
February 16, 2022 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Spurgeon Shilling at 7:02 PM.

The following individuals participated by ZOOM: Directors Andrew Kimmel; Associate Director Patricia Gerheim; In person: Directors Dennis Hawley, Michelle Hickman, and Spurgeon Shilling; Associate Directors John Linkes, Rocco Ali and Mike Daquilante; District Manager Holly Laird; Armsdale Building Coordinator Dave Rupert; NRCS DC Dennis DiOrio.

PUBLIC COMMENT on AGENDA ITEMS – District Manager Holly Laird informed the Board that DEP Field Representative John Green had passed away. Rocco Ali, who attended the Legislative Breakfast on February 11th, stated that he felt the event was a success.

The December minutes were distributed to the Board. Dennis Hawley made the motion to accept the minutes as presented, Michelle Hickman seconded. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was presented to the Board. Michelle Hickman moved seconded by Dennis Hawley that the treasurer's report be filed for audit and pay the OS bill. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Tree Sale Update** – Holly Laird, District Manager provided an update on the 2022 tree sale.
- **State Ethics Forms – 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 for persons that hold a public position as well as the year following termination of service. Forms for calendar year 2021 are due to be filed by May 1, 2022. This item will remain as an agenda item until May 1, 2022.
- **Awards Committee Reports/Selections** – Award Committees that have not made award recipient selections yet should meet to select their award winners in the next few weeks.
- **Awards Banquet** – It was the consensus of the 4 agencies that due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic that the annual awards banquet will be held the first week of October at the Latin American Club.
- **Armsdale Updates** – Dave Rupert, Armsdale Building Coordinator provided a report on the status of Armsdale project. A Local Share Assessment grant application is being submitted in conjunction with Armstrong County for the Armsdale Road. No award announcements have been made on the EDA or RCAP grants at this time.
- **Staff Vacancy Update** – Holly Laird discussed with the Board regarding a proposed job description for an educator position. Holly was directed to have a draft for Board review for the March meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- **PennVest – Resolutions to Close the PennVest Funding Offer** – Dennis Hawley moved, seconded by Michelle Hickman to pass the necessary resolutions and to

designate both Holly and Dave to take the necessary steps to close on the PennVest Funding offer. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS – Holly Laird, District Manager provided information on the DCNR Watershed Forestry Summit.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

AGENCY REPORTS – Agency / staff activity reports were mailed / e-mailed to the Board. Dennis DiOrio, DC for NRCS provided additional details regarding the ranking of EQIP applications and the advertisement of open positions. Dennis also reviewed the cooperative working agreement between NRCS and the Armstrong Conservation District. John Linkes, Associate Director stated that DEP is taking bids for the removal of mine shafts and sealing of mine openings on Roaring Run property. Rocco Ali, Associate Director explained a timber operation being conducted by the Apollo-Spring Church Sportsmen's Club.

COOPERATOR AGREEMENT – none

EROSION and SEDIMENT CONTROL PLANS – Michelle Hickman moved with Andrew Kimmel seconding the approval of the E&S plan as its status indicates. The motion was carried.

11/30/2020	Margaret Road	Plumcreek	PAD030005	HL	Issued
4/5/2021	PennDOT Maintenance Facility	Manor	PAC030037	HL	In Progress
11/29/2021	Kittanning East Self-Storage Site	Manor	PAC030043	KR	In Progress
12/8/2021	Former PPG Solid Waste Disposal Area and Annex	North Buffalo	21-ES-14	KR	In Progress
12/14/2021	Silvis Hollow Slide Project	Manor	21-ES-15	KR	Issued
1/13/2022	Mantini Chiropractic Parking Lot	Manor	22-ES-1	KR	In Progress
1/31/2022	Proposed Arby's	East Franklin	22-ES-2	KR	In Progress

NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLANS – None

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – None

Next Meeting - The vice-chairman announced that the next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on March 16th, 2022 at 120 S. Grant Avenue, Suite 5, Kittanning, PA 16201.

Michelle Hickman moved, seconded by Dennis Hawley to adjourn at 7:27 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Holly A. Laird
District Manager
Armstrong Conservation District