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DECEMBER 2017 MINUTES

The Armstrong Conservation District Board of Directors held their annual Christmas dinner meeting at the Latin American Club, 1218 Third Avenue, Ford City, PA on Wednesday, December 20, 2017.

Chairman Spurgeon Shilling called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Directors present: Michelle Hickman, DeJay Claypoole, Andrew Kimmel, and Dennis Hawley; Associate Directors; Ben Kimmel, Rocco Ali, Scott Baker; Dave Rupert District Manager; Cindy Vranka Office Manager, Gregg Smith DGLVR Tech, Holly Dill E&S Tech, Jessica Schaub ACT NM Tech; NRCS SDC Dennis DiOrio; guests Erin Hawk, Erin Kimmel, Cole Hickman, Sally Baker, Lina Milligan, Joy Smith, Brian Schaub, Fred Laird, Wayne Henchar, MED driver Laura Sue Stewart, Tom Beresnyak (Penn State), Dr. Joe Conklin (Penn State), Marlene Kammerdiener, Alfred Kammerdiener, Paul Stubrick, Edward Strubrick, John Bennett, Lori Bennett, Troy Goldstrohm, and Jennifer Goldstrohm.

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

The November minutes were distributed to the Board. Michelle Hickman moved, seconded by Dennis Hawley to approve the minutes of November 22nd, 2017 as presented. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was presented showing a balance of \$252,640.93. Dennis Hawley moved, seconded by Michelle Hickman to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented subject to audit and to pay for the December annual Christmas meal. Motion carried.

Needed Supplies / Outstanding Bills – Dennis Hawley moved, seconded by Michelle Hickman to pay the Outstanding Bills as presented. Motion carried. No needed supplies.

OLD BUSINESS

- **ACD PENNVEST UPDATE** – District Manager Dave Rupert reported that 38% of the project is complete. The project is 30 days ahead of schedule. Survey and design of the next phase will be submitted in April.
- **2018 Combined Annual Banquet** – The combined banquet is scheduled for Thursday, March 1 at Lenape Tech. Lenape Culinary students will prepare and serve a roast beef dinner. Tickets are \$15. Award committees are to meet and prepare their nominations for the Annual Banquet.

NEW BUSINESS

- **2018 MOU CDFAP between Commonwealth / Dept of AG / SCC** – Dennis Hawley moved, seconded by Michelle Hickman to enter into this ACT agreement, term effective date July 1, 2017 ending on June 30, 2018. Motion carried.
- **Elderton Bank Fund Accounts** - Recommended changes to banking procedures regarding seven (7) financial fund accounts are defined in detail to correspondence to Elderton State Bank regarding protocol in processing, authorizations and signatures to all accounts, i.e. fund transfers between accounts, on-line bill paying, second signatures requirements, etc. (Document attached will define protocol procedures for future reference.) At the present moment two (2) signatures are required on all processed checks.

OTHER BUSINESS

- **Growing Greener Grants** 1) Excitation Emission Matrix (\$7,839.00) 2) Biblical Life Institute Stream Restoration (\$59,889.00) 3) Paul Stubrick AG BMP Grant (\$110,096.00). Michelle Hickman moved, seconded by Andrew Kimmel to accept, enter into and execute the above mentioned GG Grants. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Public Officials Day on Wednesday, January 10th, 2018 at the PA Farm Show Complex and Expo Center beginning at 11 am in the PA Preferred Banquet Hall.
- Soil Health Conference, January 31, 2018 , 9 AM to 3:30 PM at Fred Rogers Center St. Vincent College, Latrobe, PA. Andrew Kimmel moved, seconded by Michelle Hickman to approve expenses for those attending the workshop. Motion carried.

AGENCY REPORTS – Agency / staff activity reports were previously e-mailed and presented to the Board. The following agencies / staff provided reports: Julie Zeyzus Watershed Specialist, Jessica Schaub NM/ACT Tech, Holly Dill E&S Tech, Gregg Smith DGLVR Tech, and Dennis DiOrio NRCS SDC. Representatives from Penn State Extension were introduced to the group. On July 1, 2017 the Penn State Cooperative Extension programs across the State experienced a realignment of Districts. Area 6 (Armstrong, Greene, Fayette, Indiana, Washington, and Westmoreland) is under the direction of Thomas Beresnyak (client relationship manager) and Dr. Joseph Conklin (business operations manager) as part of the new realignment for Area 6 here in Armstrong County. Gary Sheppard has since retired and will not be replaced. AmeriCorps Member Heidi Krigar was introduced to the group.

COOPERATOR AGREEMENTS - None

EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL PLANS

Date	Project Name	Township	Reviewed By	Status
9/22/17	JV 362, SR 2005, Section P50 over N. Branch of Cherry Run	Burrell	Dave Rupert/ Holly Dill	Approved
9/27/17	SR 2003 Cessna Run Bridge	Plumcreek	Dave Rupert/Holly Dill	Pending
9/29/17	Mahoning Creek Hydroelectric Project	Wayne	N/A	Co-Permittee Release
10/2/17	Spaces Corner Area Waterline	Rayburn	N/A	Pending Co-Permittee Release
10/10/17	Amerikohl Mining Inc. Ruffner Mine	Madison	N/A	Public Review
10-17-17	Long Term Control Plan Phase 1	Freeport Boro	KLH Engineers	E&S Review for GP 4 (17-ES-20)
10-19-17	Former F.C. Facility Slurry Lagoon Area	North Buffalo & Cadogan	Arcadis	17-ES-21 E&S Review
10-20-17	Amerikohl Mining – Freeport Brick Mine	Freeport Boro	CME Engineers	Public Review
10-20-17	Lopa Mining Inc. Rupp Mine	Rayburn	Fike Associates	Public Review
11-2-17	PAD480021 JV 368	East Franklin	Plenary Walsh and Associate	Co-Permittee Application
11-3-17	Amerikohl Mining Barrett Mine	Madison	CME Engineers	Public Review
11-6-17	Sloan Hill Waterline Ext. Project	Rayburn	RTJMA	Co-Permittee Application
11-9-17	Amerikohl Mining Ruffner Mine	Madison	CME Engineers	Public Review
11-13-17	Co-Permittee Approval from DEP for Morgans Excavating	Valley	DEP	Co-Permittee Approval

Andrew Kimmel made a motion to approve the above plans and their review status as indicated. Dennis Hawley seconded. Motion carried.

NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN – None

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - None

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Spurgeon Shilling, hearing no objections, declared the meeting adjourned at 5:51 PM.

The next scheduled Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 17th, 2018 at 7 PM at the Armsdale Administration Building. Committee meetings are scheduled for 6 PM.

Respectively,

Cindy L Vranka
Office Manager for the
Armstrong Conservation District