

**GREENE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
MINUTES  
May 22, 2013**

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Eisiminger at 10:00 a.m. in the Mezzanine Conference Room, 19 South Washington Street, Waynesburg, Pennsylvania. Those in attendance were as follows:

**Greene County Conservation District Directors and Associate Directors**

Bradley Eisiminger-Chairman; Archie Trader-Vice Chairman/Commissioner Representative; Tom Headlee-Treasurer; Jim Cowell-Secretary; Jim Kenney-Director; Edward Deter-Director; Greg Hopkins-Director; J. Robert Rice-Director Emeritus; Gay Thistle-Associate Director; Sandy Theis-Associate Director; and Bill Wentzel-Associate Director.

**Guests and Cooperating Agencies**

Doug Grim-Vice Chair, Richhill Township Supervisors; Jim Kennedy-Regional Director, PA Department of Agriculture; Michael Kriner-Consol Energy; Jeremy Kelly-Department of Economic Development

**Staff**

Lisa Snider-District Manager; Laurel Rush-Ag Technician; Sean Dougherty-Watershed Specialist; Becky Salosky-Fiscal Officer; Zack Basinger-WNV Surveillance Monitor; and Robbie Matesic-Department of Economic Development.

Commissioner Trader, Mr. Kriner, Mr. Grim, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Dougherty, and Ms. Rush attended portions of the meeting.

Introductions were made for newly appointed Associate Director, Ms. Theis; guests, Mr. Grim and Mr. Kriner, and WNV Surveillance Monitor, Mr. Basinger. Chairman Eisiminger welcomed them to GCCD.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*A motion was made by Tom Headlee to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2013 meeting. Edward Deter seconded. (Motion Passed)*

### IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

*A motion was made by Commissioner Trader to approve the treasurer's report. Jim Cowell seconded. (Motion Passed)*

### V. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to bring before the Board.

### VI. DISCUSSION OF STAFF REPORTS

Staff reports were mailed with the meeting packets. Additional comments follow.

**Lindsay Kozlowski** – In Ms. Kozlowski's absence, Ms. Snider noted the following. Approximately \$89,925 has been received year-to-date for Erosion and Sedimentation (E&S) review and permit fees. This is about a \$20,000 increase in fees received for all of 2012. Since the inception of the PA Department of Environmental Protection's (PA DEP's) fee schedule for the Chapter 105 program on February 16th, an additional \$39,450 has been received for general permits.

The large program work load and the hiring of a Resource Specialist to replace Daryl Throckmorton, who resigned, were briefly discussed. Ms. Snider said that interviews, of approximately eight applicants, are scheduled to be held tomorrow, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Laurel Rush** – The lime spreader was used twice this spring. One of the users, Jack Hughes, was the winner of the free use from the Greene County Fair. The field day at the Bill Iams Farm on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013 was very successful. Mr. Iams gave an informative talk on fence installation. Waynesburg's Buy Local Committee is working with the Fayette County program. There has been a significant increase in the number of landowners assisted this year.

**Bill Wentzel** - Work continues with several timber harvesting projects in the county. Recent inspections were completed on the TrailCo, Osage/Whiteley Right-of-Way to the 502 Substation located in Dunkard, Perry and Whiteley Townships and the Lamar Prospect site in Franklin Township. Difficulty in establishing vegetation on a steep slope on the TrailCo project has occurred;

work continues to correct the problem. Work was done with Mike Younken of M & J Erosion to correct problems at the Lamar Site. Work is also being done with John McNay on an earth disturbance site near Ruff Creek.

**Zack Basinger** – He thanked the Board for the opportunity to return to the GCCD this summer to conduct the West Nile Virus monitoring program. Mr. Ed Farrell of PA Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) will visit next week to begin the process. His visit should prepare Zack to begin trapping next week.

Regarding the WNV program, Mr. Hopkins brought forward for discussion, the proposed Nineveh Sewage Treatment Plant and inquired whether base line testing should be done before the plant begins operation. Ms. Snider said that trapping will be done at the site, and in fact, new sites will be added to the trapping schedule. However, she noted that weather conditions, etc. would also have an effect on mosquito populations.

Since a positive sample was found last year at the Center Township Treatment Plant, Mr. Deter inquired whether additional traps will be placed in that location. Ms. Snider said that plans had been discussed that additional traps will be set, with one possibly in the park.

