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August 19th, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: The public meeting was called to order by Chairman Andrew Kimmel at 7:03 pm.

PRESENT: Those present were: Directors Andrew Kimmel, Michelle Hickman, Jay Hogg, Denny Hawley, and Spurgeon Shilling. Associate Directors Ben Kimmel, Troy Goldstrohm, and John Linkes (via zoom); NRCS DC Dennis DiOrio; DEP Field Rep Kaine Diehl (via zoom); ACD DGLVR Technician Gregg Smith and ACD District Manager Holly Laird.

PUBLIC COMMENT on AGENDA ITEMS: None

MINUTES: Dennis Hawley moved, with Spurgeon Shilling seconding the approval of the July 15, 2026 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Michelle Hickman moved, with Denny Hawley 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. Holly informed the Board that the previously approved $12,000.00 in SCC UGWF that was allocated as Special Project Funding will now be considered SCC Reserve Account money specifically earmarked for special projects such as education and outreach efforts. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. **Armsdale Update** – Holly did not have anything to bring before the Board for this item.
b. **Agricultural Education Center Update –** Holly and Gregg Smith explained the progress of the AEC construction to the Board and noted some cost overruns and savings due to unsuitable fill, drainage issues, not needing to re-locate a second gas line, and greenhouse size. Holly presented the Board with a quote to add a compacted base for the future covered patio that was $15,634.50. Denny Hawley moved, seconded by Michelle Hickman to approve that quote. Motion carried.
c. **Awards Banquet, Friday, October 23rd –** Holly reminded the Board of the Annual Awards Banquet on October 23rd and informed them to meet with their committees to select award recipients.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. **Clarion CD MOU for E&S Services –** Clarion Conservation District currently has a vacancy in their Erosion and Sediment Control Technician Position. They have requested assistance with their Chapter 102 program during this vacancy and have provided an Agreement of Services to enter into with ACD. Spurgeon Shilling moved, seconded by Jay Hogg to direct Holly Laird to enter ACD into the Agreement for Services. Motion carried.
b. **ACAP – Cover Crop Rate and Applications –** The ACAP LAB met on July 22nd, 2026 to discuss cover crop policy updates including opening the application round and increasing the per acre rate from $60/acre to $70/acre. Spurgeon Shilling moved, seconded by Denny Hawley to accept

the ACAP LAB's recommendation to increase the cover crop rate to $70/acre and to fund five cover crop applications in the amount of $50,470.00. The ACAP Advisory Board recommendation is attached to the minutes. Motion carried. Jay Hogg abstained from this vote.

c. **Fall Elected Officials Tour – Friday, October 2nd –** Holly informed the Board of the planned stops for this year's Fall Elected Officials Tour.

DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS: Holly invited the Board to attend the Armstrong County Collective Impact meeting on September 1st at 10:00 am at the office to participate in their meeting to discuss the AEC. Holly also invited the Board to attend an administrative meeting with the Armstrong County Commissioners on August 25th at 9:00 am to discuss the promissory note.

AGENCY REPORTS: Agency/staff activity reports were mailed/emailed to the Board. Kaine Diehl expanded upon the DEP Talking Report reminding the Board of the ACAP Conference and Watershed Specialist annual meeting. Dennis DiOrio expanded upon the written NRCS report stating that one more CSP contract was awarded after his written report was issued. John Linkes informed the Board of the Roaring Run Watershed Association's Race to the Moon 5k.

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

- Bradley F. and Rachel D. Cellier (Plumcreek Township)
    - 77 acres of woodland and warm season grasses with stream frontage, interested in erosion and sedimentation control, Stormwater management, streambank stabilization, and surface water control.
- Colin Harrer (Plumcreek, Kiskiminetas, and Cowanshannock Townships)
    - 537 acres of pasture, woodland, and grasslands, beef operation, interested in streambank stabilization, abandoned mine assistance, grazing plan, and ACAP.
- Heather Aiken (Kiskiminetas Township)
    - 2 acres of pasture, equine operation. Interested in erosion and sedimentation control, barnyard manure runoff control, and a grazing plan.

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

Erosion and Sediment Plans August 2026 Meeting					
Date	**Name**	**Twp.**	**Comments:**	**Rev. By**	**Status**
8/1/2025	Piney-Seward and Erie South-Piney 115kV Transmission Line Project	Redbank	PAD830002	KR	In Progress
2/18/2026	Rural Valley to Valley Gate Project	Cowanshannock & Valley	ESG830326001-00	KR	Issued
3/12/2026	PM21 (Brady + 268) Pipeline Replacement Project	Sugarcreek	PAD030010	KR	In Progress
6/26/2026	LN-19 Replacement Project	Kiskiminetas & Burrell	ESG83002500-01 Major Amendment	KR	Issued
7/21/2026	Steve's Auto Body Waste Site	Manor	26-ES-06	KR	Issued
7/29/2026	County Road Risk	Wayne	ESG000326002-00	KR	In Progress
8/4/2026	Northpointe Village	South Buffalo	PAD030006, A-1 Major Amendment	KR	In Progress
8/4/2026	Lenape Area Stormwater and Roadway Improvements	Manor	26-ES-07	KR	In Progress
8/7/2026	Brunk Industries	South Buffalo	PAD030011	KR	In Progress

NM PLAN REVIEWS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Michelle had a question regarding the Penn DOT maintenance building NPDES permit.

NEXT MEETING: The Chairman announced that the next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held at 7:00 pm on September 16th, 2026 at 124 Armsdale Road, Kittanning, PA 16201.

ADJOURNMENT: Hearing no further business to come before the board, Chairman Andrew Kimmel declared the meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Holly A. Laird
District Manager
Armstrong Conservation District