

BY-LAWS
OF
ORPHANED LAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF MINES, MINERALS AND ENERGY
DIVISION OF MINERAL MINING

Article I. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Orphaned Land Advisory Committee is:

1. To assist the Division of Mineral Mining (DMM) in prioritizing orphaned land sites to be reclaimed via funding from the Minerals Other Than Coal Fund.
2. To provide advice to the Division of Mineral Mining on the methods to be used in performing reclamation at selected sites.
3. To select the winners of the DMM/VAA Reclamation Awards Program from the nominations presented. Nominations may be selected for the NASLR and IMCC National Awards Program as the Virginia representative in the non-coal category.

Article II. MEMBERSHIP

1. The Orphaned Land Advisory Committee shall be composed of eight members appointed by the Director of the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy or his designee.
2. The Committee shall consist of one person from or representative of each of the following organizations or groups:
 - A Division of Mineral Resources
 - B Mineral Mining Industry
 - C Private Citizen

- A Department of Environmental Quality
- B USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service
- C Virginia Aggregates Association
- A Virginia Department of Transportation
- B Virginia Tech Crop & Soil Environmental Sciences Department

3. The DMM Director and the Project Manager for reclamation shall serve as ex-officio non-voting members and advisors to the Committee. The Project Manager for reclamation shall staff meetings and present information on selected sites to the Committee.

Article III. TERMS

- 1. Members are appointed for a 3-year term and may be reappointed.
- 2. Letter designation in front of each organization or category (Article II, No. 2) denotes the order for reappointment, starting with A in 1994, B in 1995, etceteras.
- 3. When a vacancy occurs, the Director of the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy or the Director's designee shall solicit a nominee from the organization or group.

Article IV. RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1. The Chairperson shall preside over meetings and direct members to complete and sign the Orphaned Land Advisory Committee Review Report.
- 2. It shall be the responsibility of individual members to attend all meetings of the Committee at designated times and places. If a member misses two (2) or more consecutive meetings without due cause, the member may be replaced with a majority vote by the members of the Committee present.

Article V. VOTING AND ELECTIONS

- 1. Each Committee member shall have one (1) vote. In case of a tie vote, the Chairperson shall cast the deciding vote.
- 2. A simple majority of the Committee membership present shall constitute a quorum.

3. Election of a chairperson and vice-chairperson shall take place every three years, starting in 1994. Elected persons shall assume office at that meeting.

Article VI. OPERATIONS

1. If requested, expenses for travel by the Committee members will be reimbursed by the Division of Mineral Mining.
2. All meeting minutes records and reports are the property of the Division of Mineral Mining and shall be kept on file with that Division.

Article VII. MEETINGS AND AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

1. The Committee By-Laws shall be amended by resolution and adoption by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership present at a meeting.
2. The Committee shall meet in the spring of each calendar year. Additional meetings may be called by the Director of Mineral Mining or the Chairperson.

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