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Chester County Agricultural Development Council  
Government Services Center – Suite 270

Hybrid Meeting  
January 3, 2024

Join the webinar: <https://chesco-org.zoom.us/j/97515636971?pwd=STV3eDVNTWFWuQUZxQUVYUUhCcjRNZz09>

## AGENDA

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Chair’s welcome

*Chair*

### 2. ACTION ITEMS

B. Officer elections

*Chair*

C. Approval of Ag Council Meeting Minutes –November 1, 2023

*Chair*

### 3. DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

D. Ag Council Update

*Erik Walschburger*

E. Ag Plan Implementation

1) Ag Plan Implementation Update

*Jodi Gauker*

2) CCEDC food hub study and farm to school grant

*Jodi Gauker*

3) Ag sustainability kickoff

*Ann Lane*

4) Future funding ideas

*Ann Lane*

F. Communications, Outreach & Coordination

*Ann Lane*

1) Social media highlights

2) Good Food Fest recap

3) Agritourism project advisory role

G. Municipal Update

1) Ag-friendly zoning outreach

*Wes Bruckno*

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

### 5. ADJOURNMENT

*Chair*

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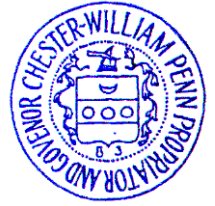


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MINUTES: Regular Monthly Meeting  
Chester County Agricultural Development Council  
November 1, 2023

Hybrid Meeting  
Government Services Center Room 270

**Council Members present in Person:** Dr. Barbara Dallap-Schaer, Vice Chair; Tim Ferris: Ryan Heenan; Casi Long; Vince Pompo.

**Council Members present via Zoom:** Adam Mowery; Cynthia Petrone-Hudock; Bill Schick.

**Council Members absent:** Gary Westlake, Chair; Chris Alonzo.

**Staff present in Person:** Brian O'Leary; Ann Lane; Wes Bruckno; Gene Huller; Nancy Shields.

**Visitors present in person:** Erik Walschburger.

**Staff present via Zoom:** Beth Cunliffe.

**Visitors present via Zoom:** Jordan Peek; Jodi Gauker.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The regular meeting of the Agriculture Development Council held in person at the Government Services Center Suite 270 and via Zoom audio/video on Wednesday, November 1, 2023 was called to order at 9:34. A.M. by Vice Chair Dr. Barbara Dallap-Schaer.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 6, 2023 MEETING OF THE AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL WAS MADE BY MR. HEENAN, SECONDED BY MR. FERRIS, AND WAS PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE COUNCIL.

Appointment of 2024 Officers Nominating Committee:

THE 2024 OFFICERS NOMINATING COMMITTEE ACTION ITEM WAS POSTPONED TO THE JANUARY 2024 ADC MEETING.

Approval of 2024 Agriculture Development Council Meeting Schedule:

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2024 AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE WAS MADE BY MR. HEENAN, SECONDED BY MR. FERRIS, AND PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE COUNCIL.

**DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION ITEMS:**

Board membership and reappointments:

Ms. Lane reminded the board that board members with terms expiring 12/31/23 who want to be reappointed will need to reapply through the county's website: <https://chesco.seamlessdocs.com/f/abcs>

Ag Plan Implementation:

Ms. Lane reported that Jodi Gauker convened Ms. Lane, Geoff Shellington from Chester County Parks and Preservation and Jordan Peek, the new Ag Connect manager to move the Ag Plan implementation forward. A major outcome will be a farmers' resource page with funding opportunities on the ADC website. The goal for December is to put together a stakeholder publication to share with partners.

Ag Awards:

Ms. Lane reported that the annual agricultural awards ceremony was held at Birchrun Hill Farm. The owners of Birchrun Hill Farm, the Miller family, received the Farmers of the Year award. Dr. Kevin Hicks of Lundale Farm received the Distinguished Service to Agriculture award.

Communication and Outreach:

Ms. Lane reported that some events were either cancelled or postponed due to rainy weather and flooding. Ms. Lane participated in the Farm Tales program at the Coatesville Library. Ms. Lane reported on the success of social media outreach over the fall months. National Farmer Day with farmers' photos was very popular, followed by pumpkin recycling and the agriculture awards. Ms. Lane reminded the board of the Good Food Fest event on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at the Kimberton Fair Grounds where ADC is co-sponsoring a table with Lundale Farms.

Ms. Lane reported that one of the America 250<sup>th</sup> Commission's themes is Our Agricultural History. The America 250<sup>th</sup> representative may be presenting at ADC's next board meeting. They are looking for agricultural sites with historical tie ins where educational kiosks can be set up.

Municipal Update:

Mr. Bruckno reported on the ag-friendly zoning outreach with the following areas: objectives promote ag preservation, designated or specialized ag district, secondary farm business allowed, ag uses permitted by right, controlled environmental ag, and agritainment allowed. Letters have been mailed to 22 municipalities summarizing how the municipalities are doing in each of these areas. An agritainment eTool is being developed.

Ms. Lane reported that she and Mr. Bruckno presented at an Oxford Regional Planning Commission meeting about the municipal outreach tie in with the Ag Plan. Ms. Lane reported that New Garden Township contacted ADC regarding agritainment.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at 9:30 AM.

ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 11:08 AM WAS MADE BY MR. HEENAN, SECONDED BY MR. FERRIS, AND PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE COUNCIL.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Ann Lane*

Secretary

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Note: Complete reports are a part of the Agricultural Development Council files and can be reviewed at the Planning Commission Office.