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August 23, 2023 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: An executive session for personnel matters was held from 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm. The public meeting was called to order by Chairman Andrew Kimmel at 7:01 pm.

PRESENT: Those present were: Directors Andrew Kimmel, DeJay Claypoole, Mike Daquilante, Michelle Hickman (via phone), Dennis Hawley, and Spurgeon Shilling; Associate Director Jay Hogg; ACD District Manager Holly Laird; and NRCS District Conservationist Dennis DiOrio.

PUBLIC COMMENT on AGENDA ITEMS: None

MINUTES: Spurgeon Shilling moved with DeJay Claypoole seconding the approval of the minutes of the July 26, 2023 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dennis Hawley moved with Mike Daquilante seconding the approval of the Treasurer's report as presented, to pay the outstanding bills, and that the treasurer's report be filed for audit. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Armsdale Update** – Dave Rupert provided a written update on the Armsdale Progress. Holly Laird informed the Board that the grant agreement process for the RACP Grant has started.
 - a. **Dedication Plaques Discussion** – Building Dedication plaques proofs were presented to the Board at the meeting. The Board elected to postpone their decision on dedication plaques until the September Meeting.
 - b. **Education/Training Center** – Holly Laird informed the Board that ACD is being considered for a Congressionally Directed Funding Award for a future Education/Training Center. Spurgeon Shilling moved, seconded by Mike Daquilante to permit Holly Laird to continue seeking grant funds for the Center. Motion carried.
- b. **ACAP Update-** Holly Laird provided an update on the ACAP Program to the Board. Spurgeon Shilling moved, seconded by Dennis Hawley to permit farmers with approved ACAP Funding to receive up to \$5,000 of ACAP technical assistance money to have a Nutrient Management Plan developed. Motion carried.
- c. **Annual Awards Banquet, 10-5-2023** – Holly Laird reminded the Board of the Annual Awards Banquet on 10-5-2023 at Lenape Technical School. Committees should meet to discuss Conservation Awards.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Agricultural Conservation Technician Update** – Spurgeon Shilling moved, seconded by Mike Daquilante to advertise the Agricultural Conservation Technician at a starting salary of \$38,000.00. Motion carried.

- b. **Appointment of Employee Treasurer** – Spurgeon Shilling moved, seconded by DeJay Claypoole to appoint Jennifer Jack as Employee Treasurer, to approve the following individuals to be authorized signers with Elderton State Bank: Spurgeon Shilling as the Board Member Treasurer, Michelle Hickman as the Alternate Board Member/Vice-Chairperson, Andrew Kimmel as Board Chairperson, Jennifer Jack as Assistant Treasurer, and Kodie Rearick as Alternate Assistant Treasurer, to permit Jennifer Jack and Kodie Rearick to receive e-statements for all Elderton State Bank Accounts, and for the following individuals to have on-line bill paying/transfer access: Jennifer Jack, Kodie Rearick, and Marsico Financial Group, LLC . Motion carried.
- c. **Fall Tour, 10/20** – Holly Laird informed the Board that the Annual Elected Official’s Fall Tour will be held on October 20, 2023.

DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

AGENCY REPORTS: Agency/staff activity reports were mailed/emailed to the Board. Denny DiOrio expanded upon the written update from NRCS.

COOPERATOR AGREEMENTS – None

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

Erosion and Sediment Plans August 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	Approved
4/20/2023	Ford City Dollar General	Manor	PAC030050	KR	In Progress
5/12/2023	SR 0028-112 (Goheenville Dip)	Boggs	PAC030019, A-2	KR	Approved
5/31/2023	Northpointe Village PRD	South Buffalo	PAD030006	KR	In Progress
6/16/2023	Emerald City Gymnastics	East Franklin	PAC030052	KR	In Progress
6/28/2023	SR 422 & SR 2005 (Margaret Rd Interchange)	Plumcreek	PAD030005, A-1	KR	Approved
7/6/2023	Butler County Community College	Ford City Borough	NOT	KR	Approved
7/11/2023	Cup Timber Harvest	Kiskiminetas	23-ES-13	KR	Approved
7/17/2023	White Rock Road Relocation	South Buffalo	PAC030034, A-1	KR	In Progress
7/17/2023	Kittanning (422) Dollar General	Kittanning	NOT	KR	Approved
7/28/2023	Cecchetti Timber Harvest	Bethel	23-ES-14	KR	Approved
8/1/2023	Family Dollar - NuMine	Cowanshannock	PAC030053	KR	In Progress
8/7/2023	Lucerne 3A/Waterworks Passive Treatment System	White TWP (Indiana County)	PA320006C	KR	In Progress

NM PLAN REVIEWS: The following Nutrient Management Plans were presented to the Board for approval. Spurgeon Shilling moved, seconded by Mike Daquilante to approve Jessica Schaub's recommendation to approve the NM Plan of Jason Barnett – 18.7 acre beef farm in Madison Township Armstrong County; and to approve Kodie Rearick's recommendation to approve the NM Plan of Nick Difilippo – 197 acre beef, hay & crop farm in South Bend Township Armstrong County. Motion carried.

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 September 20, 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 7:38 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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District Manager
Armstrong Conservation District