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## JUNE 2019 MINUTES

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The Armstrong Conservation District Board of Directors held their monthly meeting at 120 S Grant Ave, Ste 5, Kittanning, PA 16201-1450 on Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Chairman Andrew Kimmel called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Directors present, DeJay Claypoole, Dennis Hawley, Jerry Longwell and Michelle Hickman; Associate Directors, Rocco Ali, John Linkes, Scott Baker and Mike Daquilante, Dave Rupert, District Manager; Cindy Vranka, Office Manager; Dennis DiOrio, NRCS SDC; guests, Jeff Christy and Brent Young representing Young & Associates.

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

Dennis Hawley moved, seconded by Michelle Hickman to approve the minutes of May 15, 2019 as presented. Motion carried.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$108,933.57. Jerry Longwell 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** – Brent Young from Young and Associates Engineers and Surveyors presented to all those in attendance a Conceptual & Feasibility Study on the new office building and site development of the proposed Ag Service Center. An engineer's opinion of probable costs breakdown, building operation & maintenance, and spatial planning / area layout was presented. Funding options were discussed i.e. RCAP Grant, financial institution line of credit, etc. Jerry Longwell moved, seconded by Michelle Hickman to move forward on the proposal regarding the future development of the Ag Service Center. Motion carried.
- **Gerald Kimmel Landowner Reclamation Status** – District Manager Dave Rupert reported on the progress of the project. Met with Jerry Kimmel to sign contracts, Indiana County Conservation District E&S Tech Andrea Frustaci will process the NPDES and E&S reviews, Jerry Kimmel will hire the construction contractor, Watershed Spec Maria Sorce will oversee the project and use Young and Associates for assistance. Fall 2019 is anticipated start date. Cost of project is \$192,000. The District will receive reimbursement from the Commonwealth when project is completed.
- **Signage Signs** – District Manager Dave Rupert reported on the progress of the signage proposal. Dave Rupert has contacted PennState Master Gardeners and the Tourist Bureau regarding their potential participation in the maintenance of the signage areas.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Silver Rock II** – Young and Associates Jeff Christie reported on the details, outcome, and progress of the project. Joseph Puryear was the successful bidder. Payments for the project will be ACH to the District and passed onto the earthmover. A change order will be submitted due to damages caused by unauthorized 4 wheelers. Jerry Longwell

moved, seconded by Dennis Hawley to accept the project as presented and to proceed as outlined. Motion carried. Women Business Enterprise (**WBE**) and Disadvantaged Business or Small Business Enterprise (**DBE**) guide lines must be met for this project.

**PACD Executive Council Meeting** – The PACD / SCC Joint Annual Conference is scheduled for July 17 – 18<sup>th</sup> at the Genetti Hotel in Williamsport PA.

**PACD Voting Delegates** – PACD is asking all Districts to make sure that their list of designated PACD voting delegates is up to date and ready for the PACD Executive Council meeting in July. Armstrong CD delegates will remain the same as last year. Dennis Hawley moved, seconded by Jerry Longwell to excuse Vice-Chair Sprugeon Shilling from the scheduled Board meeting to attend the PACD meeting. Motion carried. Six regions voted to support the PACD Ways and Means Committee motion to increase the dues by \$65 per District in FY 2019 – 20, by \$55 per District for FY 2020 – 21, and by \$45 per District for FY 2021- 22.

Erie County Conservation District mentioned that they held an Enviro-lab week where the MED was brought for students and legislators to tour.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – Envirothon is inviting district directors and staff members to serve as Directors on the Envirothon Board so that the Board can continue to influence our youth and prepare them for the natural resource challenges of today as well as tomorrow.

**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** – Jason Barnett 18.8 acres, Beef Farm, Madison Twp. Jerry Longwell moved, Dennis Hawley 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>
5/17/2019	Columbia Line 134	Perry	Technical Resubmittal	HL	approved
5/23/2019	Goheenville Dip	Boggs	NPDES application	HL	pending (admin complete)
5/29/2019	19-ES-12 Craigsville Waterline Waste Site	West Franklin	E&S review	HL	approved
6/10/2019	19-ES-13 Ruth Hill Road Waste Site	West Franklin	E&S review	HL	approved
6/12/2019	Senjan Machine Inc.	Parks	E&S review	HL	pending

The above E&S plan was presented for review and approved by the Board. Jerry Longwell moved and Michelle Hickman seconded the approval of the E&S plan as its status indicates. Motion carried.

**NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLANS** –

- Laura Sue Stewart 13.7 acre beef farm Rayburn Township
- Jason Barnett 18.8 acre beef farm Madison Township

Dennis Hawley moved, seconded by Michelle Hickman to approve the above Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD** – All Directors are reminded that an Executive session is scheduled for 6:45 pm to discuss personnel matters. The Great Dayton Fair is scheduled for August 11 – 17<sup>th</sup>. The District office will be closed in the afternoon Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> for staff to attend the Great Dayton Fair promote the H2O on the Go. District volunteers are needed to help man the H2O display at the Dayton Fair. A signup sheet will be available. Apollo-Spring Church Sportsmen’s Club is holding the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Junior Youth Pheasant Hunt, October 12<sup>th</sup>, from 7:45 to 2:00 pm. This free event introduces pheasant hunting to youth ages 12 to 16.

The next scheduled monthly meeting of the Armstrong Conservation District is Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at 7 pm at 120 S Grant Ave, Ste 5, Kittanning.

Respectfully submitted,

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