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May 17, 2023 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: The public meeting was called to order by Chairman Andrew Kimmel at 7:00 pm.

PRESENT: Those present were: Directors Andrew Kimmel, Michelle Hickman, DeJay Claypoole, Dennis Hawley, Mike Daquilante and Spurgeon Shilling; Associate Directors Rocco Ali, Jay Hogg, and John Linkes; NRCS District Conservationist Dennis DiOrio; Andrea Verobish of Congressman GT Thompson's Office (via zoom); Rich Tice and Jaysa Stitt of McCall, Scanlon and Tice; JohnMark Miller of Penn State Extension; and Holly Laird, District Manager.

PUBLIC COMMENT on AGENDA ITEMS: Chairman Andrew Kimmel informed the Board that the 2022 Preliminary Audit Presentation agenda item will be moved ahead in the agenda prior to the minutes.

2022 PRELIMINARY AUDIT PRESENTATION: Rich Tice and Jaysa Stitt of McCall, Scanlon, and Tice presented the 2022 Preliminary Audit Presentation to the Board for review. The Board will direct any questions regarding the audit directly to Jaysa Stitt and will plan to accept the audit at the June 21, 2023 meeting.

MINUTES: Dennis Hawley moved with Spurgeon seconding the approval of the minutes of the April 19, 2023 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Spurgeon Shilling moved with Denny Hawley seconding the approval of the Treasurer's report as presented, to pay the outstanding bills, order the necessary supplies, and that the treasurer's report be filed for audit. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Armsdale Update** – Dave Rupert provided a written Armsdale update to the Board, which Holly Laird expanded upon during the meeting to state the status of building construction.
- b. **ACAP Update**- Spurgeon Shilling moved, seconded by Dennis Hawley to accept the ACAP documents as presented and to begin accepting ACAP applications. Motion carried.
- c. **2023 County Envirothon** – Holly Laird provided an update regarding the 2023 Envirothon which was held on April 26, 2023.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **2022 Preliminary Audit Presentation** – Chairman Kimmel moved this agenda item to the beginning of the meeting.
- b. **Reschedule July Meeting to July 12** – Spurgeon Shilling moved, seconded by Mike Daquilante to move the July Board Meeting to July 26, 2023 so staff can attend the state-wide PACD/SCC joint meeting. Motion carried.
- c. **Resource Conservationist Update** – Holly Laird provided an update to the Board regarding the open position of Resource Conservationist and a proposed interview schedule.

- d. **Elderton State Bank, Online Account Access – ACAP** – Spurgeon Shilling moved, seconded by Michelle Hickman to authorize online account access to the ACAP Savings Account at Elderton State Bank. Motion carried.
- e. **DGLVR Five Year Agreement** – Holly Laird provided the Board with the DGLVR Program Agreement for the term beginning July 1, 2023 and terminating June 30, 2028. Denny Hawley moved, seconded by Michelle Hickman to enter into the five-year DGLVR agreement with the SCC. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS: Holly Laird provided the Board with a new Farmer Focus blog.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

AGENCY REPORTS: Agency/staff activity reports were mailed/emailed to the Board. Denny DiOrio provided an update from NRCS including an update on their open position. John Linkes provided an update about the Roaring Run Trout in the classroom program that Trout Unlimited helped with; Kiski Watershed Association stocked trout from Apollo to Leechburg in the Kiskiminetas River; Kiski Watershed Association also helped to remove 70 tires from the Kiskiminetas River. Rocco Ali provided information to the Board regarding appropriate trout stocking permits. JohnMark Miller from PennState Extension provided an update from the field and forage crop team. Andrea Verobish of Congressman GT Thompson’s office thanked ACD for the opportunity to meet with Le’Ara Farms in April.

COOPERATOR AGREEMENTS – The cooperator agreements were presented to the Board. Spurgeon Shilling moved, seconded by Michelle Hickman to approve the agreements. Motion carried.

- Chris Heilman (Valley and Rayburn Townships)
 - o 500 acres of crops/woodland, cash grain/hay operation, interested in ACAP funding

E&S CONTROL PLAN REVIEWS: The E&S control plans were presented to the Board. DeJay Claypoole moved with Spurgeon Shilling seconding the approval of the plans as their status indicates. Motion carried.

Erosion and Sediment Plans May 2023 Meeting

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Twp.</u>	<u>Comments:</u>	<u>Rev. By</u>	<u>Status</u>
8/12/2022	Kiskiminetas Township Firehall	Kiskiminetas	NOT	KR	In Progress
12/5/2022	RIDC Armstrong Innovation Park Lots 23-25	South Buffalo	PA030001D	KR	In Progress
12/15/2022	SR-1035 Gasline Replacement	Cowanshannock	ESG000322002-00	KR	Approved
1/19/2023	Bergad Specialty Foams and Composites	Rayburn	PAC0030014	KR	Approved
1/19/2023	Bergad Specialty Foams and Composites	Rayburn	PAC0030014, A-1	KR	In Progress
2/14/2023	Fox Hollow Sanitary Sewer Line Extension	East Franklin	PA030001C	KR	Approved
2/23/2022	Family Dollar - NuMine	Cowanshannock	PAC030049	KR	In Progress
3/13/2023	ECMS #113645 SR 422 Sec. 119 (WGM Waste Site)	Kittanning	23-ES-06	KR	Approved
4/20/2023	Ford City Dollar General	Manor	PAC030050	KR	In Progress
4/25/2023	Rimer Hill Land Development	East Franklin	PAC030051	KR	In Progress
4/26/2023	Southyard	Cowanshannock	23-ES-08	KR	Approved
5/3/2023	LN-280 ILI Digs - Site 3	Cowanshannock	23-ES-09	KR	In Progress

NM PLAN REVIEWS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: None

NEXT MEETING: The Chairman announced that the next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held at 7:00 pm on June 21, 2023 in the Conference Room of 120 South Grant Avenue, Kittanning, PA 16201.

ADJOURNMENT: Hearing no further business to come before the board, Andrew Kimmel declared the meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

*Holly A. Laird
District Manager
Armstrong Conservation District*