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May 20, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: An executive session for personnel matters was held from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. The public meeting was called to order by Chairman Andrew Kimmel at 7:05 pm.

PRESENT: Those present were: Directors Andrew Kimmel, Michelle Hickman, Jay Hogg, Spurgeon Shilling, and Denny Hawley. Associate Director Rocco Ali; NRCS DC Dennis DiOrio; and ACD District Manager Holly Laird.

PUBLIC COMMENT on AGENDA ITEMS: None

MINUTES: Spurgeon Shilling moved, with Dennis Hawley seconding the approval of the April 15, 2026 regular meeting and the April 29, 2026 special meeting minutes 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. Spurgeon Shilling moved, seconded by Jay Hogg to reimburse the West Shamokin High School Envirothon Team for expenses relating to the State Envirothon competition up to \$1,000.00. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Armsdale Update** – Holly informed the Board that Tresco Paving signed the lease and paid rent for the use of Suite 3.
- b. **Agricultural Education Center Update** –
 - i. **Award Contracts** - Spurgeon Shilling moved, seconded by Michelle Hickman to issue the notice to award the contracts for the Agricultural Education Center pending USDA approval and to authorize Holly Laird to execute the contracts and any additional paperwork. Copies of the Notice to Award are filed with the minutes. Motion carried.
 - ii. **Authorize to delegate Notice to Proceed to engineer** – Spurgeon Shilling moved, seconded by Jay Hogg to authorize Young and Associates Engineering to issue the Notice to Proceed pending USDA approval. Motion carried.
 - iii. **Groundbreaking ceremony** – The board discussed a groundbreaking ceremony and directed Holly to work on organizing this event for June.
- c. **Envirothon – 4/22** – Holly gave the Board an update on the 2026 Envirothon.
- d. **RC - DGLVR Technician Position** – Spurgeon Shilling moved, seconded by Jay Hogg to approve the recommendations of the personnel committee to offer the RC – DGLVR Technician Position to Natalie Pierce at a starting salary of \$39,000.00/year. Motion carried.
- e. **RC – Watershed Specialist Position** – Spurgeon Shilling moved, seconded by Jay Hogg to approve the recommendations of the personnel committee to offer the RC – Watershed Specialist Position to Hayden Moyer at a starting salary of \$39,000.00/year. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. ACAP Amendment

- i. **Three Cheers Farm – Amendment Request** – Spurgeon Shilling moved, seconded by Denny Hawley to approve the amendment request of \$9,288.39 to the ACAP Contract for Three Cheers Farm. Motion carried.

- b. **AmeriCorps Application 2026/2027** – Spurgeon Shilling moved, seconded by Michelle Hickman to apply for a 1700 hour AmeriCorps position for the 2026/2027 program year. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS: Holly informed the Board that ACD was selected to receive a Governor's Award in Environmental Excellence, this includes an awards ceremony in Harrisburg; Holly will coordinate with Board members interested in attending the awards ceremony. The Board discussed Growing Greener Grants and directed Holly to apply for the South Branch of Plum Creek project.

AGENCY REPORTS: Agency/staff activity reports were mailed/emailed to the Board. Denny DiOrio expanded upon his written report stating that two CSP contracts will be offered in Armstrong County. Kaine Diehl expanded upon the DEP Talking Report.

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

- Matthew Smith (Sugarcreek Township)
 - o 148 acres, beef and equine operation, interested in a grazing plan and ACAP application
- Pam Dackum (West Franklin Township)
 - o 51.2 acres, beef, sheep and goat operation, interested in a grazing plan and REAP program

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

Erosion and Sediment Plans May 2026 Meeting

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Twp.</u>	<u>Comments:</u>	<u>Rev. By</u>	<u>Status</u>
8/1/2025	Piney-Seward and Erie South-Piney 115kV Transmission Line Project	Redbank	PAD830002	KR	In Progress
11/5/2025	LN-19 Replacment Project	Kiskiminetas & Burrell	ESG83002500-00	KR	In Progress
12/5/2025	CM 30299 HP-101 & HP-200	Sugarcreek	PAD030009	KR	In Progress
1/22/2026	Anderson Creek Road	Valley	ESG000326001-00	KR	In Progress
2/12/2026	Apollo Maintenace Pad	Kiskiminetas	PAC030065	KR	In Progress
2/18/2026	Rural Valley to Valley Gate Project	Cowanshannock & Valley	ESG830326001-00	KR	In Progress
2/25/2026	Kittanning State Police Barracks	East Franklin	PAG0200314004 NOT	KR	Approved
3/12/2026	PM21 (Brady + 268) Pipeline Replacement Project	Sugarcreek	PAD030010	KR	In Progress
3/20/2026	KP-1 Creek Crossing Replacement Project	South Bend	ESG830326002-00	KR	In Progress
3/27/2026	SR 4023 Tarrtown Road Slides	East Franklin	26-ES-04	KR	Approved
4/6/2026	Torrence Culvert Replacement	Gilpin	26-ES-05	KR	Approved
4/7/2026	Adrian Road Water Line Extension	East Franklin	PAC030066	KR	In Progress
4/23/2026	New Armstrong County Maintenance Facility	Manor	PAC030037, A-1	KR	In Progress

NM PLAN REVIEWS: The following Nutrient Management Plan was presented to the Board for approval. Spurgeon Shilling moved, seconded by Jay Hogg to approve Emily Rahalla's recommendation to approve the NM Plan of Bob Wilds, a 34.3 acre beef and hay operation in Parks 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 June 17, 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 7:47 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Holly A. Laird
District Manager
Armstrong Conservation District