

WPCAMR

*Western PA Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation
Quarterly Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2023 @ 10:00 AM ET
Curwensville Community Center, Clearfield County PA*

In attendance:

Denny Beck, President	Pat Webb, PA DEP
Kelly Williams, Clearfield County, Treasurer	Jenna Waller, Washington CD Delegate
Amy Miller, Allegheny CD Delegate, Secretary	John Klamut, GAI Consultants
Andy McAllister, Staff	Evan Delong, Jefferson CD Delegate
Anne Daymut, Staff	Pete Dalby, Mill Creek Coalition,
John Stefanko, PA DEP	Jon-Marc Burdick, Cameron CD Delegate
John Dryzal, Cambria CD Delegate	Michaela Lefevre, Elk CD Delegate
Chelsea Walker, Westmoreland CD Delegate	Janie French, Headwaters Charitable Trust
Jon Smoyer, PA DEP	Thaddeus Pajak, CVC
Cliff Denholm, Stream Restoration Inc	

WPCAMR BUSINESS MEETING:

Meeting called to order at 10:08 am.

Secretary's Report (Amy Miller):

Review of past meeting minutes from February 2023.

Motion (Walker/Williams) to accept the February 2023 minutes with the correction of William Wall works for Game Commission. Passed.

Treasurer's Report (Andy McAllister):

See report for details.

Motion (Miller/Walker) to accept the treasurer's report. Passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Staff Reports

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.*

PA DEP BIL Funding Update (Pat Webb)

Pat presented a Power Point on the entire program to date and all updates, including projects planned for this year. There were a lot of questions regarding the PAD lists and public engagement.

John Stefanko added DEP updates on permitting and staffing. The DEP vision, as guided by the new Secretary, right now is operational excellence and Environmental Justice. They are hiring a customer service person who will work to boost a strategy to improve public image. Andy notes that our experience with DEP is exceptional.

Jon Smoyer said that the announcement of sub-recipients should be out any day, any hour. There were 29 applicants, 16 will be granted and 5 will get AMLER funding. Those that didn't get funding will get letters to help them reapply.

Clearfield County Projects and Updates (Kelly Williams)

Kelly shared a Power Point presentation on the inventory and AMD streams in Clearfield County.

Partner Updates (All present):

- Michaela LeFevre shared she is working on a few AMD projects in Elk County
- John Klamut of GAI shared that he is working on a passive treatment rehab.
- Jenna Waller of Washington County said that there is a mine subsidence in a PFBC stocked trout stream and that BAMR has dealt with the emergency.
- Chelsea Walked is discussing a possible WCAP project with OSMRE. She is also focusing on stream habitat.
- Thaddeus is the new Stream Team coordinator for CVC. He is learning about AMD and passive treatment. He shared what the stream team is doing now.
- Cliff Denholm of Stream Restoration talked about a couple rebuilds of projects for Slippery Rock. He is looking to hire someone to help with Datashed. They also still have the Technical Assistance Grant to help diagnose. The 2023 Snapshot is in progress.
- John-Marc Burdic is doing a lot of streambank stabilization and fish habitat projects. He also has two AMD systems going up to bid soon, which will be the last 2 systems in Cameron County, to correct all the remaining AMD in the county. He is also scheduled to do a watershed assessment to make sure there is no remaining AMD.
- Evan has wrapped up a Cold-Water Heritage Grant. This summer he will be doing a lot of streambank stabilization. Pete Dalby added that Mill Creek Coalition just finished a snapshot of AMD sites. Several years ago, Mill Creek did a QHUP. They are looking to do some active treatment on a couple sites. They need to remove sludge from other systems. They are publishing a video of accomplishments in the watershed.
- John Dryzal shared details on the Victor #10 project, which is a simple installation of a pipe to convey a discharge. WPCAMR will be the passthrough for the WCAP portion of the funds. Cambria has put in a BIL funding request for a refuse pile abatement. There are easement and physical issues with the Sonman and Hughes bore hole project. DEP added that the Blacklick treatment plant should go to construction in spring 2025.
- Kelly added that she is doing a WIP for a watershed and is planning for the future with funding.
- Amy Miller said that Allegheny County is focused on Stormwater management. However, she is working with Stream Restoration on the Boyce treatment system.
- Janie is working in several watersheds to address AML/AMD on game lands. She mostly works by request, they don't market themselves. She manages funds for passive treatment construction. She is hoping to work on the inclined plane. They work state-wide.

NEW BUSINESS

Request to apply to FPW for convening grant for website update.

Motion (Dryzal/Walker) to apply to FPW for a convening grant for up to \$15,000 for travel and accommodations for the AMD course reported by Andy, up to \$2,000 for the PA AML Campaign video reported by Anne, and up to \$2,000 for video outreach webinars with OSM. Passed.

Staff Merit Raise for Anne Daymut

Motion (Miller/Williams) to approve a staff merit raise for Anne Daymut. Passed.

2023 Meeting Schedule: (Locations TBD)

August 9, 2023

November

Meeting adjourned @ 12:57 pm with a motion from Dryzal.

Minutes taken and prepared by Anne Daymut

Approved by Amy Miller on 5/11/2023