



Cameron County Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting

Date: Monday January 9, 2023

TIME: 4:30 P.M.

PLACE: Cameron County Conservation District

CALL IN NUMBER 814-486-9313 Password: 272727

AGENDA

Call to Order

Introduction of Guests & Comments

Minutes of December Meeting

Treasurer's Report

Bills to be Paid

District Managers Report

Conservation Resource Technician Report

Watershed Technician Report

Administrative Assistant/Educator Report

QAB/ Dirt & Gravel

Agency Reports

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- 2023 Ag Producers Meeting
- Purchase of Staff Tablets
- Purchase of Additional Shelving

GOOD OF THE ORDER

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**CAMERON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 12, 2022**

In Attendance – Directors: Mark Johnson, Dave Gelnett, Marsha Hendrickson, Steve Zoschg,
Lori Reed, Kirk Bainey
Associate Directors: None
Staff: Todd Deluccia, Jim Zoschg Jr., Jon-Marc Burdick, Jenn Dixon
Agency Reps.: Amanda Murdock (NRCS)
Guests: None

Call to Order: The meeting is called to order by Chairman Mark Johnson at 4:30 PM in the Cameron County Conservation District office.

November Minutes: Most of the 2023 meeting dates listed are incorrect. The following are the correct dates: 09 Jan., 13 Feb., 13 Mar., 10 Apr., 08 May, 12 Jun., 10 Jul., 14 Aug., 11 Sep., 10 Oct. (Tuesday), 13 Nov., and 11 Dec. Steve makes a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, Marsha seconds, and the motion carries unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: The \$57,085.50 DGR funds will be transferred from its current Northwest general checking account to the Citizen bank DGR account. Steve makes a motion to accept the report, Lori seconds, and the report is accepted unanimously.

Bills to be Paid: Two more entries need to be added to the Unpaid Bills: Zito Media, for internet and telephone service, in the amount of \$315.75 and Wix, for email service, in the amount of \$305.28. Added to the listed total of \$8,862.73, these amounts make the revised total \$9,483.76. Steve makes a motion to pay the bills, Lori seconds, and the motion carries unanimously.

District Manager's Report: Marsha makes a motion to accept the report, Steve seconds, and the report is accepted unanimously.

Conservation Resource Technician Report: The 2023 Ag Producer's Meeting will be held earlier in the year (24, 26, or 31 Jan.) than usual in order to make attendees aware of ACAP. Lori makes a motion to accept the report, Mark seconds, and the report is accepted unanimously.

Watershed Technician's Report: Steve makes a motion to accept the report, Marsha seconds, and the report is accepted unanimously.

Administrative Assistant Report: Marsha makes a motion to accept the report, Lori seconds, and the report is accepted unanimously.

QAB / Dirt & Gravel: No updates.

Agency Reports: NRCS (Amanda): Regional staff is down 1 person with another planning to leave next month. The vacancies are expected to be filled quickly. EQIP round 1 applications

are due by 01 January which corresponds with the ACAP deadline. Cover crops and fencing funds are now capped at higher rates. A Continuing Resolution bill will fund the Joint Chiefs program. The Farm Bill didn't pass in the legislature.

DEP (Todd): With the only remaining CCCD AMD project being FIN64, the district may not need to apply for an Abandoned Mine Reclamation Grant. Todd will be attending a meeting next Wednesday where he will seek enlightenment about ACAP.

OLD BUSINESS: Legislative Luncheon / Tour: With the weather generally deteriorating, the tour may be dropped and the event would just be a luncheon. It's a challenge to gather legislators together at the same time and on the same day.

NEW BUSINESS: 2021 Audit: The same discrepancies were highlighted as in recent past audits. Adjusting entries were down to 3 from last year's 10. Lori makes a motion to accept the audit as is, Steve seconds, and the motion passes unanimously.

2023 Budget: Steve makes a motion to accept the budget as proposed, Lori seconds, and the motion passes unanimously.

WPCAMR Delegate: Jon-Marc has been acting as the primary delegate with Todd as an alternate. Lori makes a motion to keep Jon-Marc as primary delegate and Todd as the alternate, Marsha seconds, and the motion passes unanimously.

