
June 15, 2022 MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER - The public meeting was called to order by Chairman Andrew Kimmel at 7:01 PM.

PRESENT - The following individuals participated by Zoom: Armsdale Building Coordinator Dave Rupert; In person: Directors Andrew Kimmel, Dennis Hawley, DeJay Claypoole and Spurgeon Shilling; Associate Directors John Linkes, Rocco Ali and Mike Daquilante; NRCS Staff Dennis DiOrio; District Manager Holly Laird; Conservation Educator Brooke Emmonds; AmeriCorps Member Tanner Daquilante; and Farm Service Agency Program Technician Merissa Smith.

PUBLIC COMMENT on AGENDA ITEMS – None

MINUTES - The May minutes were distributed to the Board. Spurgeon Shilling made the motion to accept the minutes as presented, Dennis Hawley seconded. Motion carried.

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

- **Environmental Stewardship Fund** – Holly Laird provided an update on the creation of the Environmental Stewardship Fund. Spurgeon Shilling moved, seconded by Dennis Hawley to transfer \$5,000.00 from the General Fund to the Environmental Stewardship Fund. Motion carried.
- **Nutrient Management Delegation Agreement Letter** – PACD has constructed a joint letter to send to the SCC expressing Districts concerns regarding the newly proposed Required Output Measures of the Nutrient Management Program. Spurgeon Shilling moved, seconded by DeJay Claypoole to send the letter expressing our concerns about the new proposed required output measures. Motion carried.
- **Armsdale Update/Plan** – Armsdale Building Coordinator, Dave Rupert provided an update on the Armsdale project and the Board discussed how to move the project forward. The Board instructed Holly Laird to set up a meeting with the Board of Commissioners to discuss additional potential funding options.
- **Nominating Organization Meeting, July 27th, 6-8 pm** – 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.

NEW BUSINESS

- **2022/2023 ACT Application and Agreement** – Spurgeon Shilling moved, seconded by DeJay Claypoole to approve the 2022/2023 ACT Application and Agreement as presented. Motion carried.
- **NACD Conference** – Spurgeon Shilling moved, seconded by Dennis Hawley to authorize Holly Laird and any interested Directors to participate in the NACD Northeast Regional Meeting. Motion carried.

- **Farm Service Agency – County Committee** – Merissa Smith, Program Technician with Farm Service Agency, informed the Board of the nomination process for the FSA County Committee.

DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS – Conservation Educator, Brooke Emmonds and AmeriCorps Member, Tanner Daquilante introduced themselves to the Board.

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 and that they are working on contracts. John Linkes stated that the Ohio River Sweep to clean up the Kiskiminetas River would be taking place on June 17th-18th. Rocco Ali provided an update regarding the Apollo/Spring Church Sportsman Club's timber harvest. Rocco also stated that fishing license fees are anticipated to increase.

COOPERATOR AGREEMENT –

Dave Beltz		71 acres	Madison Twp
Dave Dietz		3.5 acres	South Buffalo Twp.
Ryan Barrett	crops/pasture/woodland	116 acres	Wayne Twp.

Spurgeon Shilling moved, seconded by DeJay Claypoole to approve the cooperator agreements as presented. Motion carried.

EROSION and SEDIMENT CONTROL PLANS – Dennis Hawley moved with Spurgeon Shilling 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	Issued
3/14/2022	Family Dollar - NuMine	Cowanshannock	PAC030044	KR	In Progress
5/31/2022	Cowansville Dollar General	East Franklin	NOT	KR	In Progress
6/3/2022	Houser Fill Site	Wayne	PAC030046	KR	In Progress
6/6/2022	McKean Street Housing	Kittanning Boro.	PAC030036, A-2	KR	In Progress

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 July 13th, 2022 at 120 S. Grant Avenue, Suite 5, Kittanning, PA 16201 at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Holly A. Laird
District Manager
Armstrong Conservation District