

MINUTES OF THE JULY 25, 2024, 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 July 25, 2024, 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 7:39 PM. A quorum was met. The following were present in person or by phone (* if present via phone):

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| Carl Keller Jr., Chair/ Farm Director | Ed Wilkinson, Vice-chair/ Farm Director |
| Adam McClain, District Manager | Dave Benner, Farm Director |
| Lindsey Bream, NRCS | Rick Crouse, Public Director |
| Susan Landauer, Admin Spec/Board Secretary | Christopher Santore, DEP |

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: 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 and the addition of agenda item 9.1 Approval of Waste Connections Contract. Dave Benner seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

Approval of Minutes: *Ed Wilkinson moved to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2024, BOD meeting. Dave Benner seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

Treasurer’s Report: *Ed Wilkinson reviewed the Treasurer’s report for June 2024, found everything to be in order, and recommended that it be filed for audit.*

Cooperating Agency Reports:

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

Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) – Christopher Santore, Conservation District Field Representative, highlighted the July 2024 DEP Conservation District Field Rep Talking Points.

Committee Reports:

Ag Center – Ed Wilkinson shared that Frantz Plumbing repaired a clogged line that caused water to back up in the mop closet and replaced the pressure release valve on the boiler system, Berkshire tested the fire alarms, and a fire drill was performed.

NRG Service Contract Quote: The Board discussed the quote provided by NRG and decided to use NRG on an as-needed basis. No action was taken on the contract.

Waste Connections Contract Quote: Adam McClain shared that a 4 yard recycling bin collected one time per month would be \$60 and a 6 yard trash bin collected weekly would be \$147.19 for the first year of the contract and capped at a 7% increase each year thereafter. *Ed Wilkinson moved to approve the contract with Waste Connections as presented unless a better deal would be available if payment is made up front. Rick Crouse seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

Program/Staff Reports:

Susan Landauer shared that planning has begun for the next tree distribution that will be held in conjunction with the Adams County Planting Partnership.

District Manager – Adam McClain shared that he is working with Human Resources in filling the Ag Conservation Technician position, the E&S department is working through some issues in the transition after Rusty Ryan’s recent retirement, and the District budget is due to the County by July 31st.

PACD/SCC Joint Conference: Ed Wilkinson shared that the conference was uneventful, and the solar presentation was rushed. PACD would like District boards to discuss providing a \$500 donation to offset their financial shortfalls. The \$500 donation was discussed but no action was taken.

Director Comments: None

Adjournment: Carl Keller, Jr. adjourned the meeting at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



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