Office Contents Insurance: Currently, the district is insured by Erie Insurance for Directors' and Officers' insurance and is covered by State Farm for Contents which includes coverage for the trailer and equipment (\$500 deductible), 1million dollars of commercial general liability (no deductible), and office contents, capped at \$51,500. The State Farm premium is \$575 per year. Todd received a quote from Erie for Contents coverage and was originally told it would be \$836 / yr. but was later adjusted to about \$600 / yr. The matter will be tabled until Todd learns more needed details from Erie at which time he will contact board members via email for a vote.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: The Christmas party (luncheon) will be held this Friday at 12:00 in the office. Ten to 12 people are expected to attend.

ADJOURNMENT: Steve makes a motion to adjourn, Lori seconds, and the motion carries unanimously. The meeting adjourns at 5:18 PM. The next meeting will be Monday, 09 January 2023 at 4:30 PM in the CCCD office.

Kirk Bainey, Secretary

Cameron County Conservation
Treasurer's Report
December 2022

	Date	Num	Name	Memo/Description	Deposit	Checks	Balance	
1000 Checking-Northwest	Beginning Balance						117,233.98	
	12/06/2022	EFT	Deluxe Business Systems	Deluxe Products Auto Payment		375.53	116,858.45	
	12/07/2022		CDFAP - DEP	CDFAP - 3QTR22	34,187.67		151,046.12	
	12/11/2022	ACH	Canon	Bill 22-12 Payment		111.00	150,935.12	
				Cameron County	Transfer DGR proceeds to DGR			
	12/12/2022	3996	Conservation District	account		57,085.50	93,849.62	
	12/12/2022	3992	VISA - Todd	Nov Approved Transactions		69.34	93,780.28	
	12/12/2022	3992	VISA Jenn	WIX EMAIL Annual Subscription		305.28	93,475.00	
	12/12/2022	3992	Visa- Jim	Nov Approved Transactions		28.42	93,446.58	
	12/12/2022	3992	VISA Jenn	Nov Approved Transactions		250.27	93,196.31	
				Cameron County General				
	12/12/2022	3997	Fund	2nd Qtr Payroll Expense		60,610.28	32,586.03	
				Zito Business - Commercial				
	12/12/2022	3995	Services Billi	Bill 22-12		315.75	32,270.28	
	12/12/2022	3994	WPCAMR	2022 Dues		100.00	32,170.28	
	12/12/2022	3993	Way Office	Approved Nov Expenses		47.65	32,122.63	
	12/12/2022	3991	Todd Deluccia	November Reimb.		147.50	31,975.13	
				Sharkey Piccirillo & Keen,				
	12/12/2022	3990	LLP	2021 Audit		4,825.00	27,150.13	
				Pennsylvania Envirothon				
	12/12/2022	3989	(Snyder)	2022 Annual Donation		250.00	26,900.13	
	12/12/2022	3988	Judd A Schager, CPA	Bill 10203		340.00	26,560.13	
	12/12/2022	3987	Jon-Marc Burdick	November Reimb.		53.00	26,507.13	
	12/12/2022	3986	Jim Zoschg	November Reimb.		45.00	26,462.13	
				Cameron County General				
	12/12/2022	3985	Fund	Bill 22-ArcGIS			98.00	26,364.13
				Jan - Nov CW transfer to				
	12/16/2022	B		General		5,609.57		31,973.70
				Record Transfer of 3/4 Reimb.				
	12/16/2022	A		from PUC to General		45,048.57		77,022.27
				093022ACT-145718 ACT				
	12/22/2022		Dept. of Ag.:ACT Grant	22QTR3		5,075.83		82,098.10
12/28/2022		Dept. of Enviro Prot. (DEP)	NO VOUCH		11,312.50		93,410.60	
					\$ 101,234.14	\$ 125,057.52		
1102 PUC-Northwest	Beginning Balance						190,740.04	
	12/12/2022	114	Wayne Township Landfill	Payment - Hunts Run		800.08	189,939.96	
	12/12/2022	113	Dean Construction LLC	Jerry Run - Balance Due		1,697.34	188,242.62	
				Record Transfer of 3/4 Reimb.				
	12/16/2022	A		from PUC to General		45,048.57	143,194.05	
			INTE					
			RES					
12/31/2022	T		Interest Earned		1.41		143,195.46	
					\$ 1.41	\$ 47,545.99		
1103 Clean Water-Northwest	Beginning Balance						36,505.18	
	12/01/2022			CW Invoice deposited to wrong				
				account	225.00		36,730.18	
	12/16/2022	B		Jan - Nov CW transfer to		5,609.57	31,120.61	
			General					
			INTE					
			RES					
12/31/2022	T		Interest Earned		0.29		31,120.90	
					\$ 225.29	\$ 5,609.57		

