett moved to approve the Capital RC&D Dues in the amount of \$350.*

*Ed Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

**Susquehanna Door:** Adam McClain reviewed the annual maintenance agreement and recommended approval. *Ed Wilkinson moved to approve the annual maintenance agreement with Susquehanna Door for \$490. Dave Benner seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

**Berkshire Systems Group, Inc.:** *Charlie Bennett moved to approve the 3-year agreement with Berkshire Systems Group, Inc with the proposed language changes. Ed Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

**Program/Staff Reports:**

**District Manager** – Adam McClain shared that Adams County Commissioner Marty Qually resigned to become the Executive Secretary of the PA State Conservation Commission (SCC), discussions with Harry Eastman, Representative Wallen is hosting a tick hearing at the Ag Center on September 2, and the SCC has sent out a draft Ag Conservation Assistance manual for comments.

**Director Comments:** none

**Executive Session:** At 8:03PM, Carl Keller, Jr announced that the Board will be going into executive session for the purpose of considering entering an agreement for the purchase or lease of real property.

At 8:37PM, the Board reported out of executive session that the Board was considering entering into an agreement for the purchase or lease of real property. No action was taken.

**Adjournment:** Carl Keller, Jr. adjourned the meeting at 8:38PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Landauer, Administrative Specialist/Board Secretary  
Adams County Conservation District