

Lancaster County Conservation District
Dirt & Gravel / Low Volume Road QAB Meeting Minutes
September 4th, 2024 at 5:30 PM
Farm & Home Center, Conference Room, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, PA 17601

Present at Meeting:

QAB Voting Members: Gordon Hoover (Chair), Brittany Moore

QAB Alternates/Advisors: Jay Snyder, Deryk Shaw

LCCD Staff: Tyler Keefer, Matt Kofroth, Chris Thompson

Public Members: John Haldeman

The meeting of the Dirt & Gravel / Low Volume Road QAB of Lancaster County Conservation District was called to order at 5:40 PM on September 4th 2024, at the Farm & Home Center's 1st floor conference room by Tyler Keefer.

The agenda for the meeting was presented:

- Program Purpose
- Spending Requirement Update
- Current Balances
- Projects Update
- QAB ESM Reminder
- Outreach – 2025 Municipal Meetings
- Applications

1. Program Purpose

- a. Tyler Keefer stated the program purpose, as done before every QAB Meeting
 - i. Reduce concentrated drainage
 - ii. Reduce sediment pollution
 - iii. Reduce impact of roads on the land
 - iv. Reduce long – term maintenance costs
 - v. *Better Roads, Cleaner Streams

2. Spending Requirement Update

- a. Tyler reminded the meeting members of the previous meeting's conversation about the spending requirements, and informed them that the SCC has decided to release the full allocation despite LCCD's DGLVR program not meeting the spending requirements before the deadline of June 30th 2024. This was a decision made by the SCC for various reasons, but mainly because many program administrators were having the same difficulty spending the previous allocation.
- b. The Lancaster DGLVR program will receive \$100,000 for Dirt & Gravel projects, and \$278,229 for Low Volume Road projects.

3. Tyler updated the QAB on the current balances for both the D&G and LVR programs.
 - a. D&G
 - i. \$206,659.18 uncommitted
 - ii. \$100,000.00 expected allocation
 - b. LVR
 - i. \$178,259.61 uncommitted
 - ii. \$278,229.00 expected allocation

4. Tyler updated the QAB on current status of all currently funded projects
 - a. Sunnyside Road (Rapho)
 - b. Cold Springs Road (Rapho)
 - c. E. Mifflin Road (Lancaster City)
 - d. W. Fulton Street (Lancaster City)
 - e. Meadow Road (W. Hempfield)
 - f. Frogtown Road (E. Earl)
 - g. Evans Road (Elizabeth)
 - h. Pumping Station Road (Elizabeth)
 - i. Whispering Pine (Rapho)

5. Tyler reminded the QAB of upcoming ESM training opportunities, highlighting the training happening in Lancaster in November.

6. Tyler discussed the upcoming 2025 municipal outreach meetings that are still in the planning stage. The DGLVR program will be highlighted during presentations focused on how the district can help municipalities.

7. Applications

Johnson Mill Road – Rapho Township – Little Chiques Creek – D&G

Grant amount requested: \$39,601 (\$11,561 In Kind)

- Road banks improved
- Stream bank protection

Tyler discussed a new proposal from Rapho Township for Johnson Mill Road. This project is a continuation of a project previously funded by the DGLVR program. Little Chiques Creek is slowly eating away at the road base for Johnson Mill Road, and given enough time could become a more difficult issue to solve. Rapho is looking to be proactive in protecting Johnson Mill Lane by dumping rock along the stream bank to absorb energy during high flow events. The QAB discussed the merits of dumping rock, specifically asking about the types of vegetation that will take over. Invasive species were discussed, and the previous portion of the project was cited. Matt Kofroth suggested adding a rock deflector into the design to help redirect water away from the road, overall this was agreed to be a good idea.

Cherry Hill Road – Bart Township – UNT to West Branch Octoraro – D&G

Grant amount requested: \$74,000 (\$25,000 In Kind)

- Ditches Improved
- Ditch outlets added
- Off ROW Improvements
- Stormwater Improvements

Tyler discussed a new proposal from Bart Township for Cherry Hill Road. This is a fairly steep dirt and gravel road which has several issues including entrenchment, drainage issues, and significant erosion/sedimentation. The plan put together by the District and Center staff would include regrading/resurfacing with DSA, adding several vegetated swales, improving existing pipes, various stormwater improvements, and retiring the intersecting road Fairview Road. There was some discussion regarding what retiring Fairview would look like, however with the preliminary design coming directly from the Center, there weren't many questions.

With both projects presented, a motion was made by Jay Snyder (acting as an alternate) to fund both projects, and the motion was seconded by Brittany Moore. All voted in favor, there were none to the contrary.

Meeting Adjourned 6:30 PM.