**Sean Dougherty** – At the GCCD meeting held on February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013, approval was granted to promote Soil & Water Stewardship Week. As part of the promotion, a service fair was planned and he began making phone calls to solicit agency participation. Unfortunately, the date scheduled, May 11<sup>th</sup>, was the date of several other events, and many groups were unable to participate resulting in the cancellation of the service fair. Plans are to reschedule the event, and a suggestion was made to consider next spring.

The Greene County Envirothon was held on May 1<sup>st</sup>, at Ryerson Station State Park. Carmichaels Team #1 won the competition, Carmichaels Team #2 placed second and Carmichaels Team #3 placed third. The winning Carmichaels Team is currently at the state competition.

The bi-weekly conference calls to discuss the Monongahela River Watershed Assessment continue with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). The most recent call was held on May 16<sup>th</sup> with the main topic of discussion being stormwater. The USACE mailed surveys to 17 counties located in the study area and 15 of those were returned. Public outreach will soon begin with approximately 200 contacts.

He will be participating in water sampling along Whiteley Creek with Mapletown High School Students and their teacher, Amber Burkett.

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

### **a. PA DCNR/Consol Settlement Agreement re: Ryerson Station State Park Dam and Duke Lake (Discussion)**

Michael Kriner, Consol Energy

Doug Grim, Vice Chair, Richhill Township Supervisors

Ms. Snider introduced both gentlemen. Mr. Kriner, a lobbyist with Consol, will discuss the settlement agreement between the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (PA DCNR) and Consol to restore Duke Lake. Mr. Grim, Vice Chair, Richhill Township Supervisors, will discuss the township's perception of the settlement.

Following are the key points of Mr. Kriner's presentation.

- For four years discussions regarding a settlement have been underway. Serious negotiations occurred over the past 12 months, with the final settlement reached in April, 2013. The general consensus has been focused on community need for Duke Lake as a very important recreation site and economic driver.
- A concern of public officials, also expressed at the public meetings, is the need to remove the sediment from the lake bed. While funding is available through the settlement for its removal, it is not a stipulation in the settlement agreement.
- Initially, it was proposed that Consol would pay for the project and act as the general contractor to rebuild the dam as well as other related projects. In the end, however; the Commonwealth decided against that and a check for \$36 million was written by Consol. Of which was \$22 million for the upfront project costs for the dam and \$4 million in upfront bonus payments for the gas and \$10 million paid royalty payment.
- Initially, construction was to begin this year and take approximately 12-18 months to complete. This however has changed, as was learned from the announcement of the settlement and at public meetings, etc., with the construction anticipated to begin in 2014 depending upon the permit process. Construction and the restoration of Duke Lake should be completed in 2017.
- As part of the settlement, an on-site maintenance shed has been constructed.
- To address concerns of county and municipal officials, meetings had been held to discuss the tax implications with the removal of about eight parcels from the tax rolls, and given to PA DCNR to increase the acreage of Ryerson Station State Park.
- Consol owns approximately 50-52% of the oil and gas rights in an area of the park. Through the settlement, they have the right to access 100 percent of the gas as long as it is done through horizontal drilling from sites outside of the park boundary lines.

These sites have not yet been determined. Afterwards, more than 500 acres will be contributed to PA DCNR to be used as park land.

- In order to accommodate the Bailey Mine Expansion (BMX) and the 4-L Panel longwall move, as per the agreement, Consol, pending the approval of permits, has the right to mine the coal (approximately 548,000 tons) in that area.

Questions regarding the correction of problems upstream to prevent future sedimentation and the gas well drilling activities were presented. Mr. Kriner did not think that any measures were included in the settlement agreement to address sedimentation; however, he agreed to check and report back. Ms. Snider noted that inspections will be made by PA DEP during coal and gas well activities. She also said that it is a possibility that funding can be sought to assist landowners located upstream of the park to install BMP's to minimize future sedimentation in Duke Lake.

Regarding the gas drilling activities, Mr. Kriner read the following from the agreement. "The lease will provide that no gas development may occur on the surface of the park and that no water drawn from the park may be used for drilling or gas development".

Another question posed; whether the gas activity at the park would include compressor stations. This was unknown and Mr. Kriner will check and report back.

In closing, Mr. Kriner thanked GCCD for the opportunity to discuss the settlement and, as the project progresses he offered to attend future GCCD meetings. He will contact Ms. Snider to follow-up on the questions asked today and to arrange for his attendance of future meetings.

