

WPCAMR
Western PA Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation
Quarterly Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2014
PA DEP, Cambria District Mining Office, Ebensburg PA

In attendance:

Denny Beck, Cambria CD, President	Amy Myers, Allegheny CD Delegate
Jim Eckenrode, Blair CD Delegate, Vice President	Randy Maggard, AMDRI
Jim Resh, Indiana CD Delegate, Secretary	Gordon Snyder, Jefferson CD
Andy McAllister (Staff)	Jared Zinn, Greene CD Delegate
Anne Daymut (Staff)	Ron Horansky, PA DEP
Robb Piper, Cambria CD Delegate	Pam Milavec, PA DEP
	John Graffius, Blair CD
	Dean Baker, PA DEP

WPCAMR BUSINESS MEETING:

Meeting called to order at 10:15am with introductions.

Secretary's Report (Jim Resh):

Review of past meeting minutes.

Motion (Piper/Meyers) to accept the May 2014 minutes. Passed.

Treasurer's Report (Andy McAllister):

See report for details.

Motion (Piper/Meyers) to accept the treasurer's report. Passed.

Correspondence (Andy McAllister):

OLD BUSINESS

Regional Coordinator's Report (Andy McAllister):

See report for details. Report on meeting webpage.

Watershed Coordinator's report (Anne Daymut):

See report for details. Report on meeting webpage.

Conservation District/Agency/Watershed Association reports (All present):

Those in attendance reported on current and future activities within their respective organizations that relate to WPCAMR interests.

- Jim Resh is retiring but would like to remain Indiana CD Delegate and WPCAMR Secretary. Indiana CD is just finishing up the Bear Run Renaissance. They are trying to figure out the best way to optimize left over funds, for which they are looking at cleaning up boney piles and establish a trust.
- Robb Piper reported that a senior environmental corps has been established and is starting to sample.

- Amy Myers noted that Allegheny CD is working to monitor discharges coming off of Mt Washington. They are in the middle of strategic planning. They are doing a dam removal which should improve diversity.
- Gordon Snyder noted that Jefferson CD lost access to a treatment system that is great need of maintenance. They are working on getting grants for Sugar Camp. There is a bond forfeiture on a slurry pile that nothing has been done on.
- Jared Zinn noted a project that Greene CD is involved in.
- John Graffius of Blair is a new intern.
- Pam Milavec reported that they are closing in on 60% design for a very large treatment plant. It will take care of Cresson 9, Galiston Shaft and Argyle stone bridge. There will be a public meeting soon. They will be drawing down mines pools to stop discharges, which will take water from residents. They will be supplying city water to them at no cost. Phase I of the Weirum project is starting which will eliminate the Vintondale bore holes and restore the main stem of Blacklick Creek. They are working on a QHU for Little Conemaugh by mid summer. The setaside has been impacted by a reduction in grants coming from OSM. DEP has 50 passive systems. If there is no re-authorization, how to they continue OM&R of these systems? They are looking for ways to continue. Growing Greener grant round is open and closing on July 11. Dave Leifert is the contact for mining-related projects.
- Jim Eckenrode has an MS4 program to evaluate the remaining AMD in the county and the existing systems.
- Ron Horansky is working with grantees to turn in grant contract requirements. He recommended that Jefferson call Knox office to discuss the bond on the slurry sight.
- Dean Baker reported on Ernfeld in Cambria County. Lankashir switched from Lime to peroxide to save cost.

NEW BUSINESS

NRG Request to join coalition in support of SB1346

Motion (Piper/Eckenrode) to support SB 1436. Passed.

AMD Reclamation, Inc request to support project

Motion (Resh/Zinn) to support the project. Passed.

Employee Manual Update

Motion (Piper/Resh) to accept updated language. Passed.

Letter from Stream Team

Motion (Piper/Resh) to support the development of a GG application by an interested party in establishing a database capable of handling datalogger data similar to SRBC's website. Passed.

Remaining meetings for the year will be August 14, and November 13, 2014

Meeting adjourned at 12:25pm.

Minutes taken and prepared by Anne Daymut

Approved by Jim Resh