1105 Savings-Northwest	Beginning Balance				15,483.93
	12/01/2022		CW Invoice deposited to wrong account	225.00	15,258.93
	12/31/2022	INTE RES T	Interest Earned	0.13	15,259.06
				<u>\$ 0.13</u>	
				\$ 225.00	
1106 DGR-Citizens	Beginning Balance				59,492.37
	12/12/2022		Transfer DGR proceeds to DGR account	57,085.50	116,577.87
	12/31/2022	INTE RES T	Interest Earned	3.55	116,581.42
				<u>\$ 57,089.05</u>	
1109 Petty Cash	Beginning Balance				50.00
	12/29/2022	USPS	Postage	12.00	38.00
				<u>\$ 12.00</u>	
1110 LVR - Citizens	Beginning Balance				62,142.38
	12/31/2022	INTE RES T	Interest Earned	6.81	62,149.19
				<u>\$ 6.81</u>	

Reconciled to 12/31/22

Cameron County Conservation

Unpaid Bills

As of December 31, 2023

Date	Vendor	Memo/Description	Open Balance
12/01/2022	Cameron County Echo	Meeting Date Ad	28.60
12/31/2022	Canon	Monthly Billing - Previously Approved Beg. Year	111.00
12/31/2022	Jim Zoschg	CRT Dec Exp	67.50
11/30/2022	<i>Jon-Marc Burdick</i>	<i>WS Nov Exp</i>	<i>0.13</i>
12/31/2022	Jon-Marc Burdick	WS Dec. Exp	19.38
12/01/2022	Judd A Schager, CPA	Inv 10210	340.00
12/01/2022	PRP	Rent 2023	13,000.00
12/31/2022	Todd Deluccia	DM Dec Exp.	67.50
12/15/2022	VISA - Todd	State Farm - Liability Insurance	570.00
12/20/2022	VISA - Todd	Smoke & Sauce Barbeque - Lunch HW Meeting	45.15
12/02/2022	VISA Jenn	Dollar General - Office Supplies	11.66
12/08/2022	VISA Jenn	Grainger - Trout in Classroom	71.42
01/01/2023	Zito Business - Commercial Services Billi	Phone/Internet	315.75
Previously Approved - Pending Reimbursement			
12/31/2021	Cameron County General Fund	CRT 2021 4th Qtr Wages	10.00
10/31/2022	Cameron County General Fund	DM 3RD Qtr 22	19,293.44
10/31/2022	Cameron County General Fund	Intern	2,518.40
10/31/2022	Cameron County General Fund	CRT 3rd Qtr Wages	12,560.83
10/31/2022	Cameron County General Fund	WS 3rd Qtr Wages	14,993.01
10/31/2022	Cameron County General Fund	AA 3rd Qtr 22	13,375.44
Previously Approved - Pending Project Completion			
06/30/2019	Gibson Township	Gibson001-06/30/2018-023-01 (Nanny Run 1/2 pmt)	22,006.14
07/14/2020	Lumber Township	Lumber Hunts Run	44,654.00

December District Managers Report

It's been quiet this month but still productive. We have been wrapping up reports and reimbursements for the projects from 2022 and start looking ahead to 2023.

Jon Marc and I have been planning for the 2023 season. We have several projects that still need completed that we just couldn't get to in 2022 so we aren't looking for a ton of new projects but still a few. The Sinnemahoning Grant Program through Headwaters RC&D has opened up for the 15th round of funding. So we are working on design and cost estimates for the potential projects to see what we can apply for and not.

