



## CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMISSION

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# 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year Virtual Meeting Agenda

**November 5-6, 2020**

**Thursday, November 5, 2020**

Attire: Zoom Casual

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### Teleconference Instructions:

This CBC meeting will be accessible to all participants remotely using one of two options:

1. **Zoom webinar\***: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/811103037903>

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**1:00 P.M.      CALL TO ORDER  
                    ROLL CALL  
                    ADOPTION OF MINUTES  
                    ADOPTION/MODIFICATION OF AGENDA**

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**1:10 P.M.      ELECTION RECAP & INFLUENCE ON BAY RESTORATION**

**1:20 P.M.      WHAT IS PENNSYLVANIA DOING?  
A Focus on Agriculture**

*Pennsylvania's Phase III WIP builds on existing state and federal laws, regulations and funding programs. How much will these programs continue to achieve? What are the gaps?*

- Pennsylvania Clean Streams Law
- Funding
  - State
    - Environmental Stewardship Fund
    - Small Business Ombudsman Grant Program
    - Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Tax Credits
    - Agri-Link Low Interest Loans
    - Conservation Excellence Grant Program
    - Farmland Preservation Program
    - Riparian Forest Buffer Programs
    - PENNVEST – Clean Water Financing
  - Federal

Jill Whitcomb, Director  
PA DEP Chesapeake Bay Program Office

**Q&A Panel**

Jill will be joined by:

Karl Brown, Executive Secretary  
PA State Conservation Commission

Brion Johnson, Executive Director  
PENNVEST

[2:00 P.M.]      Commission Discussion

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**2:15 P.M.      BREAK**

**2:30 P.M.      A FIELD-LEVEL VIEW**

**PART I**

**PENNSYLVANIA AGRICULTURE: A VIRTUAL TOUR**

*The scale and diversity of Pennsylvania agriculture eclipses that of much of the rest of the watershed. Lancaster County alone has more dairy cows than all of Virginia, produces the same value of livestock and poultry as all of Maryland, and the county has more layer chickens, beef cattle and meat pigs than all of the other Bay states combined. Accordingly, Pennsylvania agriculture is expected to achieve over half of the Baywide 2025 nitrogen goal. What are the implications for industry and policymakers?*

Marel King, CBC Pennsylvania Director

Gordon Hoover

Owner, Welsh-Vista Farms

Chair, Salisbury Township Board of Supervisors

Agriculture Outreach Coordinator, Lancaster Farmland Trust

Jeb Musser, Director of Land Protection

Lancaster Farmland Trust

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[2:45 P.M.]

**PART II**

**PANEL DISCUSSION: THE BOOTS ON THE GROUND**

*For farmers and their conservation advisors, what are the tools that are working? What are the obstacles to implementation? What more is needed?*

Facilitator:      Allyson Gibson, Coordinator  
Lancaster Clean Water Partners

Gordon Hoover

Jeb Musser

Chris Sigmund, President

TeamAg, Inc.

Chris Thompson, Manager

Lancaster County Conservation District

[3:10] Commission Discussion

**3:20 P.M. MEMBER FEEDBACK**

*Reflections on the day's meeting. Opportunities for tomorrow and the future.*

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**3:30 P.M. ADJOURN**

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**Friday, November 6, 2020**

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**9:15 A.M. CALL TO ORDER  
ROLL CALL**

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**9:30 A.M. CBC's 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
Past, Present and Future**

**FILM PREMIERE**  
Tom Horton, Screenwriter

**10:00 A.M. SPECIAL ADDRESS**  
Virginia Governor Ralph Northam  
Chairman, Chesapeake Executive Council

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**10:15 A.M. 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY ANNUAL REPORT RELEASE  
NOVEMBER 10 WEBINAR**  
*Extending our reach. What Else?*

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**10:30 A.M. CHAIRMAN'S LIGHTNING ROUND UPDATES**

- CBC FY2020 Audit Report
- Conowingo WIP
- Climate Change in the WIPs
- Chesapeake Bay Program DEIJ Initiative
- Federal Policy/Appropriations Updates

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**11:10 A.M. COMMISSION REFLECTIONS & DISCUSSION**  
*The film has provided us with a remarkable summary of the Commission's accomplishments. What about the next 40 years? Given the challenges of the Bay restoration and the policy influence of the members, what should our focus be moving forward? How can the members help?*

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**11:20 A.M. NEW BUSINESS**  
**MEMBER FEEDBACK**

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**11:25 A.M. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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**11:30 A.M. ADJOURN**

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*The next meeting of the Chesapeake Bay Commission  
will be held at the Annapolis Waterfront Hotel in Annapolis, MD  
on January 7-8, 2021*