
May 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, May 15th, 2019.

Chairman Andrew Kimmel called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Directors present: DeJay Claypoole, Dennis Hawley, Michelle Hickman, and Jason Renshaw; Associate Directors, Rocco Ali, Mike Daquilante, and John Linkes Dave Rupert, District Manager; Holly Laird, Resource Conservationist – E&S; Dennis DiOrio, NRCS SDC; John Green, DEP Conservation District Field Representative

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

Dennis Hawley moved, seconded by DeJay Claypoole to approve the minutes of April 17th, 2019 as presented. Motion carried.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$52,069.50. Jason Renshaw moved, seconded by Michelle Hickman 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 a status report on the Armsdale Administration Building. Young and Associates is proceeding with the feasibility study and will have a report for the June meeting. Paul Bergad has indicated to the County Commissioners that he is planning to make an offer to the county to purchase the property although the building has to be put out for bid. If Paul Bergad were to purchase the property, the Armstrong Conservation District could potentially rent from him if he decides to build an office building meeting the needs of the agencies. Additionally, Rayburn Township may be willing to maintain the road to the new building.
- **Gerald Kimmel Landowner Reclamation Status** – District Manager Dave Rupert reported on the progress of the project. The engineer is preparing to submit an NPDES application to Indiana County Conservation District. Gerald Kimmel will need to obtain up to three proposals to reclaim the project and then Armstrong Conservation District will execute the landowner contract with Gerald Kimmel.
- **Envirothon – Outdoor Discovery Center** – District Manager Dave Rupert gave an update on the Envirothon held on April 24th, 2019. Teams from West Shamokin High School took both first and second place with Freeport High School taking third place.
- **District Road Signage Discussion/Update** - District Manager Dave Rupert gave an update on the PennDOT adopt and beautify signage program. PennDOT makes and

installs the signs to put along state roadways and agencies can choose to adopt the area around these signs to maintain and landscape. There was discussion about working in conjunction with local schools, the tourist bureau and possibly Penn State Master Gardener's to adopt a sign.

- **Armstrong County Township Supervisors' Convention Report** – This event for municipal and county officials was held at the Kittanning Township Firehall on May 14th, 2019. District Manager Dave Rupert, DG/LVR Technician Gregg Smith, and Resource Conservationist – E&S Holly Laird were in attendance. Gregg Smith presented this year's ESM award to Mary Ralston from Parks Township. Holly Laird presented on MS4 Permits, E&S and Stormwater Ordinances.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Accept AFIG Grant - \$7,500 for CNG Truck Conversion** - Dennis Hawley made a motion to accept the grant, seconded by Jason Renshaw. Motion carried.
- **Resolution to Apply – DCED CFA Grant – Parks Township** – Michelle Hickman moved, seconded by Dennis Hawley to sign the resolution to apply for DCED CFA Grant in conjunction with the Parks Township Sportsman's Association. Motion carried.
- **Renewal of Non-Coal Mining License** – Michelle Hickman moved, seconded by DeJay Claypoole to renew non-coal mining license. Michelle's name is to be added to the list of CD Directors. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

- **Erosion and Sediment Control Plan Fee Schedule Update** – Dennis Hawley moved to increase the E&S Fee Schedule from \$175.00 per disturbed acre to \$200.00 per disturbed acre effective July 1st, 2019, DeJay Claypoole seconded. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE – A survey was taken by the leadership development team about the use of Associate Directors. The CD directors are invited to review this information and discuss any of the findings at a later date.

AGENCY REPORTS – The following agencies / staff provided agency reports: G Smith DGLVR, H Laird E&S Tech, J Schaub NM ACT, J Mathews AmeriCorps Member, D DiOrio NRCS SDC, and NW DEP Rep John M Green. Jason Renshaw Armstrong County Commissioner gave an update from a fact finding committee meeting for an ATV Park in Armstrong County, currently looking into the possibility of using DCNR grant money. Jason Renshaw also gave an update about donating AED's to local firehalls. John Linkes Associate Director gave an update on the two trout stocking events held by Roaring Run Watershed Association and the upcoming clean up at Rivers Edge. Dennis Hawley, Director gave an update on the June 15th River Sweep clean up event for the entire Ohio River Basin.

COOPERATOR AGREEMENTS – David Takosky, 25 acres, Gilpin Township. George Traister, 3.87 acres, North Buffalo Township. Jason Renshaw moved, seconded by Dennis Hawley. Motion carries to accept cooperator agreements.

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>
4/16/2019	PennDOT Kittanning Elementary Intersection	Manor/Kittanning	Co-Permittee Agreement	HL	Approved
4/29/2019	Anna Mae Uplinger Waste Site	Plumcreek	19-ES-10	HL	Approved
5/6/2019	Craigsville Bridge Waste Area	West Franklin	19-ES-11	HL	Pending

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

NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLANS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – None

MEETING ADJOURNMENT – Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM

The next scheduled monthly meeting of the Armstrong Conservation District is Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at 7 pm at 120 S Grant Ave, Ste 5, Kittanning.

Respectfully submitted,

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