VENANGO DIRT GRAVEL AND LOW VOLUME ROADS

QUALITY ASSURANCE BOARD MEETING

October 01, 2020

PRESENT

BOARD: Mark Kerr, PAFB Dan Rockwell, OCTU Alternate Tom Young, OCTU Lance Bowes, VCD

PROGRAM STAFF: Lisette Lane, VCD

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

**Lance called the meeting to order at 11:05am.**

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

1. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

NOVEMBER 07, 2020 MEETING

Approval of the meeting minutes was tabled until the November 13, 2020 meeting.

1. **RANKING CRITERIA UPDATE**

MUNICIPAL COOPERATIVE/ASSISTANCE RANKING

* Lance reviewed the project synopsis of Cornplanter project previously provided to the group via email.
* Tom suggested that the Lance compose a template email from the group to be sent to the State Conservation Commission to express the Venango QAB’s disappointment with the situation regarding the Cornplanter Township, Union Street project. He said the Venango QAB members could utilize the template to compose the email and send it to Lance for his review before sending it as a group effort.
* Tom suggested that the Venango Board of Directors might agree to send an email as a group to the State Conservation Commission as well.
* Mark suggested that Lance’s suggestion of the addition of point value to a cooperative project will prevent waste of Commonwealth funds in the future.

**Mark made a motion to recommend to the VCD Board of Directors to update the Venango Dirt Gravel and Low Volume Roads Ranking Criteria to add Section XII as “Multiple Township Cooperative/Assistance Project” with additional 50 points for a cooperative project application. Tom seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

ENVIRONMENTAL COST SCALE

* Lance composed a suggested cost scale to add to Section VII of the ranking criteria to help better define the cost effectiveness for the purpose of ranking.

**Tom made a motion to recommend to the VCD Board of Directors to update the Venango Dirt Gravel and Low Volume Roads Ranking Criteria to add a dollar value scale to the Cost Effectiveness criteria under Section VII of the ranking. Mark seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

TROUT STREAM CLASSIFICATION

* Lance suggested that the ranking criteria be updated with a change to Section III Trout Classification of Affected Stream. He commented that most streams are wild trout streams in Venango County. He suggested that a criterion should read “stream is a class A wild trout stream” be added with a point value of 35.

**Mark made a motion to recommend to the VCD Board of Directors to update the Venango Dirt Gravel and Low Volume Roads Ranking Criteria to add to Section III a line item to read “stream is a Class A Wild Trout Stream” with a point value of 35. Tom seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

1. **OTHER BUSINESS**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION NEEDED ON APPLICAITON

* Mark requested that additional information on each application should list the latitude and longitude in decimal degrees of the site.
* Mark further requested that additional information on each application should list the latitude and longitude in decimal degrees of the point where the affected stream meets the Allegheny River or Oil Creek.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Tom made a motion to adjourn. Mark seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 11:38am.**