Mr. Doug Grim, Vice Chairman of Richhill Township commented on the settlement. The following are his comments:

Mr. Grim stated that although the Richhill Township Supervisors may not be in total agreement with the settlement, the supervisors feel that it was the only way to restore the lake which is most needed by the community, as it provides recreation and benefits for area businesses.

It is hoped that the royalties received by PA DCNR, through gas development, will be used to maintain the park. It was noted that these royalties will be directed to PA DCNR's General Fund and not directly to Ryerson Station State Park. Mr. Kriner noted that local public officials attempted to have this included in the settlement; however, they were unsuccessful.

Another matter of importance to local officials was the dredging of the sediment in the lake; this however, was not included in the settlement. Commissioner Trader noted that PA DCNR Richard J. Allan indicated that the lake would be dredged. Ms. Snider noted that the plans received by GCCD for Erosion and Sedimentation Control and permitting did include the dredging, at an average depth of 5 feet, and can be reviewed following the meeting.

GCCD thanked both gentlemen for their input.

**b. U.S. Coast Guard – Transportation of Frack Water on the Monongahela River**

Due to other commitments; one of which was “National Safe Boat Week”, Commander Lindsay Weaver was unable to participate in our meeting by conference call. She should be available to participate in next month’s meeting scheduled to be held on June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013. During their communications, Ms. Snider learned that they continue to gather information regarding the transportation of the frack water.

**c. Farmland Preservation**

GCFLP Board is currently pursuing two tracts of land owned by Charles Harry, Morgan Township and Harley and Janet Gapen, Greene Township. Harley and Janet Gapen, Greene Township. This farm easement was approved at the April 18, 2013 state board meeting. Closing will be scheduled once the checks are received from the State Treasurer. The Charles Harry easement, Morgan Township. The title search has been completed and accepted by the GCFLP board. An appraisal and a deed description plot will now be completed for this property. The GCFLP program is accepting applications from April 15 – June 15, 2013. To date, two applications have been received for this period. Richard Phillips of Cumberland Township and Tom Willis of Cumberland Township. Both have submitted applications previously. Another notice, advertising the application period, will be submitted to the newspaper in the next week.

**d. USACE Monongahela River Watershed Assessment (MRWA)**

Conference calls continue to be held to discuss the progress of the MRWA. Mr. Dougherty distributed notes from the last conference call on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013. A portion of the MRWA will address stormwater and the following information was reviewed. As noted in Mr. Dougherty’s above staff report, of the 17 counties who received stormwater surveys, 15 of those were completed and returned. Results of the survey found that

Pennsylvania is more uniform in their stormwater program with an engineer or the planning commission being the responsible party. As for West Virginia, their program falls to the County Commissioner's Office and in some cases, to the Emergency Management Agency.

USACE was given the contact information for Waynesburg Borough and Cumberland Township so that the USACE could get a better understanding of the issues that face our local Greene County communities.

Ms. Snider noted that the purpose of the survey was to determine how stormwater is handled by each state and county and what problems are occurring. Upon completion of the assessment, funding may be available through the USACE to address some of issues.

**e. Agricultural Security Area Program**

Jefferson Township approved the ASA creation at their March meeting. They continue to work with the Recorder's office to get the correct documentation recorded.

An additional ASA application was received from Corbly Orndorff, Franklin Township. With this application, Franklin Township will now have the required acres to create their ASA.

**f. Ruff Creek/Pumpkin Run Stream Rehabilitation GG Grant**

The Taylor project is complete. The engineer was on site on May 14, 2013 to inspect the project.

The current deadline for completion of the grant is June 30, 2013. An extension has been requested through PA DEP's Grant Advisor, Rita Coleman. An additional project is being pursued in the Ruff Creek watershed.

**g. Act 13, the Natural Gas Impact Fee**

An e-mail, from Dave Rupert, District Manager, Armstrong County Conservation District, and a member of the Conservation District Managers Advisory Committee (CDMAC) regarding the use of Act 13 funding, forwarded by Molly Burns of the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts (PACD) was included in the meeting packets. During a recent conference call with CDMAC, Karl Brown, Executive

Secretary of the State Conservation Commission (SCC) posed the following question: “If the line item for Conservation Districts remains at zero, as proposed, in the PA Department of Agriculture (PDA) and the PA Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) budgets, how would District Managers in the Southwest Regional want to use the funding from the Natural Gas Impact Fee (CDFAP and PUC), i.e. funding of the salaries of District Manager, E&S Technicians, ACT, administration?”

