



Armstrong Conservation District

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MARCH 2016 MINUTES

The Armstrong Conservation District Board of Directors held their monthly meeting at the Armsdale Administration Building, 124 Armsdale Road, Suite 103, Kittanning, PA 16201 on Wednesday, March 16, 2016.

Vice Chairman Andrew Kimmel called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Directors present: DeJay Claypoole, Dennis Hawley and Jerry Longwell; District Manager, Dave Rupert, Office Manager Cindy Vranka, ACT/NM Specialist Jessica Schaub, Watershed Specialist Julie Zeyzus, NRCS Acting SDC Dave Steele, FSA Ed Huston, AmeriCorps members Katelyn Good and Larissa Rice, Josh James from Young and Associates, PA Fish and Boat Commission Mike Walsh, Ken Atkinson and Nathan Atkinson.

Public Comment on Agenda Items – Moved PENNVEST Grant Bid Opening to the Public Comment Agenda Item. Bid results are attached for reference.

Jerry Longwell moved, seconded by Dennis Hawley to approve the minutes of February 17, 2016 as presented. Motion carried.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$103,237.34. Dennis Hawley moved, seconded by DeJay Claypoole to approve the Treasurer's Report subject to audit. Motion carried.

Needed Supplies / Outstanding Bills – Dennis Hawley moved, seconded by Jerry Longwell to purchase needed supplies and to pay outstanding bills as presented. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

2016 Tree Sale Update – Jessica Schaub reported on the current status of the 2016 tree sale. Distribution is scheduled for Saturday, April 9, 2016.

PACD Regional Directors Mtg – Beaver County Conservation District is hosting the PACD SW Regional meeting on April 14, 2016. RSVP no later than April 1, 2016. A charge of \$15 will cover lunch.

2016 Legislative Breakfast Update – The legislative breakfast had an excellent exchange of information and was well attended.

2016 Annual Combined Banquet Update – Despite a few last minute bumps in the road, the banquet received many compliments including nice location, available parking, and a spacious eating area. The open Ag lab was well received, also. On a last minute notice, Garda's did an excellent job preparing the

meal. Jerry Longwell moved, seconded by Dennis Hawley to participate next year with the cooperating agency's (FSA, Penn State, and NRCS). Motion carried.

State Ethics Commission Statement of Financial Interests – As per State Conservation Commission and State Ethics Commission guidance, Statement of Financial Interests (SEC-1) Forms were distributed. Forms are due by May 1 of each year a person holds a public position as well as the year following termination of service. Forms for calendar year 2014 are due to be filed by May 1, 2015. This item will remain as an agenda item until May 1, 2015.

NEW BUSINESS

Pennvest Grant Bid Opening – Bid opening was moved to the Public Comment agenda item.

OTHER BUSINESS

SUN – Emergency Animal Sheltering Workshop – Jessica Schaub is requesting approval to attend this free workshop on Sunday, March 20, 2016 at the Midway – St. Clair VFD from 10 am – 3 pm in Greensburg, PA. Lunch will be provided. This workshop is open to any CART members, animal shelter staff and emergency responders. Jerry Longwell moved, seconded by Dennis Hawley to approve Jessica's Schaub's attendance. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE – a) Armstrong County Tourist Bureau will be holding its annual meeting on Wednesday, March 23 at 8 am in the Tourist Bureau office. b) Board of Commissioners of Armstrong County writing in support of Penn State College of Ag Sciences Research and Extension programs that are funded through the state general funds budget.

AGENCY REPORTS – The following agencies / staff provided agency reports: G Smith D&G, J Schaub ACT/NM Tech, Watershed Specialist Julie Zeyzus, AmeriCorps Member Katie Good, NRCS Acting SDC Dave Steele had no additions to his report.

COOPERATOR AGREEMENTS - Requests for assistance was submitted to the District Board for approval/disapproval.

Ronald Baker	200 Acres	Kiskiminetas Township
William J Barker	100 Acres	Valley Township
Catherine D Piper	35 Acres	Kiskiminetas Township
Alan Windows	12.5 Acres	Cowanshannock Township
Roger/Brian Claypoole	528 Acres	West Franklin/North Buffalo Township
Brandon Toy	10 Acres	North Buffalo Township

Jerry Longwell moved, seconded by DeJay Claypoole to approve the above request. Motion carried.

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

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Twp.</u>	<u>Rev. By</u>	<u>Status</u>
2/11/2016	Spring Church DPP LLC	Kiski Twp	DRR	C
3/9/2016	Firwood Impoundment - rev #1	South Bend Twp	DRR	A
3/10/2016	Sugarcreek Rest	Sugarcreek Twp	DRR	C
3/9/2016	PennDOT - SR 2036 Upper Mateer Bridge	Parks	DRR	D
3/9/2016	PennDOT - SR 2050; Sec 150	Kiski Twp	DRR	D
3/9/2016	Spring Church DPP, LLC	Kiski Twp	DRR	D

The E&S plans were presented for review and approval by the Board. Jerry Longwell moved and Dennis Hawley seconded the approval of the E&S plans as their status indicates. Motion carried.

NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN – was submitted for approval/disapproval.

Campbell Run Farms

510.7 acre (dairy operation)

Manor Township

Jerry Longwell moved, seconded by Dennis Hawley to approve the above plan and their review status. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - None

At 9:30 am the Board recessed into Executive Session for personnel matters.

At 9:56 am the Vice Chairman, hearing no objection, declared the meeting adjourned.

The next scheduled Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the Armsdale Administration Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy L Vranka
Office Manager