Jon Marc and I spent a day with assistance from other Headwaters members finalizing the closing of the Dubois Office. All things have been removed and shut down. The group continues to function as we always have sans an executive director. If we ever get another employee that person would work from home.

I have had several meetings with the managers across the state this month. The main topic has continued to be the ACAP funding. For the most part the program is ready to roll but still a few things being cleared up. We look to be receiving our first portion of funding soon. As a result of this Jim and I have decided to try and move up the Ag Producers meeting a little earlier than normal to educate them on the new program and get some stuff lined up for the funding.

I have been in talks with the DEP Mining office in Philipsburg. As a result of Allegheny Enterprises going bankrupt they have taken over a small system that they built for treatment that is very near our recently completed FIN5253 system. They have funding via the bond to revamp that system and we have been discussing partnering to possibly incorporate that into our new system or retrofit or something to get that system up to par. I have a call with them in January. More details to follow.

It is that time of year for all the annual reporting to be completed and I have begun to work some of that as well.

Todd Deluccia
District Manager.

December 2022

Conservation Resource Technician Report

December was a slow month for me. With the holidays and using up vacation time before the end of the year, I was out of the office a lot.

This past month I have been planning the annual Ag Producer's Meeting. This year's meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 24 at the Cameron County Rec Center. Speakers will be Nicole Santangelo and Kara Pittman of Penn State Extension, as well as Amanda Murdock of the NRCS. Pesticide Credits will be offered to those in attendance. Letters were sent to the local agriculture producers the final week of December inviting them to attend the meeting. We are planning to use the meeting to invite ag producers to participate in the ACAP, for which we should be receiving funding soon.

Jon Marc and I met with Emily Shosh of the Potter County Conservation District and Justin Waid and Kim Lott of Sinnemahoning State Park on December 7 to plan for a joint grant application that the Sinnemahoning Invasive Plant Management Area and Allegheny Plateau Invasive Plant Management Area are submitting to the USDA Forest Service. The grant will be applied for by the Potter County Conservation District since the Potter CCD is active in both cooperative weed management areas. Throughout the month we have been coordinating with the five-person committee to write the grant which is due in February.

The final week of the month I spent some time watching educational training videos on the Clean Water Academy and other trainings related to agriculture. I find that it is always good to learn new things related to natural resource conservation work and to brush up on the regulatory trainings for the Chapter 102 and 105 programs.

Under the Chapter 102 program I conducted follow-up inspections at two sites this past month and reviewed one E&S Plan.

Under the Chapter 105 program, there was little activity this past month. We did not receive any permit registrations, nor did I conduct any inspections.

Sincerely,

Jim Zoschg

December 2022 Watershed Technician Report

During the month of December, we were not able to get in the stream to work on a couple projects so they will be pushed to next year such as the Roosa and Eckert projects. We did receive a complaint about erosion on Wheaton Hollow by the Dubler Trail but that was extremely minimal. With the Headwaters grant due in January Todd and I are looking at what projects we would like to put on the list for next year. Right now, we have a couple of habitat projects on the table as well as a few AOP projects possible.

Jim and I met with Potter County and a couple staff members of Sinnemahoning State Park about possible working to put in for a grant to address invasives. The grant is for early detection and rapid response and the goal would be to address that throughout Cameron, Potter, and Elk Counties. I have also been working on the Headwaters grant to address the invasives within the Sinnemahoning watershed.

We did spend a couple days in the mines checking on the systems. We went around all the new systems to check the influent and effluent ph. While checking out the May Hollow 10 system I noticed the stop logs were not set high enough so I pushed the stop logs that were in the drain down to raise the level of the water. I came back a couple days later to check on the level and I accidentally put too many logs in and the level of the pond was too high and I had to remove a couple logs to get the appropriate height. I had to babysit the system a little bit because the amount of water was overwhelming the surface flow wetland. The system now is at the optimal height and is functioning fine. We also had to do some maintenance on the Fin 32/33 system. At the intake a build-up of leaves was compiling around the trash rack of the inlet box not the appropriate amount of water into the system. I had to go in with my waders to shovel and rake the leaves from the system.

I was able to go into the school to do a program for the Envirothon team. Here we went over the identification of the herps section of the Envirothon test and next month I will be going in to go over the rest of the topics in that section. Also Jenn and I went into the school during their break to set up the tanks for Trout in the Classroom.