Ms. Snider hopes to take GCCD’s decision regarding this matter to the District Manager’s Summit she will be attending June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in State College, PA.

GCCD Directors would like to see the funds from the SCC portion of the UGWF directed to salaries and administration as covered by the current SCC/PADEP CDFAP program in the event the line item in the State Budget is not restored to include CCD’s.

An associated new matter will be addressed later in the meeting, under New Business.

#### **h. Envirothon**

The Greene County Envirothon competition was held on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 at Ryerson Station State Park. Carmichaels Team #1 won the competition with a total of 390 points out of a possible 500. They will go on to compete at the state competition, May 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>. Carmichaels Team #2 placed second and Carmichaels Team #3 placed third. Both Mr. Cowell and Ms. Rush visited the Carmichaels team in preparation for the state event.

### **VIII. New Business**

#### **a. Request for Assistance**

There was not a Request for Assistance to bring before the Board.

**Ethan Virgili – Mini Grant – Cumberland Township**

At the May 15, 2012 meeting, the Board accepted Mr. Virgil's Request for Assistance. Currently, Mr. Virgili is requesting approval for a mini grant of \$1,000 for a spring development.

Ms. Rush has visited the proposed site and recommended approval.

***A motion was made by Tom Headlee to approve the Virgili Mini Grant. Jim Kenney seconded. (Motion Passed).***

**b. Waynesburg University – Funding Request**

A request for funding to conduct a study in Greene County using the Ames Assay to detect adverse biological effects resulting from exposure to by-products of the coal and natural gas industries. Dr. Janet Paladino of Waynesburg University is requesting a \$2,491.00 grant from GCCD. This funding would provide a means to conduct this pilot project, which depending on the findings, may lead to other funding sources, possibly through the Environment Protection Agency (EPA). It would involve testing a watershed; which has yet to be determined, with minimum industry impacts, to determine if there is a presence of contaminants which cause mutations in living organisms. Sampling would be done prior to industry activities and soon after. To the best of the knowledge of GCCD staff, no tests of this kind have ever been undertaken in Greene County.

It was noted that various water testing has been done in the region and the need to compile and analyze the data continues. The water testing being conducted by the Harry Enstrom Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America (IWLA) through funding provided by GCCD, was discussed. Commissioner Trader noted that the IWLA recently met with the Greene County Commissioners to discuss their sampling and he said that they may contact GCCD to arrange a meeting to request additional funds. It was also noted that GCCD provided funding, approximately \$15,000, to the PA Fish and Boat Commission to conduct sampling on the Monongahela River. To the disappointment of board, little follow-up was received. There has been no follow-up from IWLA. The Board wishes for these matters to be corrected.

If the request for funding is granted, the University will provide a summary of the data collected and the end result.

***Following discussion, a motion was made by Archie Trader to approve the payment of \$2,491.00 to Waynesburg University to conduct the study contingent upon providing a quarterly and final report to GCCD. Jim Cowell seconded. (Motion Passed).***

***Also, it was agreed that all future requests for funding will be required to provide quarterly and final reports on the status of their projects.***

Ms. Snider noted that it would be helpful to have conservation district staff, Mr. Dougherty and herself, attend monthly meetings of the IWLA. It was noted that the membership cost is \$50 per person per year. Since the GCCD contributed funding to conduct their water quality testing, the board felt that the membership fee should be waived.

***Following a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Greg Hopkins to allow Ms. Snider and Mr. Dougherty to become members of the IWLA in order to obtain information regarding water quality. Jim Cowell seconded. (Motion Passed).***

**c. Conservation Leadership School Scholarship – Philip Mikalik**

One application was received. Mr. Mikalik is a sophomore at Carmichaels High School. A contribution of \$500 was received from Alpha Natural Resources. Ms. Rush read the essay received from Mr. Mikalik.

***A motion was made by Jim Cowell to approve the sponsorship of Philip Mikalik to this year's Conservation Leadership School. Greg Hopkins seconded. (Motion Passed).***

**d. Dirt and Gravel Roads Program – 2013 QAB Rankings**

Chairman Eisiminger noted that he was pleased with the progression of the program, with many more applications being submitted for funding this year.

The decision materials were included with the meeting packets. The Quality Assurance Board (QAB) met on Friday, May 17, 2013 to complete the ranking process.

