

VENANGO DIRT GRAVEL AND LOW VOLUME ROADS
QUALITY ASSURANCE BOARD MEETING
January 22, 2016

PRESENT

BOARD:	Greg Cain, USDA NRCS	Mark Kerr, PAFB
	Tom Young, OCTU	Lance Bowes, VCD
PROGRAM STAFF:	Lisette Lane, VCD	
GUEST:	Dan Rockwell, OCTU	

I. CALL TO ORDER

Lance called the meeting to order at 11:17am.

II. BUDGET REVIEW

- Review budget status of 14-15 funding.
- Review budget status of 15-16 funding.

III. 15-16 APPLICATION REVIEW AND RANKING

- Lance reported that upon investigation of each municipalities' involvement with enforcing Act 167, he found that none of them are enforcing, so the result will be a negative 50 ranking on section VIII of the ranking sheets for all the project applications.
- Canal Township, Stevens Road DGR Application
 - Requesting \$102,983.92
 - Ranking score was 92
- Cornplanter Township, McFate Road DGR Application
 - Requesting \$14,987.94
 - Ranking score was 74
- Cornplanter Township, Waitz Road DGR Application
 - ORA has expressed interest in supplying additional funding to Cornplanter Township because it is part of the bike trail.
 - Requesting \$61,495.58
 - Ranking score was 102
- Irwin Township, Sterrett Road DGR Application
 - This is the second round that Irwin has requested funding for this project.
 - Requesting \$7,9076.00
 - Ranking score was 102

IV. BREAK FOR LUNCH

- The group took a break at 12:15pm for lunch.

V. CONTINUATION OF 15-16 APPLICATION REVIEW AND RANKING

- The group reconvened at 12:45pm to continue review and ranking of applications.
- Jackson Township, Tologa Road DGR Application
 - Lance reported that he intends to apply for Growing Greener funding to help Jackson Township repair the eroding bank at this project site.
 - Requesting \$\$4,922.50
 - Ranking was 94
- Mineral Township, Henderson Station Road DGR Application
 - Lance and township officials believe that an earthquake may have affected the sub-surface water flow from abandoned wells nearby because two spring seeps have appeared under the roadway at this site.
 - The project calls for the installation of a French mattress system to direct the seeping water.
 - Requesting \$37,700.00
 - Ranking was 108
- Pinegrove Township, Keister Road DGR Application
 - Requesting \$139,075.00
 - Ranking was 128
- Richland Township, Bell Road DGR Application
 - This project was funded years ago, and Richland is now requesting funding to apply DSA.
 - Requesting \$74,200.00
 - Ranking was 63
- Rockland Township, Seneca Hemlock Road DGR Application
 - Requesting \$10,900.00
 - Ranking was 67
- Rouseville Borough, Bankson Road DGR Application
 - Requesting \$146,788.46
 - Ranking was 111
- Victory Township, Dennison Run Road DGR Application
 - Requesting \$91,400.00
 - Ranking was 105

Tom made a motion to recommend to the Venango Conservation District Board of Directors to fund the top six ranked Dirt & Gravel Roads applications with the Rouseville project phased into two sections, the second of which to fund the next round. Mark seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- Oakland Township, Masterson Road LVR Application
 - Requesting \$54,004.66
 - Ranking was 52

Greg made a motion to recommend to the Venango Conservation District Board of Directors to fund the Oakland Township Low Volume Roads application from Oakland Township. Tom seconded the motion. The motion carried.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

ALTERNATE MEMBERS OF VENANGO DGLVR QAB

- Lance asked the State Dirt Gravel and Low Volume Roads program if it would be acceptable for agencies to appoint an alternate delegate to the Venango DGLVR QAB.
- The answer was yes, alternated delegates can be appointed, but can only participate if the original delegate is incapacitated.

Mark made a motion to recommend to the Venango Conservation District Board of Directors to allow alternate Venango DGLVR QAB delegates to be appointed by represented agencies. Tom seconded the motion. The motion carried.

DGLVR EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

- Some municipalities are in need of jumping jacks, grade laser levels and turbine leaf blowers.

Tom made a motion to recommend to the Venango Conservation District Board of Directors to open the scope of DGLVR funding to pay, one time only, up to 50% of the cost of a jumping jack, a grade laser level or a turbine leaf blower to municipalities. Greg seconded the motion. The motion carried.

POLICIES CHANGE

- Members expressed concern that the decision to phase fund a project should automatically qualify the second phase of that project the next round.

Mark made a motion to recommend to the Venango Conservation District Board of Directors to make a change to the policies that state if the QAB chooses to fund an application in phases, then the subsequent phases should automatically qualify for funding the next round. Tom seconded the motion. The motion carried.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Mark made a motion to adjourn. Tom. seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 2:22pm.