

MINUTES OF THE JULY 23, 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 July 23, 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 7:33 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

Commissioner Jim Martin, Commissioner Director

Lindsay Bream, NRCS

Susan Landauer, Admin Spec/Board Secretary

Ed Wilkinson, Vice-chair/Farm Director

Rick Crouse, Public Director

Dave Benner, Farm Director

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: None

Welcome and Roll Call: Vice-chair, Ed Wilkinson 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: *Commissioner Jim Martin moved to approve having flexibility of the agenda order. Dave Benner seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

Approval of Minutes: *Dave Benner moved to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2026, BOD meeting. Rick Crouse seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

Treasurer's Report: *Dave Benner reviewed the Treasurer's report for June 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 July 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 Wilkson shared that we are working on getting pricing on capital projects for the lease and Hull's Electric will be coming to give us an estimate for a generator hookup.

Wolfe Investment: *Ed Wilkinson moved to approve changing the asset allocation parameters to align with the balanced category in the Investment Policy Statement for the Mary W. Wolfe Estate Portfolio and for ACNB to make the appropriate investment adjustments. Commissioner Jim Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

Umbrella Agreement: *Ed Wilkinson moved to approve the umbrella agreement with the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts (PACD). Commissioner Jim Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

Low Volume Account: Adam McClain explained that due to changes in the Dirt & Gravel and Low Volume Roads Program only one account is needed and recommended closure of the Low Volume Roads Account. *Ed Wilkinson moved to approve the transfer of funds in the Low Volume Roads account to the Dirt and Gravel account and the closure of the Low Volume Roads account. Dave Benner seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

2027 County Budget Update: Adam McClain gave an update on the 2027 County Budget. No action was needed.

Program/Staff Reports:

District Manager – Adam McClain shared updates on PACD and information about the upcoming PACD/State Conservation Commission Joint Annual Conference to be held in August.

Director Comments: Rick Crouse shared that he attended the Master Farmer's program and toured several local farms and agricultural operations as part of that event.

Executive Session: At 8:16PM, 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 and personnel matters.

At 9:46PM, the Board reported out of executive session that the Board was considering entering into an agreement for the purchase or lease of real property and personnel matters. No action was taken.

Adjournment: Carl Keller, Jr. adjourned the meeting at 9:46PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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