At the suggestion of Mr. Rice, QAB member, a township supervisor will be asked to join the QAB on future visits.

Greene Township - Roberts Run Road (TR 604) - Total grant request - \$10,978.00.  
 Gilmore Township – Renner Creek Road (TR 305) –Total grant request - \$92,224.00.  
 Gilmore Township – Robert Run Road (TR 369) Total grant request - \$20,228.72.  
 Gilmore Township – Shough Creek Road (TR 349) –Total grant request - \$2,435.00.  
 Gilmore Township – Six Run Road (TR 339) –Total grant request - \$2,750.00.  
 Dunkard Township – Glade Run Road (TR 628) –Total grant request - \$12,979.00.  
 Aleppo Township – Blacks Creek Road/Kuhntown Hill Road (TR 356) – Total grant request \$9,600.77.  
 Aleppo Township – Blacks Creek Road/Martin Road (TR 356) –Total grant request \$8,618.98.  
 Aleppo Township – Allman Road –Total grant request \$9,905.05.  
 Aleppo Township – Hewitt Run Road –Total grant request \$9,386.58.  
 Aleppo Township – Hewitt Run Road –Total grant request \$10,280.49.  
 Aleppo Township – Quiet Dell Road –Total grant request \$11,079.20.

It was recommended by the program’s Quality Assurance Board (QAB) to fund all of the above mentioned projects with an exception that only funds directed to the Gilmore, Renner Creek Road Project totaling \$92,224.00, be approved contingent upon the FY 13-14 State Budget approval that includes \$80,835.00 and not funding the Gilmore, Roberts Run Project this year.

**Available Funding Summary**

Checkbook Balance-	\$131,420.69
FY 12-13 Remaining Funds	<u>+\$ 33,539.50</u>
Current Contracts Outstanding	<u>-\$ 60,522.00</u>
Total Available	\$104,438.19
FY 13-14 Allocation Pending	\$ 80,835.00
(this is not included in our calculations)	
Current Application Requests	\$ 88,013.07
(this does not include the Renner Creek or Roberts Run Application)	
Funding Remaining	\$ 16,425.12
Current Application Requests	\$200,465.79
(including Renner Creek and Roberts Run)	

***At the recommendation of the Dirt and Gravel Roads QAB Board, a motion was made by Jim Cowell to approve the above projects with the exceptions noted above. Tom Headlee seconded. (Motion Passed).***

**e. Floodplain Management Agreement**

The Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) contacted our office concerning updating and renewing our contract with the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS) that will allow district staff to claim funding in return for reviewing the upcoming Floodplain Ordinances. It appears that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) may be ready to finalize the floodplain mapping process.

After discussion, the GCCD Board agreed to have Ms. Snider pursue this issue for presentation at the next meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

**f. Greene County FFA Improvement Association – Funding Request**

Curt Hughes is requesting funding to assist with the Greene County FFA Improvement Association to continue their program. No specific amount was requested; last year we donated \$1,000.00.

***A motion was made by Jim Kenney to approve a donation of \$1,000 to the Greene County FFA. Greg Hopkins seconded. (Motion Passed).***

**g. QuickBooks Training – July 18, 2014 – Morgantown, WV - \$199**

Lisa Snider and Becky Salosky requested approval of funds to attend the training in July.

***A motion was made by Edward Deter to approve the attendance of Ms. Snider and Ms. Salosky to QuickBooks training in Morgantown, WV. Jim Cowell seconded. (Motion Passed)***

**h. Western PA Coalition of Abandoned Mine Reclamation (WPCAMR) – Delegate Appointment**

Julie Maxwell is still listed as the GCCD delegate for the WPCAMR organization. Watershed Specialists are listed as the voting delegates for this organization. We are requesting that Sean Dougherty be appointed the voting member of WPCAMR.

The QAB for the Dirt and Gravel Roads Program also needs to be updated to include Mr. Dougherty as a non-voting member.

***A motion was made by Greg Hopkins to appoint Mr. Dougherty as a delegate to the WPCAMR and as a non-voting member of QAB. Edward Deter seconded. (Motion Passed).***

**i. Dirt & Gravel Road Program Agreement – Draft Five Year Agreement**

The existing five year agreement with the State Conservation Commission and GCCD for the Dirt and Gravel Road Program will expire on June 30, 2013. Slight changes to the wording of the agreement have been made and need to be reviewed and approved by the District Board.

