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December 14, 2022 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: The public meeting was called to order by Andrew Kimmel at 5:33 pm.

PRESENT: Those present were: Directors Michelle Hickman, DeJay Claypoole, Andrew Kimmel, Mike Daquilante, Dennis Hawley and Spurgeon Shilling; Associate Directors John Linkes, Rocco Ali, Ben Kimmel, and Jay Hogg; District Manager Holly Laird, Watershed Educator/Program Specialist Maria Sorce, MED Coordinator Laura Sue Stewart, and Assistant MED Coordinator Don Stewart, Conservation Educator Brooke Emmonds; Ag Technician/Farmland Preservation Coordinator Jessica Schaub, and AmeriCorps Member Rachell Rottman; Dennis DiOrio of NRCS; Conservation District Field Representative Susannah Harris; Brian Schaub, Fred Laird, Marlene & Alfred Kammerdiener, Troy & Jen Goldstrohm, Tanner Daquilante, Karen Ali, Carol Linkes, Kat Wynne-Roberts, and Alex Kernicky.

PUBLIC COMMENT on AGENDA ITEMS: None

MINUTES: Denny Hawley moved with Spurgeon Shilling seconding the approval of the minutes of the November 16, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Denny Hawley moved with Spurgeon Shilling seconding the approval of the Treasurer's report and outstanding bills as presented and that the treasurer's report be filed for audit. Motion carried. The motion and approval also included paying for the costs associated with the December meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Armsdale Project Updates – A written update was provided to the Board regarding the Armsdale Building. Holly Laird stated that bids are due to Armstrong County for the project on December 15, 2022. The Board discussed additional funding opportunities to investigate and stated that they would like to hold an information session in January 2023 to discuss the project after bids are received.
- b. ACAP Update – Holly Laird provided an update on the ACAP project. She informed the Board that final delegation agreement documents are expected to be released in January 2023.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Invest/Interest Update – Holly Laird informed the Board that Elderton State Bank has increased the interest rate on all of ACD's interest bearing savings accounts to 2%. ACD plans to transfer funds to PA Invest after the January 18, 2023 meeting.

DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: Holly Laird informed the Board of the PA Soil Health Conference to be held on January 25, 2023 in Latrobe. Interest Board Members should let Jessica Schaub know if they would like to attend.

AGENCY REPORTS: Agency/staff activity reports were mailed/emailed to the Board. Conservation District Field Representative Susannah Harris introduced herself to the Board. Dennis DiOrio provided an update on NRCS contracts.

COOPERATOR AGREEMENTS:

- Jeffrey Fairman
 - o 3 acres, Pasture/woodland acreage, swine, interested in HUA/MS and ACAP program, Cowanshannock Township
- Roger Freehling
 - o 700 acres of crops, interested in Ag Chem Building and ACAP program, East Franklin Twp.
- Joshua Abernathy
 - o 40 acres of pasture, beef and sheep, interested in HUA/MS, Grazing Plan, and ACAP Program, Kiski Township
- Ed Balestrino
 - o 150 total acres, 50 woodland/recreation, interested in invasive species control, Redbank Twp.
- Brent Fennell
 - o 4 total acres, 2 acres of pasture, beef, interested in HUA/MS, Burrell Township

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

E&S CONTROL PLAN REVIEWS: The E&S control plans were presented to the Board. Spurgeon Shilling moved with Denny Hawley seconding the approval of the plans as their status indicates. Motion carried.

Erosion and Sediment Plans December 2022 Meeting					
<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Twp.</u>	<u>Comments:</u>	<u>Rev. By</u>	<u>Status</u>
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	Approved
10/7/2022	Reesdale Road Gasline Replacement	East Franklin	PAC030048	KR	In Progress
12/5/2022	RIDC Armstrong Innovation Park Lots 23-25	South Buffalo	PA030001D	KR	In Progress

NM PLAN REVIEWS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: None

NEXT MEETING: The Chairman announced that the next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held at 7:00 pm on January 18, 2023 in the Conference Room of 120 South Grant Avenue, Kittanning, PA 16201.

ADJOURNMENT: Hearing no further business to come before the board, Andrew Kimmel declared the meeting adjourned at 5:49 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Holly A. Laird
District Manager
Armstrong Conservation District*