
JULY 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, July 17th, 2019.

Chairman Andrew Kimmel called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Directors present, Dennis Hawley, Andrew Kimmel, Jerry Longwell and Michelle Hickman; Associate Directors, Rocco Ali, Scott Baker and, Dave Rupert, District Manager; Holly Laird Resource Conservationist – E&S; Dennis DiOrio, NRCS; guests, Jaysa Stitt and Rich Tice of McCall Scanlon, & Tice, LLC Certified Public Accounts.

Audit – Rich Tice and Jaysa Stitt went over the draft audit report for the 2018 FY. The Board will review and vote on the Audit at the August Meeting. If board members have any questions regarding the draft audit statements, they are to call either Jaysa or Rich with their questions.

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

Jerry Longwell moved, seconded by Dennis Hawley to approve the minutes of June 19th, 2019 as presented. Motion carried.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$202,572.69. Michelle Hickman moved, seconded by Dennis Hawley to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented subject to audit. Motion carried.

Needed Supplies / Outstanding Bills – None

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 offer the property for public 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 application has been submitted to Indiana County Conservation District for review and approval. The project will be put out for bid in the next few weeks.
- **Signage Signs** – District Manager Dave Rupert reported on the progress of the signage proposal. After contacting Penn State Extension, they stated that they cannot participate due to an accident involving a previous signage episode.
- **Personnel Committee Report** - Jerry Longwell moved, seconded by Michelle Hickman to retain Maria Sorce as Resource Conservationist – Watersheds. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Act 39 and Chapter 91** – Jerry Longwell moved, seconded by Michelle Hickman to approve the Nutrient Management Delegation Agreement Renewal for the 2019 - 2020 fiscal year. Motion Carried.
- **Dayton Fair Sign-Up** – Board members were given the opportunity to sign up to showcase the Mobile Environmental Display (MED) at the Dayton Fair August 12 - 17th, 2019.
- **Fall Elected Officials Conservation Tour** – The tour date has been set for October 25th, 2019 from 10 am – 2 pm.

OTHER BUSINESS

- **Line of Credit** – Jerry Longwell moved, seconded by Michelle Hickman to increase the existing line of credit with Elderton State bank to a maximum amount of \$400,000.00. Motion carried.
- **Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Fund** – Dennis Hawley moved, seconded by Michelle Hickman to send a letter of support for the reauthorization for the collection of fees to the Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Fund.
- **Engineering Firms** – District Manager Dave Rupert provided an update on the engineer proposals. Dennis Hawley moved, seconded by Michelle Hickman to offer each engineering firm a project to complete.

CORRESPONDENCE – PA No-Till Alliance is hosting Summer Soil Health and Cover Crop Field Day on July 30th, 2019.

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 – Jared Thomas 209 acres, beef farm, 50 acres of crops, 30 acres of pasture, woodland; Redbank Twp. Jerry Longwell moved, Michelle Hickman seconded. Motion carried.

The following **EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL PLAN** was 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>
6/21/2019	S.R. 1032 Slide	Boggs	19-ES-15	HL	Approved
7/5/2019	559 Craigsville Road Waste Site	W. Franklin	19-ES-16	HL	Pending