Jon-Marc Burdick

Watershed Technician

January 2023 DEP Conservation District Field Rep Talking Points

Funding Opportunities:

Growing Greener: The Bureau of Watershed Restoration and Nonpoint Source Management (BWRNSM) is anticipating an announcement for Growing Greener awards early in the new year.

NEW Watershed Specialist Reimbursement Forms - The CDWS Application for Reimbursement Form (rev 11/2022), Supplemental Sheet (rev 9/2022), and Instructions for both documents have been revised to incorporate a statement in the signature section related to the PracticeKeeper reporting obligations. The Application for Reimbursement Form was further revised to include a text field for the document number in addition to some changes to the section to be completed by DEP. The revised forms must be utilized in order to be accepted **starting with the October through December 2022** Watershed Specialist Quarterly Reimbursement Request, which are **due January 15, 2023**. Reimbursement Requests submitted on old forms **WILL BE RETURNED**. Please reference the instructions when completing the forms and be sure that the Application is signed by an authorized representative (District Manager or Assistant District Manager), not by the Watershed Specialist or Administrative staff. Here is a direct link to the revised documents in the eLibrary: <http://www.depgreenport.state.pa.us/elibrary/GetFolder?FolderID=677303> . The Applications should continue to be sent to the RA-EPWATERPROGRAMS@pa.gov address on the form.

DEP is accepting applications for \$103.4 million in Abandoned Mine Reclamation Grants

United States Department of Interior's Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement has authorized DEP's Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation (BAMR) to accept applications for abandoned mine reclamation and mine drainage treatment project grants. The deadline for applications is **January 13, 2023**. DEP's Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation has a total of \$103.4 million in federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding available in this first grant round in four categories: Abandoned Mine Land reclamation projects; Acid Mine Drainage operation and maintenance or replacement of existing AMD facilities; new Acid Mine Drainage Treatment Facility projects; and Abandoned Mine Land Economic Revitalization Program projects. Eligible applicants include county or municipal governments; county conservation districts; councils of government; municipal authorities; and nonprofit organizations.

Policies and Procedures

District Director Nomination Process - As of December 27, 2022, nineteen counties have NOT submitted anything to the Commission for Director appointments. Please communicate with your Chief Clerk to see if they need any assistance. All director appointments must be submitted to the Commission for review before they become final. Staff will continue to review conservation district nominations as they are received. Questions may be directed to your Conservation District Field Rep or Barb Buckingham bbuckingha@pa.gov.

Conservation District Team Sheets – Conservation Districts are required to update their Team Sheets in Greenport with new Directors and terms by January 31 of each year. In addition, districts should update information in the Tam Sheets throughout the year whenever there are other changes including, staff, Directors, district address, phone, fax or email addresses.

Leadership Development Employment Law Seminars

Adam Long of McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC will present a series of seminars on Employment Law for Conservation Districts on February 21 at the Hilton Garden Inn Pittsburgh/Cranberry, February 22 at the Ramada State College, and February 23 at Country Inn & Suites Leighton-Jim Thorpe. A follow-up webinar is planned for March.

The presentation will provide a comprehensive overview of practice and policy for lawfully and effectively managing conservation district staff. Topics will include hiring considerations and employment policies such as harassment training and policy, employee absences and leave, wage and employee classification, and best management practices for staff communication, confidentiality, conduct, and performance concerns.

All Conservation District Managers, Directors and Associate Directors are encouraged to attend. Networking begins at 9:00am and seminars will be held from 10:00am to 3:00pm. Lunch is provided, and all attendees will receive a bound reference document to supplement the presentation. There is no fee to attend, but registration required.

[Register for Hilton Garden Inn Pittsburgh/Cranberry Tuesday February 21](#)

[Register for Ramada State College Wednesday February 22](#)

[Register for Country Inn & Suites Leighton-Jim Thorpe Thursday February 23](#)

PA Agricultural Conservation Assistance Program (ACAP)

The State Conservation Commission (Commission) continues to develop the newly authorized Agricultural Conservation Assistance Program or ACAP. Seventy percent (70%) or \$154 million of the CSF is dedicated to ACAP. This initial allocation of funds must be committed by December 31, 2024 and spent by December 31, 2026.

