

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

December 5, 2008

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Eisiminger at 10:10 a.m. at Stryker's Banquet Hall, Waynesburg, PA. Directors present were Bradley Eisiminger, Vice Chairman; Tom Headlee, Treasurer; Jim Cowell, Secretary; Dave Coder, Commissioner Representative; Archie Trader, Director; Jim Kenney, Director; and Greg Hopkins, Associate Director. Guests and District staff in attendance included Martin Niverth, District Manager; Lisa Snider, Assistant District Manager/Watershed Specialist; Laurel Rush, Ag Manager; Dustin Teegarden, Resource Specialist; and Becky Salosky, Fiscal Officer.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public Comments were received.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Tom Headlee, the minutes of the November 18th meeting were approved as distributed. Jim Cowell seconded. (Motion Passed)

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

Martin said that other Conservation Districts are having problems receiving their state allocations and many are worried. He also said that our second quarter reimbursement is pending due to the administrator, Fred Fiscus, being in an accident.

V. REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

No Requests for Assistance forms were received.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Martin said that a meeting was recently held with Mr. Headlee, Mr. Kenney, Mr. Cowell, Laurel, and himself to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding with the county. Recommendations were made and will be incorporated and mailed to all directors for their review and action at the January meeting.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Martin reported that Jackson Township has completed their project under the Dirt and Gravel Roads program and have requested payment before the end of the year. Lisa added that Washington Township has also completed their project on Edgar Hill Road. Both townships were awarded fifty percent of the total cost of the projects upfront. **The Quality Assurance Board (QAB) must inspect both sites, but due to time constraints, a motion was made by Jim Cowell to approve the projects provided they are approved by the QAB. Jim Kenney seconded. (Motion Passed)**

Bradley reported that he received a few complaints regarding runoff on roads where drilling is occurring. Martin said that the problem is probably being caused by the slurry that the trucks are hauling and that it's more difficult to enforce on township roads. He also said that unless an ESCPG-1 permit is involved, we do not get the plans and that we are not allowed on site unless we have the approval of the operator and are accompanied by a DEP Oil and Gas inspector.

VIII. STAFF REPORTS

Martin began the staff reports stating that he has been working with Economic Development on the 502 Substation in the Mt. Morris area. He's been working with Robbie to coordinate projects with the Planning Commission.

Dustin thanked the board for allowing him to attend the PA Vector Control Conference in State College. As of November 19th, there were 14 human cases of West Nile Virus and one death. Nationally, we ranked 21st in human cases and 4th with mosquitoes pools. There were 880,000 adult mosquito captured. Other topics discussed were Emerald Ash Borer, property access, rodent control, and other vector topics. He feels that 2009 will probably be about the same number of positives. He also reported that a Texas Eastern 30" gas line in Richhill Township was under stress possibly due to mine subsidence. They have applied for an emergency permit through DEP.

Lisa reported that she and Mary Jane are almost finished with the Dirt and Gravel Roads assessment. They have Center, Morris, Richhill, Jackson, and Aleppo Townships to finish. Martin commended them for their work on the program and said that it should result in an increase in our allocation.

Laurel reported that the Commissioners office received a call from a landowner who said he was not being serviced by the Conservation District. She said she has since visited the property and has taken care of it. A while back, the Cowell property was awarded the Environmental Stewardship Award through the Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Association. Now, the Association would like to nominate the farm for a national award and have

asked the District to prepare the nomination. Laurel has agree to prepare the application and Martin offered his assistance.

Mr. Hopkins requested an update regarding the relocation of a portion of Muddy Creek near Khedive. Martin said that the gentleman has retained an engineer who has completed a hydrologic study of the watershed up to the point of impact and it appears to accurately represent the watershed. The study says that the hydrologic effects relative to water velocity, rate of flow and volume of flow are unappreciable and not even reflective in a 2 year event and minimally reflective in a 100 year storm event. The study does not show statistics for a 5, 10, or 25 year storm events which Martin would like to have seen. It will now be up to the regulatory agencies to decide if the study is adequate.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Jim Cowell, the meeting was declared adjourned at 11:20 a.m. Jim Kenney seconded. (Motion Passed)

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca K. Salosky
Fiscal Officer