

Dirt & Gravel/Low Volume Road Quality Assurance Board Meeting Minutes

Farm & Home Center 1st Floor Conference Room

February 23rd 2026

11:00AM-1:00PM

Roll Call: Gordon Hoover, PAFBC Officer Jefferey Schmidt, Heather Grove, PAFBC Officer Joseph Underdonk, Amanda Goldsmith, Andrew Mickey, Chris Thompson, Tyler Keefer, Matthew Kofroth, Loren Miller (online), and Glenn Martin (online), John Haldman

1. Program Purpose – Tyler reviewed the purpose of the Dirt & Gravel/Low Volume Rd. Program and the intent of the funds within the program. All decisions should be based on better roads and cleaner streams.
2. Program Agenda – Tyler then explained to the QAB the intent of this special mtg. which was for two potential contract amendments for two separate road projects involved in the county's program. One Dirt & Gravel Rd. – Pumping Station Rd. and one Low Volume Rd. – Spangler Rd.
3. Project Amendments
 - a. Pumping Station Road (Elizabeth Township) – Tyler briefly went into the history of this long-standing project that has been on the program's books since 2021 and even had communication with the district in 2019/2020. The project involves replacing a 6 ft. culvert pipe carrying Walnut Run and increasing that to a 29 ft. bottomless arch structure. Due to the long delay, construction issues, engineering, and a host of other things over the last 6 years the price for this now completed project has increased above the 40% threshold allowed by the Dirt & Gravel Rd. program. Tyler has been in touch with the State Conservation Commission on what could be done to pay for some of the overages on this project and Andrew Mickey was at the QAB mtg to provide his approval on going above the 40% threshold for this project. The original contract for the project was \$110,000 and was increased in 2021 to \$154,000. The new total cost for the project is \$359,485.78. This total includes \$196,169.40 for construction, \$103,000 for the structure itself and \$60,316.38 for engineering. Presently Elizabeth Township has a \$154,000 Dirt & Gravel Road contract, Constellation Energy has committed \$30,350 for some of the stream work on the project and the Township has committed \$15,000. This leaves a deficit of \$160,137.78 that the QAB was being requested to add to this contract. After some reassurance from Andrew Mickey from the SCC that this could be done and Lancaster is not punished for breaking policy rules, the QAB agreed to award the additional funds for this project. Officer Schmidt made the motion and Heather Grove second it with all QAB members in favor of the increased contract amendment for the Pumping Station Rd. project.

- b. Spangler Road (Rapho Township) – Tyler than went into discussion on a potential contract amendment for the Spangler Rd. project in Rapho Township. A change order was requested due to a large pipe structure that is needed to carry some off-right-of-way water from the site. District staff felt the larger pipe was needed for success at the project. Rapho Township explored the cost of the larger pipe and has determined they would need an additional \$5,291.72 added to their \$25,920.00 contract to accomplish this task. The QAB discussed timing on the project, and the Township feels with this change the project can be completed this year. With this reassurance Heather Grove made a motion to approve a contract amendment to add funds to the Spangler Rd. contract and this was seconded by Officer Schmidt. All QAB members were in favor of this motion.