The Commission anticipates allocating a total of \$141.68 million to county conservation districts over the next 3 fiscal years. Participating districts will receive an equal allocation once a year for the next three years. As required by law, districts will have 2 years from the time of receipt to spend these funds.

On November 15, 2022 the Commission approved draft Guidelines, Delegation Agreement and ROMs, and an Apportionment Funding Amounts Spreadsheet. These draft ACAP documents have obtained legal's final approval and were sent out to all districts for consideration on Wednesday, December 21, 2022. SCC Staff intend to conduct monthly webinars for all District managers for the foreseeable future.

Upcoming Webinars for District Managers:

Wednesday, January 11, 2023 @ 9:00 am

Wednesday, February 8, 2023 @ 9:00 am

Wednesday, March 8, 2023 @ 9:00 am

ACAP Workgroups Continue

SCC has formed two Advisory Workgroups for the ACAP. The ACAP Advisory Workgroup reviews draft documents and provides input on new policies in the program. The ACAP Technical Assistance Workgroup has been formed to advise on the task of Trainings for Technical Assistance as well as technical support across the state. SCC continues to hold these workgroups every two weeks to discuss ongoing issues and implementation of ACAP. A third Center Subcommittee has also been formed to discuss how to set up and build the groundworks for the Center.

Nutrient Management /Manure Management

PAG-12 Administrative Extension Published December 17

The PAG-12 is the NPDES General Permit for Operation of Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs). The Bureau of Watershed Restoration and Nonpoint Source Management and Bureau of Clean Water have consulted with the DEP Agricultural Advisory Board (AAB) on the reissuance of the PAG-12 since the inception of the AAB PAG-12 workgroup in December 2020. The AAB received copies of the pre-Draft and Draft permit in July 2022. EPA received the Draft permit in June 2022 and provided official comments on the Draft permit in September 2022. The AAB did not have comments on the pre-Draft; however, they provided written comments on the Draft Permit in September 2022. Two AAB members also posted comments publicly during the public comment period. Comments received included two specific request to administratively extend the permit. Therefore, the administrative extension of the PAG-12 will be posted the *PA Bulletin* on December 17. All existing permittees will maintain coverage; however, after the current permit expires on March 31, 2023 until the permit is reissued, per EPA policy, new operations cannot obtain coverage under the PAG-12. New operations should apply for coverage under an individual permit. DEP has mapped out a proposed path over the next year to adequately address the remainder of the comments raised as we continue to work to reissue the PAG-12.

Spring 2023 Nutrient Management Certification Training Dates: Interested parties may register at www.PaPlants.pa.gov

Training	Tentative Date(s)
Introduction to Livestock Production Systems	February 23
Nutrient Management Orientation	March 15
Managing Manure Nutrients Workshop	April 4, 5
Stormwater & Soil Loss Workshop	April 25,26 May 2,3 (Split if big class)
P Index Workshop	April 27 May 4 (Alternative Date)
Plan Writing Workshop	May 9, 10, 11
Public NMS Refresher	May 12
ACA & Manure Storage Workshop	May 23 (Virtual) May 24 (In Field Primary Day) May 25, 26(In Field Spillover Day)
Plan Review Workshop	June 14 (1 st choice)
Certification Exam	June 22 Two sites (PDA and LEC)
Boot Camp (Basic)	March 27-31 May 1-5 (Spillover Dates)
Boot Camp II	April 17-21 May 15-19 (Spillover Dates)

PA Clean Water Academy

PracticeKeeper Partner Submission and Approval course on the DEP Clean Water Academy (CWA) Updated

The PracticeKeeper Partner Submission and Approval course on the DEP CWA has been updated to include two resources: a question and answer document regarding the PracticeKeeper Partner Submission and Approval Workflow and a list of current PracticeKeeper Tenants and their associated codes. Both resources will be periodically updated to reflect new questions and new tenants that are added to PracticeKeeper.

