



Armstrong Conservation District

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APRIL 2017 MINUTES

The Armstrong Conservation District Board of Directors held their monthly meeting at the Armsdale Administration Building, 124 Armsdale Road, Suite 103, Kittanning, PA 16201 on Wednesday, April 19, 2017.

Chairman Spurgeon Shilling called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Directors present: Andrew Kimmel, DeJay Claypoole, and Dennis Hawley; Dave Rupert, District Manager; Cindy Vranka, Office Manager.

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

Andrew Kimmel moved, seconded by DeJay Claypoole to approve the minutes of March 15, 2017 as presented. Motion carried.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$293,010.15. Dennis Hawley moved, seconded by DeJay Claypoole to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented subject to audit. Motion carried.

Needed Supplies / Outstanding Bills – None

OLD BUSINESS

2017 Legislative Breakfast Update – The breakfast was held Friday, March 31st at the Belmont Complex, 8 – 10 am. Positive comments were received. PP Presentations and pictures could be put on a USB business card as a handout to attendees to circulate to other interested persons next year. County Commissioners were more engaged in the discussion than in the past.

State Ethics Commission Statement of Financial Interests – As per State Conservation Commission and State Ethics Commission guidance, Statement of Financial Interests (SEC-1) Forms were distributed. Forms are due by May 1 of each year a person holds a public position as well as the year following termination of service. Forms for calendar year 2016 are due to be filed by May 1, 2017. This item will remain as an agenda item until May 1, 2017.

PACD SW Region Meeting – District Manager Dave Rupert attended and reported on discussions at the meeting. There could be a slight dues increase over the next three years to support the deficit in the PACD financial support from the State. The District is pleased with the support from PACD on the District level.

Strategic Planning – A draft Strategic Plan was distributed to the attending Directors for their comments and review prior to the May 17th Board meeting. Additional draft plans will be distributed to Directors, Associate Directors, legislative persons, and cooperating agencies for review. At the May Board meeting all comments, concerns and revisions will be discussed. We need to adopt the final plan at the June meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Potential Landowner Reclamation Project – A potential Landowner Reclamation Project was presented by District Manager Dave Rupert on a 21-acre abandoned mine site in the Shelocta area (Gerald Kimmel property). Gerald Kimmel contacted DEP Bureau of Abandoned Mines Reclamation (BAMR) regarding a potential reclamation project. This will be the first BAMR Project in the State in 15 years and a least 20 years since the District has participated in such a project. Julie Zeyzus Resources Conservationist is assigned the administrative duties. This project, if funded by DEP and will be advertised for competitive bidding. May 10th DEP Greensburg will be meeting with DEP Harrisburg staff and Jeff Christy of Young & Associates to discuss details of the project. Approximate budget is \$180,000 to \$190,000. 4% to 5% of the budget will be cost recovery for administration. \$20,000 bond forfeiture will make up for any financial shortfall. Andrew Kimmel moved, seconded by Dennis Hawley to proceed with this proposed project. Motion carried.

PACD Mini Grant Acceptance – Staff submitted three Nonpoint Source Pollution Prevention Educational Mini-grant application for consideration. Two were awarded to the District: 1) 3-Pan Rainfall Simulator (\$2,000) that will provide hands-on and interactive educational tool to demonstrate the process of E & S and how it affect water quality. 2) And the seconded grant establishing vegetation suitable for steep slopes, acidic soil and improving wildlife habitat workshop (\$1,942.00). Dennis Hawley moved, seconded by Andrew Kimmel to accept the two PACD Mini Grants as presented. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS - None

CORRESPONDENCE – None

AGENCY REPORTS – The following agencies / staff provided agency reports: G Smith DG/LVR, J Schaub ACT/NM Tech, J Zeyzus Watershed Specialist, and C Wagner E&S Tech.

The following **Cooperator Agreements** request for assistance was submitted to the District Board for approval/disapproval/cancellation.

Terry E Shaffer	200 acres	Dairy	Mahoning Township
Terry Crawford	500 acres	Beef	Redbank Township
Ronald J Bonar	13 acres	Horse	Kittanning/Rayburn Township
David McIlwain	90.7 acres	Beef	Valley Township

Andrew Kimmel moved, seconded by DeJay Claypoole to approve the above agreements as presented. Motion carried.

The following **Erosion and Sediment Control Plans** were submitted to the District Board for approval / disapproval:

Date	Project Name	Twp	Rev	Status
3/13/17	TP 371 Major Mod	Various CW	A	
3/29/17	422 Fill Site	Kittanning	CW	D
3/27/17	Long Term Control Plan Phase 1	Freeport	CW	A
3/17/17	Dave Bittinger Waste Area	Wayne	CW	D
4/4/17	Bob George Waste Area	Manor	CW	A
3/31/17	Kiski Township Volunteer Fire Dept.	Kiski	CW	D
3/15/17	Sloan Hill Area Waterline Construction	Rayburn	CW	D

4/12/17	Gerald Stover Waste Area	Redbank	CW	A
4/12/17	Aatis Lillstrom Waste Area	Redbank	CW	A
4/11/17	ECMS Sanitary Sewer and Waterline Relocation	Manor/ Kitt	CW	A

The E&S plans were presented for review and approval by the Board. Andrew Kimmel moved, Dennis Hawley seconded the approval of the E&S plans as their status indicates. Motion carried.

NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLANS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – Discussion regarding water withdrawal permits for Marcellus well sites. Referred to DEP Bureau of Oil and Gas for clarification. The District Manager was directed to contact Elderton State Bank to see if better interest rates could be obtained on Districts financial accounts.

At 9:27 am, Chairman Spurgeon Shilling, hearing no objections from the Board declared the meeting adjourned.

The next scheduled Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Armsdale Administration Building, Conference Room #103.

Respectively,

Cindy L Vranka
*Office Manager for the
Armstrong Conservation District*