

WPCAMR
Western PA Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation
Quarterly Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2013
PA DEP Cambria District Mining Office, Ebensburg PA

In attendance:

Jim Eckenrode, Blair CD Delegate, Vice President
Jim Resh, Indiana CD Delegate, Secretary
Andy McAllister (Staff)
Anne Daymut (Staff)
Pam Meade, Armstrong CD Alternate
Dave Beale, Armstrong CD Delegate
Chelsea Walker, Armstrong CD
Adam Cotchen, Indiana CD Delegate
Missy Reckner, KC Stream Team
Brandon Deihl, Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds
Dave Leiford, PA DEP
Rob Cronauer, Westmoreland CD

WPCAMR BUSINESS MEETING:

Meeting called to order at 10:44 am with introductions.

Secretary's Report (Presented by Jim Resh):

Review of past meeting minutes.

Motion (Cotchen/Meade) to accept the August 2013 minutes. Passed.

Treasurer's Report (Andy McAllister):

See report for details. There were questions on the balance left in Quick Response.

Motion (Cotchen/Beale) 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.

- Adam Cotchen has been aiding the Blacklick Creek Watershed Association lately. Wensel Run on Laurel Run is being remided. They are working to have a sedimentation pond turned into an additional treatment system. The Yellow

- Creek system needs repairs. ICCD continues to partner with SRBC in Bear Run. They are now setting up the Watershed Trust. Big Run AMD Treatment Complex. Jim Resh concurred with Adam's comments.
- Branden Deihl reported on the Gen-On funding and how much is left to dole out. He is working on leveraging additional funds from industry. They have some dedicated funds for environmental justice areas. FPW is also a partner in Federal Good Sam issues. FPW provided funding to Bucknell to look in to recycling pharmaceuticals. They are trying to make their grant process for transparent and some online grant applications. Branden is interested in finding out where land reverts to ownership if a watershed organization doesn't exist any more.
 - Jim Eckenrode noted that a new discharge was found in Cambria County, on Bear Loop Run, which enters Blair County. He has an MS4 program to evaluate the remaining AMD in the county and the existing systems.
 - Rob Cronauer reported that Westmoreland is looking for funding the Irwin discharge. They are also waiting on funding from Act 13
 - Missy Reckner reported on some new progress with Trout in the Classroom. She is helping with some fundraising for the program. She continues to consult with C-SAW. She has held some resent training programs. She is starting work on updating the Kiski-Conemaugh Rivers Conservation Plan because it is now 13 years old. Kiski-Conemaugh is being nominated as River of the Year. DCNR is now instituting a Trail of the Year.
 - Dave Beale is doing a mine reclamation project on McCanlis property at the mouth of Red Bank Creek. They have a datalogger program. He is searching for funds to build an AMD treatment system on Huling Run which will restore 3 miles of stream. A restoration project was completed on a AMD delivery channel along Cowanshannock. He had an Americorps NCCC group help with much work.
 - Pam Meade reported that maintenance was completed on the White Lake system and wetlands.
 - Chelsey Walker reported on a training on dataloggers to be held Jan. 25 at the Armsdale building. It is open to the public. Data is turned over to KC Stream Team.
 - Dave Leiford noted that there was a fish kill as a result of problems at the Webster discharge. Another treatment system will be built on Blacklick Creek that will clean up 22 miles of stream. It will be Title IV money. Near the Wehrum shaft an active system will be constructed to combine the mine pool with the Three sisters. Groundbreaking should start in 2015. Cresson Plant will eliminate several discharge and will include a inter-basin transfer to supplement flow in the Susquehanna River Basin.

NEW BUSINESS

2014 Proposed Budget (Andy McAllister)

Two changes were made including striking the year on line 19 and adding in \$50 interest. Motion (Beale/Cotchen) to approve the 2014 Budget with changes. Passed.

Draft Whistleblower Policy (Andy McAllister)

Complaints may be presented to any one member of the Executive Committee of WPCAMR or to WPCAMR's legal Counsel. Delegates and Alternates, staff, and

Executive Committee can all present issues. Motion (Beale/Cotchen) to make recommended changes and approve the Whistleblower Policy pending final review. Passed.

Draft Conflict of Interest Policy (Andy McAllister)

Article 2, Number 3, and its reference on page 1, does not pertain to us and will be removed. Anything that refers to Independent Director will also be removed. Andy is not sure how this policy is implemented with signatures. Motion (Meade/Cotchen) to approve the Conflict of Interest Policy with discussed changes. Passed.

2013 Auditor Engagement Letter (Andy McAllister)

Motion (Cotchen/Beale) to attain the current auditor. Passed.

Line of Credit (Andy McAllister)

Motion (Meade/Cotchen) to retain the line of credit. Passed.

Employee review of Andy McAllister (Jim Eckenrode)

Andy's review was conducted late but took effect retroactive.

Next meeting February 13, 2014, location TBA

Meeting adjourned at 1:07 pm.

Minutes taken and prepared by Anne Daymut

Approved by Jim Resh