

WPCAMR
Western PA Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation
Quarterly Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2014
Westmoreland Conservation District Barn

In attendance:

Denny Beck, Cambria CD, President	Jim Shaner, Beaver CD Delegate
Jim Eckenrode, Blair CD Delegate, Vice President	Dave Beale, Armstrong CD Delegate
Greg Phillips, Treasurer	Missy Reckner, K-C Stream Team
Andy McAllister (Staff)	Dave Leiford, PA DEP
Anne Daymut (Staff)	Bob Onyshko, Harsco Mineral
Jackie Ritko, Cambria CD	Rob Cronauer, Westmoreland CD
Diane Thomas, Cambria CD	Jared Zinn, Green CD
Eric Cavazza, PA DEP	Delegate

WPCAMR BUSINESS MEETING:

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

Secretary's Report (Denny Beck):

Review of past meeting minutes.

Motion (Shaner/Philips) to accept the August 2014 minutes. Passed.

Treasurer's Report (Greg Philips):

See report for details.

Motion (Beale/Shaner) 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.

Special Presentation: SMCRA Update by Eric Cavazza

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.

- Jackie Ritko reported that a senior environmental corps has been established and is starting to sample.
- Jim Eckenrode has an MS4 program to evaluate the remaining AMD in the county and the existing systems.

- Missy Reckner reported on new sites added to K-C Stream Team's monitoring list. Missy noted that Mich
- Rob Cronauer reported of landowner issues for a project and some watershed grants recently awarded. Many projects are in Sewickley Creek Watershed.
- Jared Zinn reported that Green does not currently have any projects going, but he mentioned the ground breaking and progress of the Mather pile.
- Dave Beale continuing on with a datalogger program. Armstrong just hosted an NCCC team and they did a lot of work. Another ARRI project is planned.
- Jim Shaner working with PFBC on a lake to address Herford Manor.
- Bob Onyshko promoted his product for land reclamation, which is now available in briquette form. It is 100% recycled material. It is basically the same thing as Ag lime.
- Dave Leiford updated the group on the progress of Growing Greener. Announcements should be made in October.

NEW BUSINESS

ARIPPA Award Nominations

Motion (Beale/Philips) to recommend the ARIPPA Award be distributed as follows: \$1250 for AWARE for construction activities not the wetlands diversification and \$1250 for Evergreen Conservancy. Passed.

Personnel

Motion (Philips/Eckenrode) to approve Anne Daymut's raise. Passed.

2013 Audit

Motion (Philips/Beale) to form a committee to review Strategic Plan for fundraising possibilities. Passed.

The board received a letter from a Mountain Watershed Association representative that asks for support in opposing an active mining permit.

Andy will respond that we are not interested in writing a letter at this time.

Remaining meeting for the year will be November 13, 2014

Meeting adjourned at 12:12pm.

Minutes taken and prepared by Anne Daymut