

WPCAMR
Western PA Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation
Quarterly Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2014
PA DEP, Cambria District Mining Office

In attendance:

Denny Beck, Cambria CD, President	Amy Wolfe, TU
Jim Eckenrode, Blair CD Delegate, Vice President	Bob Onyshko, Harsco Minerals
Greg Phillips, Treasurer	Len Lichvar, Somerset CD Alternate
Andy McAllister (Staff)	Cindy Rogers, Evergreen Conservancy
Anne Daymut (Staff)	Adam Cotchen, Indiana CD Alternate
Jim Shaner, Beaver CD Delegate	Mark Killar, Western Pennsylvania Conservancy
Dave Leiford, PA DEP	Cassandra Allen, Evergreen Conservancy
Tom Gray, Tetra Tech	Pat Webb, PA DEP
Rob Cronauer, Westmoreland CD	Rob Piper, Cambria CD Delegate
Jared Zinn, Green CD Delegate	Alex Veto, Armstrong CD
Donna Carnahan, PA DEP	Chris Scheaney, AWARE
Ron Horansky, PA DEP	

WPCAMR BUSINESS MEETING:

Meeting called to order at 10:04am with introductions.

Secretary's Report (Denny Beck):

Review of past meeting minutes.

Motion (Phillips/Eckenrode) to accept the August 2014 minutes with correction to statement by Missy Reckner. Passed.

Treasurer's Report (Greg Philips):

See report for details.

Motion (Eckenrode/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):

Wrong report included in packet. Anne will send out correct report and update website.

Special Presentation: Tom Gray, Use of Mine Pool Water to Supplement Water Supplies

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.

- Denny Beck discussed several new treatment systems. He noted that the Miller Shaft discharge is actually discharging from another mine. Rob Piper followed up with a report on Erenfeld Abandoned Mine site's possible reclamation. This could clean up 20 acres of AML.
- Amy Wolfe filled the group in on possible champions of the future reauthorization of SMCRA and good sam challenges. She gave a congressional briefing recently. Unfortunately, we lost Udall as a champion. She noted there are trout finally in sections of stream that she has been working on over the last 10 years in West Branch Susquehanna.
- Ron Horansky noted that the Greensburg District Mining Office moved to New Stanton. He shared that there is a new publication by DEP, Finding The Green, is available on the web. Also, Loyalhanna Watershed is nominated for River of the Year. He brought it to the board's attention that there have been some successful treatments using Hydrogen Peroxide. You need net alkaline water for this to work because it does not treat acidic discharge. DEP may be relying on this type of treatment more in the future because it is so cost effective.
- Bob Onyshko noted the negative impacts of Waters of the US. He noted that the bricquettes are not approved yet. Also, he noted some developments forthcoming in waste coal pile reclamation.
- Jim Eckenrode has an MS4 program to evaluate the remaining AMD in the county and the existing systems.
- Greg Phillips
- Rob Cronauer researched the benefits of biosolids placement for reclamation.
- Jared Zinn reported that Green does not currently have any projects going, but he mentioned the ground breaking and progress of the Mather pile.
- Jim Shaner reported no news.
- 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.
- Donna Carnahan made it through another grant season and is patiently waiting for the 319 and Growing Greener Grant announcements.
- Mark Killar shared that WPC is working on AMD projects in Westmoreland County and is also applying to WPCAMR for Quick Response. They also have a GG grant in Fayette County on Glade Run, which was one of the first WPCAMR projects, in 1998. The hope to also start projects in Clearfield County, Anderson Creek, and Bennett Branch, Elk County.
- Alex Veto had no news to report.
- Chris Scheany came to observe and accept AWARE's ARIPPA Award.
- Len Lichvar reported on the status of projects in Somerset County. They have Act 13 funds to redo treatment systems in Oven Run and they hope that this will remove the Stoney Creek from the impaired waters list. He noted that Lambert's Run and Flight 93 systems are being worked on.
- Adam Cotchen noted that Indiana County has entered the final phase for total rehabilitation of Bear Run. They are also working with Little Conemaugh on the Laurel Run AMD treatment systems. He has been dealing with OM&R issues throughout county.

- Cindy Rogers noted the OM&R issues with Tanoma Wetlands and will be installing a Trompe. She also noted that Evergreen Conservancy has acquired an OSM grant to help Indiana CD with Bear Run Watershed Restoration.
- Pat Webb of DEP attended in place of Eric Cavazza.
- Tom Gray noted that Cresson Mine Shaft project should go out to bid in spring. He also discussed plans for a Weirum project which is still a couple years away.

NEW BUSINESS

2015 WPCAMR Budget

Motion (Zinn/Cotchen) to approve the 2015 budget. Passed.

Personnel

Motion (Philips/Eckenrode) to approve Andy McAllister's raise. Passed.

Mine Pool Water Proposal

Motion (Shaner/Zinn) to send letter of support for project. Phillips pointed out that we do not know if water will be removed from Ohio River Basin. Rejected.

Next Meeting will be February 12, 2015

Meeting adjourned at 12:42pm.

Minutes taken and prepared by Anne Daymut

Approved by Jim Resh November 17, 2014