

WPCAMR
Western PA Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation
Quarterly Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2018
Cambria District Mining Office, Ebensburg PA

In attendance:

Chelsea Walker, Treasurer and
Westmoreland Delegate
Jim Resh, Secretary
Andy McAllister (Staff)
Anne Daymut (Staff)
Cliff Denholm, SRI
Dave Leiford, PA DEP
Janis Long, Blacklick CWA
Dennis Remy, Blacklick CWA
John Dryzal, Cambria Manager
Jackie Ritko, Cambria Watershed
Pete Dalby, Mill Creek Watershed

Josh Brown, Indiana Watershed
Specialist
Toby Boyer, Clinton CD
Amy Miller, Allegheny Delegate
Jared Zinn, Greene Delegate
Holly Hudson, Cosmos Technologies
Diane Thomas, Blair CD
Tim Hummel, Venango CD
Eric Cavazza, PA DEP BAMR
Rich Beam, PA DEP BAMR
Jim Eckenrode, St Francis University

WPCAMR BUSINESS MEETING:

Meeting called to order at 10:08 am with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary's Report (Anne Daymut):

Review of past meeting minutes with the correction of spelling errors.

Motion (Walker/Miller) to accept the August 2018 minutes. Passed.

Treasurer's Report (Chelsea Walker):

See report for details.

Motion (Miller/Walker) 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.

NEW BUSINESS

Special Presentation: ComTak Wastewater Treatment Process for AMD Treatment

Special Presentation: Eric Cavazza, PA DEP BAMR, NAAML, and IMCC updates

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.

- Toby Boyer is the new Watershed Specialist for Clinton County CD. They are doing sampling with TU in Lockhaven. They also have 6 treatment systems on Tangascootac and Muddy Run.
- John Dryzal said that Cambria has a couple Growing Greener projects, one of which is an AMD project that needs maintenance.
- Pete Dalby administered first load of limestone fines for in-stream treatment. Now they are monitoring the results. He is also working on a QHUP.
- Josh Brown is in charge of operating the lime dosing silos at Bear Run.
- Janis Long shared that Blacklick has submitted a Growing Greener application for repairs to some systems at Richards treatment system. SRI is supplying a TAG to repair a system at Yellow Creek. They are working with BAMR to get a QHUP for the middle portion of Yellow Creek. They also hope to update their restoration plan.
- Cliff Denhom announced that the student symposium at Westminster in the Slippery Rock Watershed. They have some failing systems and are waiting for Growing Greener be announced. SRI is working on Snapshot and updating datsched.
- Amy Miller shared that the new Allegheny CD Manager has started. They are finishing up the plan for Montour Run. There is a treatment system that they are nearly done with. There is a large discharge owned by US Steel flowing into the Yough. The system would cost nearly a Million.
- Diane Thomas is the new Blair CD Watershed Specialist. She is working with landowners to stabilize streambanks.
- John Dryzel elaborated on the big plans for BAMR to treat the Hughes, Sonman, and Miller Shaft. He recently did a legislative tour.
- Jared Zinn focuses on Ag and Stormwater Management. They don't have watershed groups interested in AMD. However, now, the Isaac Walton League may be becoming interested.
- Tim Hummel talked about Scrubgrass Creek in Venango County. They have a well-functioning treatment system. One of the automatic flushers broke but has now been fixed. There are now trout moving into Scrubgrass Creek and stopping at a certain tributary. They found that populations of Brown Trout were isolated due to AMD impacts. They also just got money to have Hedin to design an additional treatment system.
- Rich Beam shared information on the Weirum plant.

Potential Pilot Project

Much discussion was had and there is a need to examine legal understanding and ramifications. The project partners need to collectively agree on the ownership of the business end. Vote postponed until February, 2019 annual meeting.

2018 WPCAMR Financial Review/Audit

Motion to hire Henninger Associates for the 2018 Financial Review (Miller/Walker). Passed.

2019 WPCAMR Budget

Motion to approve the 2019 budget (Miller/Zinn). Passed.

Contract with TU

Motion to enter into contract with TU in the amount \$12,000 (Miller/Zinn). Passed.

Next Meeting. February 14, 2019 @ 10am at the Cambria District Mining Office PA DEP

Meeting adjourned at 2.05pm.

Minutes taken and prepared by Anne Daymut

Approved by Jim Resh on January 15, 2019