

WPCAMR

Western PA Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation
Quarterly Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2024 @ 10:00 AM ET
Armstrong Conservation District, Kittanning PA

In attendance:

Dennis Beck, Cambria CD, President	Pat Webb, PA DEP BAMR
Kelly Williams, Clearfield CD Delegate, Treasurer	John Wenzel, CVC
Maria Sorce, Armstrong CD Delegate, Vice President	Natalie Lamagna, SRI
Amy Miller, Allegheny CD Delegate, Secretary	Aricia DiTullio, GAI
Andy McAllister, Staff	Tiffany Stewart, Greene CD Delegate
Anne Daymut, Staff	Micaela Lefever, Elk CD Delegate
Holy Lairde, Armstrong CD	Ben Wenger, Indiana CD Delegate
Shane Hofius, Clarion CD Delegate	Janis Long, Blacklick Watershed
Rebecca Fogley, Clarion CD	Robbie Fulton, OSMRE
Bob Onyshko, Harsco Minerals	Chelsea Walker, Westmoreland CD Delegate
Jeffrey Kim, Washington CD Delegate	John Dryzal, Cambria CD Delegate
	Bill Wall, PGC

WPCAMR BUSINESS MEETING:

Meeting called to order at 10:00 am.

Secretary's Report (Andy McAllister):

Review of past meeting minutes from February 2024.

Motion (Walker/Wenger) to accept the February 2024 minutes. Passed.

Treasurer's Report (Kelly Williams):

See report for details.

Motion (Hofius/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 BAMR Update (Pat Webb)

Pat was not able to report officially on John Stefanko's retirement.

Pat presented his BIL presentation and hit the highlights and new information.

WPCAMR Annual Report (Andy McAllister)

Andy gave an overview of the 2024 annual report with a Power Point presentation.

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Partner Updates (All present)

- Ben in Indiana is doing assessments.

- Natalie at SRI is doing some monitoring. And SRI is working on some grants for construction. She is also updating Datashed.
- Bob Onyshko is doing research of his material in Slickville. He would like to have a couple more people to allow to test his product.
- PGC discussed their top three projects.
- Robbie shared that OSMRE is still working on the new OM&R funding program. He is also starting to review the recent round of WCAP applications.
- John Wenzel talked about macro surveys in Blacklick. They are helping to design a treatment system and features on Inclined Plane.
- Jeffrey talked about projects in Washington County.
- Shane and Rebecca are winding down 3 Growing Greener projects bidding. The larger thing he is doing is an assessment and design in one of his watersheds.
- Chelsea submitted an application for BIL funding in Bovard. She is also doing some sampling with Hedin. Pat added that he did a site visit at Crabtree.
- Maria welcomed everyone to the new Armstrong CD building. She is always looking for potential landowners to participate in BIL funding.
- Amy is doing a stormwater and Ag BMP projects. She is also looking for potential landowners to participate in BIL funding.
- John Dryzal noted that Cambria is trying to move forward with Victor 10, waiting for landowners to agree. The Vintondale Pile project is completed. They did some tree planting in NantyGlo. John came across a team from Berkley CA when he was out that is taking core samples for REE.
- Kelly was awarded BIL funding for Morgan Run construction. She had a beaver damage repair project that was successful. She is also working on potential construction projects in Anderson Creek.
- Micaela noted that she continues to work on converting a lime dosing silo to electric. She got an extension on her WCAP.
- Tiffany finished up a couple Growing Greener projects, not related to AMD/AML.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval sought for staff raise (Denny Beck)

Motion (Sorice/Hofius) to approve a raise for 1% for Anne Daymut retroactive to March. Passed.

Approval sought for staff to apply for and administer a WCAP grant for Clearfield County CD (Denny Beck)

Motion (Walker/Wenger) to apply for and administer a WCAP grant for Clearfield County CD. Passed.

Approval sought for distributions recommendations from the ARIPPA Award review committee (Denny Beck)

Motion (Wenger/Williams) to approve the recommendations as follows: \$2,953.00 to Sewickley Creek for their application as submitted, \$1,847.00 to Clarion CD for sampling only. Passed.

2024 Meeting Schedule: (Locations TBD)

August 2024, Location TBD

November 2024, Location TBD

Meeting adjourned @ 12:14 pm with a motion from Amy Miller.

Minutes taken and prepared by Anne Daymut

Approved by Amy Miller on 5/8/2024