

CARBON CONSERVATION DISTRICT

5664 Interchange Road

Lehighton, PA 18235

August 27, 2026

Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting held at Carbon County Environmental Educational Center.

PRESENT: Roger Shoenberger; Josiah Behrens; Merle Hunsicker; Robbie Cressley; Chris Storm; Susan Gallagher; Ashley Klemczak; Briana Fulmer; Kay Gilbert; Fred Merluzzi; Susan Gegeckas; Esther Ermlick, NRCS.

Visitor:

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chairman Shoenberger.

MINUTES from the August 2026 meeting approved on a motion of M. Hunsicker, second by J. Behrens. Roll call vote carried.

COOPERATING AGENCY REPORTS

- DEP – Talking Points -J. Creegan -Included in meeting packet. Reviewed with minimal discussion.
- NRCS – E. Ermlick – Included in meeting packet. Reviewed with minimal discussion.

FINANCIALS

- CD Financial Reports were entered into the record on motion of J. Behrens, second by R. Shoenberger. Carried, all in favor.
- EEC Financial Reports were entered into the record on motion of J. Behrens, second by M. Hunsicker. Carried, all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- Proposed Budget 2027 – Conservation District – approval on a motion of R. Shoenberger, second by J. Behrens. Roll call vote, all in favor of submitting to the County Commissioners.
- Proposed Budget 2027 – CCEEC – approval on a motion of J. Behrens, second by M, Hunsicker. Roll call vote, all in favor of submitting to the County Commissioners.
- Naturalist position to be discussed in the next couple of months with updated job descriptions for each of the Chief Naturalist, Naturalist and Program Assistant.

EEC REPORT - Included in meeting packet. Reviewed with minimal discussion.

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN REPORT – Included in meeting packet. Reviewed with minimal discussion.

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DISTRICT ACAP TECHNICIAN REPORT – Included in meeting packet. Reviewed with minimal discussion.

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT – Included in meeting packet. Reviewed with minimal discussion.

DIRT AND GRAVEL/LOW VOLUME ROADS – Nothing to report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of R. Shoenberger to enter executive session at 7:55 p.m. for personnel reasons.
Executive session ended at 8:44 p.m.

Next Board meeting is Thursday September 24, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the **Conservation District Office.**

Respectively submitted,

Susan Gegeckas
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