

WPCAMR
Western PA Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation
Quarterly Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2015
Elk County Visitor Center

In attendance:

Denny Beck, President	Alex Rush, Greene CD
Jim Eckenrode, Blair CD Delegate, Vice President	Travis Basinger, Greene CD
Jim Resh, Secretary	Patricia McIntire, Armstrong CD soon to be Clarion CD Delegate
Chelsea Walker, Westmoreland CD Delegate, Treasurer	Eryn Raspot, Allegheny CD
Andy McAllister (Staff)	Rebecca Zeyzus, Allegheny CD
Anne Daymut (Staff)	Rachel Kester, TU
Brook Esarey, Indiana CD Delegate	Kelly Williams, Clearfield CD Delegate
Amy Miller, Allegheny CD Delegate	Grace Pesseato, Jefferson CD
Dave Beale, Armstrong CD Delegate	Carl Johnson, Jefferson CD
Lance Bowes, Venango CD Delegate	Ken Bobak, PA DEP
Cassandra Allen, Evergreen Conservancy	Joe Hoy, PA DEP
Robb Piper, Cambria CD Delegate	Al Budinsky, Skelly&Loy
Kim Bonfardine, Elk CD Delegate	Devin Lineman, Vanango CD
	Ron Horansky, PA DEP
	Mark Killar, WPC

WPCAMR BUSINESS MEETING:

Meeting called to order at 10:12am with a welcome to the Elk County Visitor Center.

Secretary's Report (Jim Resh):

Review of past meeting minutes.

Motion (Piper/Miller) to accept the May 2015 minutes. Passed.

Treasurer's Report (Chelsea Walker):

See report for details. Andy noted that we are cutting it close on the budget because we are not getting reimbursements from the state due to the state's lack of a budget. Copies of the Audit are available upon request.

Motion (Beale/Bowes) 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 Eckenrode needs to talk to Andy about Quick Response.
- Mark Killar talked about 3 AMD treatment systems. Fayette County, Westmoreland County on Sewickley Creek, and Lastly in Elk County on Cherry Run.
- Robb Piper discussed work on Brewbaker Run and the major discharges on the main stem of Little Conemaugh.
- Devin Lineman talked about work he is doing in Scrubgrass Creek on an abandoned high wall. There will also be an AMD treatment system. South Sandy Creek is in the middle of a mine reclamation project as well.
- Joe Hoy noted that PA DEP is building a treatment system that will clean up 21 miles of stream. There is also a project on Cherry Run and on the main stem of Bennett Branch that should return it to a wild trout stream.
- Ken Boback mentioned that the silos on Bennett Branch was converted to hydrogen peroxide. Holywood treats up to 6000 gpm and sometimes the lines plug. They are working with landowners to get access to clean out the pipes.
- Grace mentioned that the Jefferson CD is completing one AMD treatment project.
- Kim Bonfardine discussed a project they hope to do on AML on private land.
- Kelly Williams has four different AMD projects currently. Two are on Montgomery Run funded through 319. The other two are on Morgan Run funded through Growing Greener. She also applied for two additional systems (one on Morgan Run and one on Deer Creek which will rehabilitate a total of 10 miles of stream).
- Rachel Kester is working on Potts Run and hopes to clean up 3 miles of stream. She would like to see attention paid to Anderson Creek and Moshannon Creek to jump start efforts there.
- Amy Miller is monitoring flow in Chartiers Creek. She is also trying to get funding for a \$1Million treatment system on Montour Run. Possible funding could come from Range from a penalty.
- Dave Beale is working toward construction of a treatment system on Huling Run along the Allegheny River. He has been dogging this system for 44 years. He is finishing up a PennVest grant on AML at the mouth of Red Bank Creek into the Allegheny River that was worth \$1Million.
- Chelsea Walker just put online a Best Management Practices portfolio that highlights a couple AMD projects.

NEW BUSINESS

ARIPPA Award

Motion (Bowes/Esarey) to accept the ARIPPA Award committee recommendations as follows: \$750 to Huntingdon CD, \$1250 to Elk CD, and \$500 to Allegheny Land Trust. Passed.

Line of Credit

Motion (Eckenrode/Bowes) to raise the line of credit to \$50,000 to be used for operational costs. Passed.

New Treasurer Appointment: Denny Beck appointed Chelsea Walker as new Treasurer through to next election.

SMCRA Reauthorization/OM&R/Sequestration/Good Sam

Motion (Miller/Bowes) to sign a resolution supporting AMLER Proposal. Passed.

Motion (Bowes/Eckenrode) to sign a resolution supporting the reauthorization of SMCRA in accordance with the proposed language the PA AML Campaign produced. Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 12pm.

Minutes taken and prepared by Anne Daymut

Approved by Jim Resh on November 6, 2015