



Armstrong Conservation District

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SEPTEMBER 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, September 20, 2017.

Chairman Spurgeon Shilling called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Directors present: Andrew Kimmel, Michelle Hickman, DeJay Claypoole, Jerry Longwell, and Dennis Hawley; Associate Directors Ben Kimmel, Scott Baker; Dave Rupert District Manager; Cindy Vranka Office Manager; Holly Dill E&S Tech; Gregg Smith DGLVR Tech; Heidi Krigar AmeriCorps, and Dennis DiOrio SDC NRCS;

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

The July minutes were distributed to the Board. Dennis Hawley moved, seconded by Andrew Kimmel to approve the minutes of July 19, 2017 as presented. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was presented showing a balance of \$397,298.25. Andrew Kimmel moved, seconded by Dennis Hawley to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented subject to audit. Motion carried.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Gerry Kimmel Landowner Reclamation Project Update – District Manager Dave Rupert reported on the progress of the project. Young & Associates presented a preliminary budget to Ron Horansky DEP in the amount of roughly \$240,000. Contract execution could occur in two months if DEP fully funds the reclamation costs. Work could begin in the late fall and be completed in spring / summer. Gerry Kimmel will select contractor.

Dayton Fair / MED Report – District Manager Dave Rupert reported on the various locations and events that the MED has been and future events scheduled.

Hulings Run AMD Project – Site showing is scheduled for Thursday, September 21, bid opening September 27th. Construction may begin in early October and completed three weeks. All work needs to be completed before bear season begins.

NEW BUSINESS

ACD – NPS Phase II – District Manager Dave Rupert reported on the progress of Phase II. Closing will be on October 11th, notice to proceed on the 12th. J C Puryear Trucking & Excavating was lowest bidder. Young & Associates will be moving forward on plan development of Phase III. There is a contingency buffer of \$62,000 in this contract. Dennis Hawley moved, seconded by Andrew Kimmel to accept the project as presented and to begin design work on Phase III. Motion carried. Jerry Longwell abstained.

ACD Draft 2018 Budget - District Manager Dave Rupert presented highlights on the tentative proposed 2018 Armstrong Conservation District Budget. Jerry Longwell moved, seconded by DeJay Claypoole to approve and submit the tentative proposed 2018 Armstrong Conservation District budget to the Armstrong County Commissioners for consideration. Motion carried.

2018 DGLVR Allocations / QAB Recommendations – D & G Road Specialist Gregg Smith highlighted the QABs recommendation for this round of funding. Jerry Longwell moved, seconded by Dennis Hawley to approve the recommendations of the QAB. Motion carried. (See attached DGLVR memo for incorporation into the minutes.)

UGWF Funding Allocation Resolution - District Manager Dave Rupert discussed the ACD resolution regarding the distribution of UGWF funds by the SCC. This motion included the use of the District's current allocation of UGWF funds from the Commonwealth. Jerry Longwell moved, seconded by Andrew Kimmel to support the Resolution as presented and to allocate the UGWF funds as presented. Motion carried.

2018 Draft Action Plan – District Directors, Associate Directors and Staff are asked to review the 2017 Action Plan for revisions, corrections, and additions to develop the Draft 2018 Action Plan. Comments and discussion will be incorporated for consideration at the October Board meeting.

2018 5-Year NM Delegation Agreement – Andrew Kimmel moved, seconded by DeJay Claypoole to enter into the 5-Year NM and Manure Management Delegation Agreement of Admin Responsibilities in the PA Nutrient Management and Manure Management Programs (Funding is currently set at \$14,000.00). Motion carried.

H2O Specialist Agreement Amendment #1 – Dennis Hawley moved, seconded by Andrew Kimmel to approve and accept the proposed Amendment #1 to the Grant agreement between the DEP and ACD for the Growing Greener Conservation District Watershed Specialist Program (Doc# 4100077983) by \$7,200.00 for a total of \$53,950.00

2017 Fall Tour – The annual fall tour is scheduled for Friday, October 13, 2017. The tour will begin at 10 am and conclude at 2 pm. The tour will depart from the Armsdale Building and visit various project sites in the County. All Board members, Associate Directors, and County/State/Federal elected officials are invited to attend.

OTHER BUSINESS

PMRS (Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System) 2018 MMO Obligation – Act 205 of 1984 requires the Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) to be given to the plan's governing board. The 2018 MMO is the amount the governing board must contribute to the plan in the next plan year. The memo, provided under the guidance of the PMRS is intended to satisfy the legal requirements of Act 205. No action is needed.

CORRESPONDENCE

- PACD SW Region Meeting – Greensburg, October 12th / \$18 charge for lunch
- SW Project Grass Field Day & Pasture Walk – September 21st / \$11 includes lunch

- No-Till, Cover Crop and Soil Health Workshop – September 28th / \$10 registration includes lunch
- Grazing Conference, Pasture Walk, and Cattle Evaluation – September 30th / \$25 per person

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, G Smith DGLVR Tech, and Dennis DiOrio NRCS SDC.

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

Greg Long 100 acres REAP Kiski Township

Andrew Kimmel moved, seconded by Jerry Longwell to approve the above agreement as presented. Motion carried.

EROROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL PLAN

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Township</u>	<u>Reviewed by</u>	<u>Status</u>
7/24/2017	Allegheny Mineral Corp. Mine 62	West Franklin	Public Review	Public Review
8/2/2017	Sloan Hill Area Waterline/17-ES-16	Rayburn	DRR/HD	Approved
8/7/2017	Allegheny Mineral Corp. Mine 62	West Franklin	Public Review	Public Review
8/7/2017	Amerikohl Mining Inc. Ruffner Mine	Madison	Public Review	Public Review
8/11/2017	Kiski Twp Fire Department/NPDES#PAC030007 Minor Mod	Kiski	DRR	Approved
8/21/2017	PennDOT Storage Bldg. Stockpile#04 Worthington / 17-ES-17	West Franklin	DRR/HD	Approved
8/21/2017	Amerikohl Mining Inc. Ruffner Mine	Madison	Public Review	Public Review
8/21/2017	Allegheny Mineral Corp. Mine 62	West Franklin	Module 3 Report	Public Review
8/28/2017	JV No. 368, SR3017, Section P50 Over SR0422	East Franklin	Public Review	Public Review

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

Nutrient Management Plans – Dennis Hawley moved, seconded by DeJay Claypoole to approve the NM Tech's recommendation to approve the manure storage setback waiver & NM Plan for Robert & Penny Mills - 8.1 acre horse farm located in Kittanning Township, Armstrong County. Motion carried. Andrew Kimmel moved, seconded by Dennis Hawley to approve the NM Tech's recommendation to approve the NM Plan of Paul Remaley & Tracey Bier - 20.1 acre animal rescue farm located in Kittanning Township, Armstrong County. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Introduction of the new E&S Tech Holly Dill and AmeriCorps Member Heidi Krigar.

At 7:40 pm, Chairman Spurgeon Shilling, hearing no objections from the Board declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectively,

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