
July 13, 2022 MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER - The public meeting was called to order by Chairman Andrew Kimmel at 7:00 PM.

PRESENT - The following individuals participated by Zoom: Associate directors Pat Gerheim and Mike Daquilante; In person: Directors Andrew Kimmel, Dennis Hawley, DeJay Claypoole, Michelle Hickman and Spurgeon Shilling; Associate Directors John Linkes; NRCS Staff Dennis DiOrio; District Manager Holly Laird; Armsdale Building Coordinator Dave Rupert; PA Fish & Boat Commission WCO's Logan Opfer and Kyle Wirick; Congressman GT Thompson Field Representative Brian Subich; and Jay Hogg.

PUBLIC COMMENT on AGENDA ITEMS – None

MINUTES - The June 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.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Armsdale Discussion and Action Items** – Elderton State Bank provided the proposed loan terms and the appraisal of the Armsdale property and building, these reports were presented to the board. Dave Rupert provided a funding update for the project. Spurgeon Shilling moved, seconded by Michelle Hickman to accept the Resolution to Borrow up to \$192,700 from PennVest and to delegate signatory authority to Dave Rupert. Motion carried.
- **Nominating Organization Meeting, July 27th, 6-8 pm** – Holly Laird provided an update about the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Elderton State Bank, Online Account Access** – Dennis Hawley moved, seconded by Spurgeon Shilling to grant online account access for all accounts held at Elderton State Bank. Motion carried. The following individuals have access to the accounts at Elderton State Bank online: Assistant Treasurer Jessica Schaub, Alternate Assistant Treasurer Kodie Rearick, and District Manager Holly Laird. Holly Laird has read only access and does not have permissions to take any action.
- **August Meeting** – The Board discussed cancelling the August meeting if there was no urgent business to discuss. Holly Laird was directed to notify the Board a week before the scheduled August meeting if there would be urgent business to discuss and a meeting is warranted.
- **RCAP Matching Funds Resolution** – Spurgeon Shilling moved, seconded by Michelle Hickman to approach the County to sponsor the RCAP grant and to pass the Matching Funds Resolution. Motion carried.

- **Secretary/Treasurer Discussion** – The Board discussed their plans to fill the Secretary/Treasurer position and elected to hold off for now. Holly Laird also provided an overview of the Director Appointment process to fill the vacancy of Jerry Longwell's unexpired term.
- **QAB Alternate Discussion** – Spurgeon Shilling moved to nominate Dennis Hawley as the QAB Alternate and DeJay Claypoole seconded. Motion Carried.

DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS – Introductions were done as Armstrong County has been assigned new PA Fish & Boat Commission WCO's. The Pennsylvania State Budget was discussed as CD's received an increase in funding. PA No-Till Alliance is hosting a field day and Holly Laird stated that she will be going and asked if any Board members were interested. Holly Laird requested that members of the Board meet with her and Brooke Emmonds to prioritize education topics for the District.

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. PFBC asked for appropriate contacts for polluting events within ACD. John Linkes gave an update on the Ohio River Sweep event stating that four miles of creek were cleaned up. John also stated that Roaring Run Watershed Association will be hosting their Race to the Moon 5k event. Brian Subich informed everyone that Congressman G.T. Thompson requested \$1.2 million for the Armsdale Center for Agriculture and Conservation in the federal budget.

COOPERATOR AGREEMENT – None

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

Erosion and Sediment Plans July 2022 Meeting					
<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Twp.</u>	<u>Comments:</u>	<u>Rev. By</u>	<u>Status</u>
3/14/2022	Family Dollar - NuMine	Cowanshannock	PAC030044	KR	In Progress
5/31/2022	Cowansville Dollar General	East Franklin	NOT	KR	Approved
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
6/17/2022	KP-56 Drip Removal Project	South Bend	22-ES-8	KR	In Progress

NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLANS – None

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – Dennis Hawley provided an update about the Crooked Creek Watershed Association Fish Fry. Mike Daquilante provided an update about the Forestry Award nominees.

Next Meeting - The chairman announced that the next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on September 21, 2022 at 120 S. Grant Avenue, Suite 5, Kittanning, PA 16201 at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was declared adjourned by Chairman Kimmel at 7:47 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Holly A. Laird
District Manager
Armstrong Conservation District*