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December 17, 2025 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: The public meeting was called to order by Chairman Andrew Kimmel at 5:36 pm.

PRESENT: Those present were: Directors Andrew Kimmel, Michelle Hickman, Denny Hawley, Spurgeon Shilling, and Commissioner John Strate; Associate Directors Rocco Ali, Ben Kimmel, and Jay Hogg; NRCS District Conservationist Denny DiOrio; ACD staff members: Jennifer Jack, Holly Laird, Emily Rahalla, Gregg Smith, Maria Sorce, Kodie Rearick, Laura Sue Stewart, and Don Stewart; PAFBC WCOs Kyle Wirick, Abby Luteri, and Frank Mehalko; DEP Field Rep Kaine Diehl; County Commissioners Pat Fabian and Anthony Shea; Others in attendance include: Fred Laird, John Rearick, Joy Smith, Cathy Strate, Tiffany Wirick, Kat Wynne-Roberts, Karen Ali, Marlene Kammerdiener, Kaitlyn Shearer, Lisa and Tony Saloum, Ethel Claypoole, Pat Longwell, Troy and Jennifer Goldstrohm.

PUBLIC COMMENT on AGENDA ITEMS: None

MINUTES: Commissioner Strate moved, with Denny Hawley seconding the approval of the minutes of the November 19, 2025 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Spurgeon Shilling moved with Michelle Hickman seconding the approval of the Treasurer's report as presented, that the outstanding bills be paid, and that the treasurer's report be filed for audit. Motion carried. The motion and approval also included paying for the costs associated with the December meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Armsdale Update** – Holly provided an update to the Board stating that the final \$25,000.00 retainage was released from the RACP grant for the Armsdale building.
- b. **PMRS Update** – Holly provided an update to the board regarding PMRS after speaking with Marsico Financial. No action was taken on this item.
- c. **Agricultural Education Center Update** – Denny Hawley moved, seconded by Spurgeon Shilling to put the Agricultural Education Center Construction out for public upon receiving approval from USDA. Motion carried. Holly also asked the Board to notify her of any interested contractors.
- d. **2026 Action Plan Adoption** – Denny Hawley moved, seconded by Commissioner Strate to adopt the 2026 Action Plan. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: None

DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Holly informed the Board of the 2026 Soil Health Conference; interested Board members should let Emily Rahalla know if they wish to attend.

AGENCY REPORTS: Agency/staff activity reports were mailed/mailed to the Board. Dennis DiOrio informed the Board that the application deadline for EQIP and CSP was extended to January 15th. DEP Field Rep Kaine Diehl expanded on the December Talking Points. WCO Luteri informed the Board that 2026 stocking schedules will be released soon.

COOPERATOR AGREEMENTS – The cooperator agreement was presented to the Board. Spurgeon Shilling moved, seconded by Denny Hawley to approve the agreement. Motion carried.

- Nathaniel Bowser, Redbank Township
 - o 87 acres, beef operation, interested in surface water control, barnyard manure runoff control, conservation plan, EQIP, grazing plan, and REAP

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

Erosion and Sediment Plans December 2025 Meeting					
<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Twp.</u>	<u>Comments:</u>	<u>Rev. By</u>	<u>Status</u>
6/19/2025	Demolition of Sugarcreek Elementary School	Sugarcreek	PAD030008	KR	In Progress
7/8/2025	Copeland Solar	Burrell	PAC030061	KR	In Progress
8/1/2025	Piney-Seward and Erie South-Piney 115kV Transmission Line Project	Redbank	PAD830002	KR	In Progress
9/9/2025	Dollar General- Dayton, PA	Wayne	PAC030062	KR	In Progress
11/5/2025	LN-19 Replacment Project	Kiskiminetas & Burrell	ESG83002500-00	KR	In Progress
11/7/2025	CM 30299 HP-101 & HP-200	Sugarcreek	PAC030063	KR	Not Eligible (Denied)
11/17/2025	RIDC - Armstrong Soil Borrow/Waste Site	South Buffalo	PAC030064	KR	In Progress
11/19/2025	Yatesboro Water Treatment Plant Sanitary Sewer Connection	Cowanshannock	PAC030047 NOT	KR	In Progress
11/19/2025	Miller Hollow - Wetland Mitigation	Plumcreek	PAC030029 NOT	KR	In Progress
11/19/2025	Houser Fill Site	Wayne	PAC030046 NOT	KR	In Progress
12/2/2025	RIDC Armstrong Innovation Park Lots 23-25	South Buffalo	PA030001D Partial NOT	KR	In Progress
12/5/2025	CM 30299 HP-101 & HP-200	Sugarcreek	PAD030009	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 6:00 pm on January 21, 2026 at 124 Armsdale Road, Kittanning, PA 16201.

ADJOURNMENT: Hearing no further business to come before the board, Andrew Kimmel declared the meeting adjourned at 5:44 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Holly A. Laird
District Manager
Armstrong Conservation District*