***A motion was made by Tom Headlee to approve the draft five year program agreement for the Dirt and Gravel Road Program. Jim Cowell seconded. (Motion Passed).***

**j. Act 13 Natural Gas Impact Fee-PUC UGWF**

As noted under Old Business, discussion of this matter would continue at this time.

A determination needs to be made concerning the Public Utility Commission's (PUC's) portion of the Unconventional Gas Well Fund monies that were distributed to the District for FY 12-13. The funds we received for FY 12-13 were in the amount of \$18,939.39. These funds can be used in accordance with the Conservation District Law, but must be reported to the PUC at the end of June 2013. Funds may be directed to a particular fund as approved by the Board of Directors. Chairman Eisiminger suggested that these funds be earmarked to a separate Capital Improvement Project-Building Fund that may be used to build, buy or lease space for the Conservation District in the future.

Since a building for GCCD was being discussed, Mr. Hopkins noted that he felt that the area of Wisecarver Dam would be a good location for GCCD. Ms. Snider noted that the property is owned by the Southwestern PA Water Authority and plans were to develop the area for recreation. Ms. Snider offered to contact the water authority to obtain additional information. Mr. Cowell inquired about a discussion which took place at a previous GCCD meeting, regarding our move to the Greene County

Airport. Ms. Snider noted that one office at the airport may not be available, and if so, then there would not be sufficient space for us.

***A motion was made by Edward Deter to earmark the PUC portion of the Unconventional Gas Well Funds (UGWF) for the Capitol Improvement Project-Building Fund. Tom Headlee seconded. (Motion Passed).***

## **IX. CONSERVATION DISTRICT OUTREACH**

GCCD staff has begun to collect information for the next newsletter. A staff meeting has been scheduled for May 28<sup>th</sup> to discuss plans to improve this year's fair display.

## **X. REPORTS FROM COOPERATING AGENCIES AND GUESTS**

**Jim Kennedy** – He commended the GCCD Board for the information presented at today's meeting. All Conservation Districts are facing the uncertainty of the State Budget and he commended GCCD for working with our legislators in hopes of a favorable outcome. Pennsylvania's Farmland Preservation Program has been in existence for 25 years. It is the longest standing program in the country. Dog Enforcement Officers will soon be canvassing Greene County, checking for licenses, vaccinations, etc. He thanked GCCD for the opportunity to attend this meeting.

**Robbie Matesic** – She stressed the relevance of analysis and evaluation of the data collected via water related projects being conducted in Greene County by various entities. Jeremy Kelly, Lisa Snider, Lindsay Kozlowski and herself attended the Greene County Township Association Meeting (GCATO). The Association expressed that they recognize that the coordination of the Greene County Planning Commission (GCPC) and GCCD has improved, more could be done to include the municipalities in the pre-construction phase to ensure development project approvals are completed in an efficient and timely manner, and so that construction can begin as soon as possible.

Five recommendations were made by the Association. Following are some of those requests

- The creation of a merged system for constituents to obtain information for GCPC, GCCD, and township permits.
- An on-line permitting system to apply for permits on-line, if so desired.
- Assistance with utilities. Perhaps the appointment of a liaison to assist land developers with these issues.
- The creation of a "one stop shop" to make it more convenient for constituents and residents to process the necessary permits.

In the end, the main goal is to enhance our collaboration with the townships. To accomplish that goal, the following projects were assisted.

- Bailey Mine Expansion (BMX), Morris Township
- Sheetz Store Expansion, Cumberland Township
- McQuay II Compressor and Meter Station Project, Center Township
- West Greene High School Expansion Project, Center Township

An article recently appeared in the Observer Reporter regarding gas well drilling and the Clean and Green Program. Additional information regarding this matter will be obtained and presented at the June GCCD meeting.

**Jeremy Kelly** – A comparison of communities who have experienced Marcellus Shale Drilling is being conducted by the Greene County Planning. In Texas, a FFA student is recycling erosion and sedimentation control materials used at gas well sites for weed suppression in vegetable gardens.

**XI. The next regular meeting will be June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.**

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

***With no further business to discussion a motion was made by Jim Cowell to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 p.m. Edward Deter seconded. (Motion Passed).***

<b><u>MEETING MINUTES CERTIFICATION</u></b>
We, the undersigned, agree that the minutes taken above were approved in their entirety by the Greene County Conservation District on _____, 2013.
Chairman, Greene County Conservation District
Secretary, Greene County Conservation District