
November 16, 2022 MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER - An executive session for personnel matters was held from 6:08pm to 7:00 pm. The public meeting was called to order by Chairman Andrew Kimmel at 7:01 PM.

PRESENT - In person: Directors Andrew Kimmel, Dennis Hawley, DeJay Claypoole, Spurgeon Shilling, Mike Daquilante, and Michelle Hickman. Associate Director John Linkes; District Manager Holly Laird; NRCS District Conservationist Dennis DiOrio, and John Bennett.

PUBLIC COMMENT on AGENDA ITEMS – John Bennett was introduced to the Board.

MINUTES - The October 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. Surgeon Shilling moved seconded by Mike Daquilante that the treasurer's report be filed for audit and to pay the OS bills. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Armsdale Discussion and Action Items** – A written update was provided to the Board regarding the Armsdale Building. The project is currently out for bid, a mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on November 21 and the bids will be opened at the Commissioner's public meeting on December 15.
- **Adoption of the 2023 Action Plan** – Spurgeon Shilling moved, seconded by Dennis Hawley to adopt the 2023 Action Plan as presented. Motion carried.
- **Christmas Dinner Meeting** – Holly Laird reminded the Board that the Christmas Dinner Meeting will be held on December 14 at 5:30 pm at Crystal's Café.
- **Agricultural Conservation Assistance Program (ACAP) Update** – Holly Laird provided an update on the ACAP program. Additional information will follow once finalized by the SCC.

NEW BUSINESS

- **2023 Tree and Seedling Sale** – Holly Laird provided an update to the Board regarding the 2023 tree sale and asked for additional suggestions on tree species. Order pick-up day will be April 15th at Lenape Technical School. The Board suggested purchasing lunch or another reward for the Lenape students that assist with tree packing, Holly will follow-up with Steve Misera.
- **Personnel Committee Report** – This item was deferred until the end of the meeting.
- **Interest Rates and Transfer Discussion** – Holly Laird provided an interest rate update for both Elderton State Bank and PA Invest. Michelle Hickman moved, seconded by Spurgeon Shilling to ask Elderton State Bank to match PA Invest's interest rates; if Elderton is unable to match the interest rates, then transfer money to PA Invest. Motion carried. The Board also requested that Holly research CD's.

OTHER BUSINESS – None

CORRESPONDENCE- None

AGENCY REPORTS – Agency / staff activity reports were mailed / e-mailed to the Board. Dennis DiOrio stated that a local work group meeting will be held on December 12 to discuss how to best focus NRCS conservation efforts. John Linkes provided an update about the electrofishing done on Roaring Run and a highway clean-up in Parks Township to be completed on November 19. Holly Laird announced that there is a Soil Health Conference on January 25 at Saint Vincent College and that ACD, NRCS, Penn State Extension, and FSA will be co-hosting an “Armstrong County Crops Day” on February 22 at the Worthington Firehall.

COOPERATOR AGREEMENT –

- Bernard Martin
 - o 71 acres of woodland and field, some acreage enrolled in CREP; Boggs Township

Dennis Hawley moved, seconded by Mike Daquilante to approve the cooperator agreements as presented. Motion carried.

EROSION and SEDIMENT CONTROL PLANS – Spurgeon Shilling moved, seconded by Dennis Hawley to approve the E&S plan as its status indicates. Motion carried.

Erosion and Sediment Plans November 2022 Meeting					
<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Twp.</u>	<u>Comments:</u>	<u>Rev. By</u>	<u>Status</u>
5/2/2022	Ben Franklin Range	Pine & Boggs	PAC030045	KR	Withdrawn
8/12/2022	Kiskiminetas Township Firehall	Kiskiminetas	NOT	KR	In Progress
9/8/2022	Morgan Road Gas Line Replacement	Sugarcreek	ESG000322001-00	KR	In Progress
9/12/2022	Yatesboro Water Treatment Plant Sewer Line Connection	Cowanshannock	PAC030047	KR	In Progress
9/29/2022	Johnston/Oak Ave (SR 1033) Waterline Replacement	Kittanning Borough	22-ES-11	KR	In Progress
10/7/2022	Reesedale Road Gasline Replacement	East Franklin	PAC030048	KR	In Progress

NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLANS – None

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – Holly Laird announced that Maria Sorce was preparing the 2023 Myrtle Conservation Calendars and that sponsors were being solicited for the Armstrong County Crops Day on February 22.

Next Meeting - The chairman announced that the next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on December 14, 2022 at 134 S. Grant Avenue, Kittanning, PA 16201 at 5:30 pm.

Executive Session for Personnel Matters: At 7:30 pm, Chairman Andrew Kimmel announced that the Board of Directors would return to an executive session for Personnel Matters. At 8:00

pm, the Board returned to the public meeting. Spurgeon Shilling moved with Dennis Hawley seconding to accept the recommendations of the Personnel Committee. Motion carried. The recommendations of the personnel committee are filed with the minutes of the meeting.

The meeting was declared adjourned by Chairman Kimmel at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Holly A. Laird
District Manager
Armstrong Conservation District