
August 2019 MINUTES

The Armstrong Conservation District Board of Directors held their monthly meeting at 120 S Grant Ave, Ste 5, Kittanning, PA 16201-1450 on Wednesday, August 21st, 2019.

Chairman Andrew Kimmel called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Directors present, Dennis Hawley, Andrew Kimmel, Jerry Longwell, DeJay Claypoole, and Spurgeon Shilling; Associate Directors, Rocco Ali, John Linkes, Ben Kimmel, and Mike Daquilante; Dave Rupert, District Manager; Holly Laird Resource Conservationist – E&S; Dennis DiOrio, NRCS; John Greene, DEP.

Public Comment on Agenda Items – 2019-2020 ACT Funding Agreement and Municipal Obligation were added to the Agenda.

Spurgeon Shilling moved, seconded by Jerry Longwell to approve the minutes of July 17th, 2019 as presented. Motion carried.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$250,936.23. Spurgeon Shilling moved, seconded by Dennis Hawley to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented subject to audit and to pay outstanding bills. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Ag Service Center Building Update** – District Manager Dave Rupert gave an update on the Ag Service Center Building. Armstrong County has yet to release the property for bid. The possibility of a USDA Rural Services Grant was discussed. Alternative locations for the Ag Service Center Building were also discussed.
- **Gerald Kimmel Landowner Reclamation Status** – District Manager Dave Rupert reported on the progress of the project. The NPDES permit has been issued by Indiana County Conservation District. The apparent low bidder for the project was Amerikohl Mining at \$192,000.00. The work is projected to start within 30 days.
- **Fall Elected Officials Day Tour** – The annual Fall Tour for elected officials will be on October 25th, 2019 from 10 am to 2 pm.
- **2018 Audit** – Jerry Longwell moved, seconded by Dennis Hawley to approve the 2018 audit as presented at the previous board meeting on July 17th, 2019. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Urban Agricultural Grant Program** – Information about the urban agriculture infrastructure grant program was circulated to district board members and anyone interested in pursuing this grant should contact Jessica Schaub for assistance.
- **DGLVR ESM Training** – ESM Training will be held on October 23rd and 24th in Kittanning at St. Mary’s Church Social Hall. Anyone interested in attending should register at the Penn State Center for Dirt and Gravel Roads website.
- **2019-2020 ACT Funding Agreement** – Jerry Longwell moved, seconded by Spurgeon Shilling to approve the 2019-2020 ACT Funding Agreement. Motion carried.
- **Municipal Obligation** – District Manager Dave Rupert distributed the 2020 Minimum Municipal Obligation Memo from PMRS to all board members.

OTHER BUSINESS - None

CORRESPONDENCE – None

AGENCY REPORTS – The following agencies / staff provided agency reports: G Smith DGLVR, H Laird E&S Tech, M Sorce Watershed Tech, J Schaub NM ACT, J Mathews AmeriCorps Member and D DiOrio NRCS SDC and NW DEP Rep John M Green.

COOPERATOR AGREEMENTS – John Shirley, cash grain crops, South Buffalo Township. Jerry Longwell moved to accept this agreement, Spurgeon Shilling seconded. Motion carried.

The following **EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL PLAN** were presented to the District Board for approval / disapproval.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Twp.</u>	<u>Comments:</u>	<u>Rev. By</u>	<u>Status</u>
7/18/2019	Proposed Taco Bell	E. Franklin	19-ES-17	HL	Approved
7/22/2019	Goheenville Dip	Boggs	Technical re-submittal	HL	Approved
7/26/2019	Municipal Authority of the Boro of Kittanning Plant Upgrades	Kittanning Boro	19-ES-18	HL	Approved
8/6/2019	WHAWPCA Renewal	N. Buffalo	PAC030021	HL	Pending
8/13/2019	Rosebud – ASD – over flow parking	Manor	19-ES-19	HL	Pending

The above E&S plan was presented for review and approved by the Board. Spurgeon Shilling moved and Denny Hawley seconded the approval of the E&S plan as its status indicates. Motion carried.

NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLANS

- Brian Kimmel, Plumcreek Township, 389.06 total acres, 319.03 acres are cropland and 70.03 pasture. This plan was reviewed by Butler County Conservation District and was recommended for approval. Dejay Claypoole made a motion to approve, seconded by Dennis Hawley. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD –

- Rocco Ali shared the Youth pheasant hunt at Apollo Springs Sportsmen's Club.
- District Manager Dave Rupert announced that staff evaluations would take place on September 25th and invited all board members to attend if desired.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm.

The next scheduled monthly meeting of the Armstrong Conservation District is Wednesday, September 18th, 2019 at 7 pm at 120 S Grant Ave, Ste 5, Kittanning.

Respectfully submitted,

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