

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 26, 2026, A.C.C.D. BOARD MEETING

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The monthly meeting of the Adams County Conservation District (District) Board of Directors (Board or BOD) was held on March 26, 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 7:02 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

Charlie Bennett, Public Director

Lindsay Bream, NRCS

Susan Landauer, Admin Spec/Board Secretary

Ed Wilkinson, Vice-chair/Farm Director

Dave Benner, Farm Director

Christopher Santore, DEP

Rick Crouse, 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: None

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.c. Tom Johnston. Charlie Bennett seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

Approval of Minutes: *Dave Benner moved to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2026, BOD meeting. Ed Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

Treasurer's Report: *Dave Benner reviewed the Treasurer's report for February 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 March 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 McClure repaired the chiller, Hull's Electric replaced all the emergency lights under the PCoRP grant, Berskshire tested the fire alarms, and Dayhoff Construction did a temporary patch of cap shingles on the roof.

Agricultural Conservation Assistance Program (ACAP):

Ray Wenger – *Ed Wilkinson moved to approve the ACAP application and contract with Ray Wenger for \$130,000. Dave Benner seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

Rick Ruppert – *Rick Crouse moved to approve the ACAP application and contract with Rick Ruppert for \$9,500. Charlie Bennett seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

Tom Johnston – *Ed Wilkinson moved to approve the ACAP application and contract with Tom Johnston for \$9,500. Dave Benner seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

Dirt Gravel Low Volume Roads Program (DGLV): Adam McClain shared the DGLV Quality Assurance Board's recommendation for the approval of the Dirt and Gravel contract. *Charlie Bennett moved to approve the Dirt and Gravel Roads project on Dague Road in Mount Joy Township for \$87,389.58. Ed Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

Habitat Restoration and Management LLC: *Ed Wilkinson moved to approve the Habitat Restoration and Management LLC contract for \$161,229 for 4 stream restoration projects. Charlie Bennett seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

Adams County Farm Bureau (ACFB): Adam McClain shared the details of ACFB's request to hold a BBQ Fundraiser Event at the Ag Center, which would require a District staff member to attend. *Ed Wilkinson moved to approve the request to use the Ag Center for the ACFB fundraiser event. Dave Benner seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

Honorary Tree: Adam McClain shared that Hugh Matthews would like to plant a tree in honor of a recently deceased Master Gardener. *Rick Crouse moved to approve the planting of an honorary tree at the Ag Center. Charlie Bennett seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

2025 Statement of Financial Interest Form: Adam McClain discussed the annual form and the need for it to be completed by District staff and Board members.

Program/Staff Reports:

Susan Landauer shared that Envirothon and the Earth Extravaganza will be held in April.

District Manager – Adam McClain gave an update on the PACD regional meeting he attended, reminded the Board that the April meeting will be at 7:30 PM, and shared some details of the upcoming Earth Extravaganza. He also shared an update on the District's PLGIT accounts, noted that Catherine Wallen won the recent special election as a PA State Representative, shared that he is working with Harry Eastman to update the contract template used by the District, and noted that SEK will be in our office next week to complete the annual and single audit.

Director Comments: Charlie Bennett asked for an update on Vy's tree planting event and on contracting with the Watershed Alliance of York for one of Ricky's stream restoration projects.

Adjournment: Carl Keller, Jr. adjourned the meeting at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



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