To access the course, log in to the CWA and visit <https://pacleanwateracademy.remote-learner.net/course/view.php?id=866>. If you do not have a login to the CWA and are an employee of a Conservation District, contact Jay Brand at Braund at jbraund@pa.gov for a login. If you are a partner completing BMP verification and you need a login to the CWA, contact Kate Beats, kbeats@pa.gov.

Districts may find the following CWA courses helpful and interesting.

Course: Prevailing Wage Basics (remote-learner.net)

Course: Introduction to Act 167 (remote-learner.net)

Course: Case Study - Legacy Sediment Evaluation at Oil Creek (remote-learner.net)

102 and 105 Attachment B on the Clean Water Academy – It is essential that Districts update the Attachment B on the Clean Water Academy for the Chapter 102 and 105 Programs anytime there are staff changes at the district. **The 102 and 105 Programs use the Attachment B online forms to enable e-permitting permissions for new staff** and to disable them for former staff. The Attachment B can be found under the Data Portal. To update Attachment B, you need to search for your county and then select the Gear icon to edit. You can then change employment status to Former and choose an Employment End Date. This helps DEP to maintain all the data systems we need to maintain and enable. Course: Data Portal (remote-learner.net)

Chesapeake Bay

PA Chesapeake Bay 2022 Progress Run Reporting Update - DEP's BWRNSM submitted its data to EPA's Chesapeake Bay Program Office (CBPO) on December 1st for the 2022 Progress Run, meeting Pennsylvania's Chesapeake Bay Watershed Partnership deadline. A total of 11,726 new records from Pennsylvania's reporting programs were submitted, which is 1,945 more records than was reported in 2021. This reporting included data submitted from 39 distinct reporting programs which are documented in the newly updated Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP).

New this year, DEP's BWRNSM and Office of Field Operations worked with the PA Turnpike Commission to submit stormwater data, reporting 116 stormwater records from February 1996 to October 2022 that included bioretention, dry detention basins, infiltration basins and trenches, permeable pavement, vegetated treatment areas, wet ponds and wetlands.

At the beginning of 2021, DEP invested additional funds through CBRAP for expanded agriculture BMP verification efforts detailed in the Phase 3 WIP Amendment. This BMP verification effort utilized established agriculture BMP inspections and reporting protocols to PracticeKeeper. Through this effort, DEP was able to report 1,989 agriculture records to EPA CBPO.

Penn State University completed their 2022 Agricultural Voluntary BMP Reporting Outreach program and reported 941 agriculture BMPs to DEP from the following 16 counties: Bedford, Centre, Columbia, Cumberland, Clinton, Dauphin, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lebanon, Lycoming, Mifflin, Northumberland, Perry, Snyder, Tioga and Union.

DEP BWRNSM greatly appreciates all the field inspectors, new implementation and re-verification efforts, data entry and program administrators whose efforts to report all of this data improved Pennsylvania's progress reporting and highlighted our collective efforts to improve water quality

2023 CAP Coordinator and Implementation Grant Announcements - The Bureau of Watershed Restoration and Nonpoint Source Management (BWRNSM) announced the CAP Coordinator and Implementation grants. Please share the good news with your partners. Click [here](#) to view the press release announcing the grant awards.

Although the amount of CAP Grant funding decreased from \$17 million for 2022 projects to \$12 million for 2023 projects, we were pleased to see that Countywide Action Plans had a huge impact on funding overall for Pennsylvania agencies that can be used to support implementation of your CAPs on an even larger scale (see attached document for details of funding programs).

One important note: DEP distributed the CAP grant funds based on the same allocation formula for each county this year as last year.

Dates to Remember

SCC Meetings – 1:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting	Jan 24
Hybrid Meeting	Mar 14

SCC Conference Calls – 8:30 – 10:00 AM

Conference Call	Feb 14
Conference Call	Apr 11

Leadership Development Employment Law Seminars 10:00 am -3:00 pm

Cranberry Twp.	Feb 21
State College	Feb 22
Lehighton	Feb 23

Ag Boot Camp

Basic	March 27-31 May 1-5 (Spillover Dates)
Advanced	April 17-21 May 15-19 (Spillover Dates)

Also, check the Conservation District Training/Special Events Calendar at, www.PACD.org Select the "Events" tab and then the "Training Calendar" tab.