
May 18, 2022 MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER - The public meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Spurgeon Shilling at 6:59 PM.

PRESENT - The following individuals participated by Zoom: Associate Director Patricia Gerheim; In person: Directors Dennis Hawley, Michelle Hickman, DeJay Claypoole and Spurgeon Shilling; Associate Directors John Linkes; NRCS Staff Dennis DiOrio; District Manager Holly Laird; and Armsdale Building Coordinator Dave Rupert.

PUBLIC COMMENT on AGENDA ITEMS – None

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

- **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.
- **Armsdale Updates** – Dave Rupert, Armsdale Building Coordinator provided a report on the status of Armsdale project. Dennis Hawley moved, seconded by DeJay Claypoole to accept the RACP funding award in the amount of \$1,000,000. This announcement also included \$500,000.00 for the Orphans of the Storm Shelter. Michelle Hickman moved, seconded by Dennis Hawley to award the Pennvest Green Infrastructure contract to J.C. Puryear Trucking & Excavating, Inc. as the lowest responsible bidder. The contract is for \$73,312.00.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Conservation Educator Position Update** – Holly Laird provided an update to the Board that Brooke Emmonds has accepted the position of Conservation Educator and is to start on May 31, 2022.
- **Nominating Organization Meeting July 27, 2022** – The Nominating Organization Meeting will be held on July 27, 2022 at Crystal's Café. Invitations will be sent out to nominating organizations and elected officials for this event.
- **Designate New RTK Officers** – Michelle Hickman moved, seconded by Dennis Hawley to designate Kodie Rearick and Holly Laird as the organizations RTK Officers. Motion carried.
- **Environmental Stewardship Fund** – DeJay Claypoole moved, seconded by Michelle Hickman to create a new savings account titled "Environmental Stewardship Fund" as proposed by District Manager, Holly Laird. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS – Holly Laird informed the Board that Holly May, the DCNR Service Forester will be leaving for another position and that Dorian Seibel, PA Fish and Boat Commission WCO will be relocating. Holly Laird also provided the board with the Nutrient Management/Manure Management delegation agreement from FY 2017 – FY 2021 and the new proposed delegation agreement for FY 2022 – 2026. The Board discussed the proposed changes and came to the consensus that they do not support the proposed changes.

AGENCY REPORTS – Agency / staff activity reports were mailed / e-mailed to the Board. Dennis DiOrio provided a written report and stated NRCS will be re-advertising for their technician vacancy. John Linkes stated that the Kiski and Roaring Run Watershed groups have been meeting with the new director of the Kiski-Conemaugh Stream Team to revitalize that program. Holly Laird went over PACD's new PRISM program and the mini-grants that will be offered.

COOPERATOR AGREEMENT –

Brian Couslin woodland/fields 106 acres Parks Twp

DeJay Claypoole moved, seconded by Dennis Hawley to approve the cooperator agreement as presented. Motion carried.

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

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	Sent to SWDEP
1/13/2022	Mantini Chiropractic Parking Lot	Manor	22-ES-1	KR	In Progress
2/23/2022	S.R. 85 Rose Valley Water Line Extension	Cowanshannock	22-ES-3	KR	Approved
3/14/2022	Family Dollar - NuMine	Cowanshannock	PAC030044	KR	In Progress
3/29/2022	S.R. 128 Laydown Yard	South Buffalo	22-ES-7	KR	Approved

NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLANS – None

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – None

Next Meeting - The chairman announced that the next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on June 15th, 2022 at 120 S. Grant Avenue, Suite 5, Kittanning, PA 16201 at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Holly A. Laird
District Manager
Armstrong Conservation District*