



# Armstrong Conservation District

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## DECEMBER 2016 MINUTES

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The Armstrong Conservation District Board of Directors held their monthly meeting at the Latin American Club, 1218 Third Avenue, Ford City, PA on Wednesday, December 21, 2016.

Chairman Spurgeon Shilling called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Directors present: Dennis Hawley, Michelle Hickman, Andrew Kimmel, DeJay Claypoole, and Jerry Longwell; Associate Directors, Scott Baker, Ben Kimmel; District Manager Dave Rupert, E&S Technician Casandra Wagner, Office Manager Cindy Vranka, D&G Road Specialist Gregg Smith, NM ACT Tech Jessica Schaub, Watershed Specialist Julie Zeyzus, AmeriCorps Member Katie Good and Larissa Rice, DEP Field Rep Chuck Kubasik and NRCS SDC Dennis DiOrio, Joy Smith, Sally Baker, Pat Longwell, Brian Schaub, Marlene Kammerdiener, Alfred Kammerdiener, Erin Hawk, Lina Milligan, Leland Blystone, Lauren Rice, Troy Goldstrohm, Jennifer Goldstrohm.

### **Public Comment on Agenda Items – None**

Jerry Longwell moved, seconded by Dennis Hawley to approve the **Minutes** of November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 as presented. Motion carried.

The **Treasurer** reported a balance of \$673,291.05. Dennis Hawley moved, seconded by DeJay Claypoole to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented and file for audit. Motion carried.

### **Needed Supplies / Outstanding Bills - None**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**PACD / SCC Winter Meeting** – is scheduled for January 24 – 25 at the Ramada Conference Center in State College Pa. Chairman Spurgeon Shilling will be attending. If any other Board member or Associate Director would like to attend, please contact the District by January 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Revised ACD Job Application** – Dennis Hawley moved, seconded by Jerry Longwell to accept the revised ACD job application as presented. Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Growing Greener Plus Grants** - DEP is accepting applications for the next round of Growing Greener Plus Grants for watershed restoration mine reclamation set aside and EPA Section 319 water quality restoration projects. Deadline for application submittal is January 13, 2017. Jerry Longwell moved, seconded by Dennis Hawley to authorize staff time to prepare and submit applications as outlined by Watershed Specialist Julie Zeyzus for consideration for this round. Motion carried.

**2017 Strategic Plan** – A strategic planning meetings are scheduled for Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 2 pm at the Environmental Learning Center, Crooked Creek. John Turak from the Westmoreland Cooperative Extension Service (Penn State) will lead the District in two strategic planning sessions. Lunch will be provided for those participating. A "Survey Monkey" has been developed and sent by e-mail to cooperating agencies and the Leader Times for input from the public.

**2017 ACD Meeting Times** – Andrew Kimmel moved, seconded by DeJay Claypoole to approve the 2017 ACD Meeting Times as presented. Motion carried.

**2017 Associate Directors** – Person interested in continuing to serve are to contact the District.

**2017 Annual Tree Sale** – Forms are prepared and trees / seedlings ordered. Tree Sale distribution is scheduled for Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at Lenape Tech.

**2017 Annual Combined Banquet** – The Lenape Tech culinary students will be hosting the combined annual banquet that is scheduled for Thursday, March 2 at Lenape Tech, Ford City. Time and tickets purchase price will be determined by the CAC at a later time.

**2017 Legislative Breakfast** – The Armstrong Conservation District will host a Legislative Breakfast on March 31<sup>st</sup> from 8 -10 am at the Belmont Complex.

**OTHER BUSINESS** - None

**CORRESPONDENCE** – a) PA Farm Show luncheon for the Public Officials Day on Wednesday, January 11, 2017. Luncheon will begin at 11 am in the PA Preferred Banquet hall of the PA Farm Show Complex and Expo Center. RSVP by Friday, December 30. b) The Board of Trustees of the Ford City Public Library sent a thank you letter for the donation in memory of Christine Cramer. c) 2017 SW PA No Till Conference January 25, 2017 at the Fred Rogers Center, St Vincent College, Latrobe.

**AGENCY REPORTS** – The following agencies / staff provided activity reports: J Schaub NM/ACT Tech, G Smith D&G Tech, H2O Specialist Julie Zeyzus and NRCS DC Dennis DiOrio.

**COOPERATOR AGREEMENTS** - None

The following **Erosion and Sediment Control Plans** were submitted to the District Board for approval / disapproval:

	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Twp.</u></b>	<b><u>Rev. By</u></b>	<b><u>Status</u></b>
11/17/2016	Slatelick LP / NOT / PAG020000314006	East Franklin	JJS	A
11/17/2016	Peoples Gas GP-5 Jackson Road	Kiskiminetas Rural Valley	CW	D
11/28/2016	JV #361 SR2001; Sec 50	Boro	CW	D
12/1/2016	Cabot Bridge Waste Area	North Buffalo	CW	A
1/30/2016	Involta Data Center / PAI050305004R	South Buffalo	CW	D
12/1/2016	Elderton Dollar General / NPDES PAC030001	Elderton Boro	CW	D
11/30/16	IDA to Involta / Transferee / PAI05030500R	South Buffalo	CW	A
1/23/2016	Involta to Rinderknecht / Co-permittee/PAI05030500R	South Buffalo	CW	A

12/7/2016	Rinderknecht to PMG Inc / Co-permittee / PAI050305004R	South Buffalo	CW	A
12/12/2016	Involta Data Center / PAI050305004R	South Buffalo	CW	A

Andrew Kimmel made a motion to approve the above plans and their review status as presented. Jerry Longwell seconded. Motion carried.

**NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEWS** – None

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

In order to stay compliant with the eligibility requirements of the D & G Program Spurgeon Shilling and Jerry Longwell will need to attend ESM training. At least one district representative on the QAB and for the district staff person(s) most involved with the Program, and is valid for (5) calendar years. Jerry Longwell moved, seconded by Andrew Kimmel to have ACD pay for the December meal. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Spurgeon Shilling, hearing no objections, declared the meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM.

**The next scheduled Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 9 AM at the Armsdale Administration Building. Committee meetings are scheduled for 8 AM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Vranka  
*Office Manager*