

WPCAMR

*Western PA Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation
Quarterly Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2025 @ 10:00 AM ET
PA DEP Cambria District Mining Office, Ebensburg PA*

In attendance:

Maria Sorce, Armstrong CD Delegate, Vice President
Andy McAllister, Staff
Anne Daymut, Staff
John Dryzal, Cambria CD Delegate
Pat Webb, PA DEP BAMR
Ben Wenger, Indiana CD Delegate
Chelsea Patterson, Westmoreland CD Delegate
Jon Smoyer, PA DEP BAMR
Heather Agosta, PA DEP
John Klamut, GAI consultants
Jeffrey Kim, Washington CD Delegate

Cindy Wolfe, PA DEP (via Teams)
Roger Rummel, PA DEP (via Teams)
Joe Sassaman, PA DEP (via Teams)
Christina Peacock Jones, PA DEP (via Teams)
Michaela Lefever, Elk CD Delegate
Tiffany Stewart, Greene CD Delegate (via Teams)
Rock Martin, PA DEP
Ben Smith, Jefferson CD Delegate
Melissa Church, Murrysville Area Watershed Association

WPCAMR BUSINESS MEETING:

Meeting called to order at 10:04 am.

Secretary's Report (Andy McAllister):

Review of past meeting minutes from August 2025.

Motion (Dryzal/Hoffius) to accept the August 2025 minutes. Passed.

Treasurer's Report (Andy McAllister):

See report for details.

Motion (Walker/Hoffius) 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 Update (Pat Webb)

Pat discussed potential changes to IJJA and what that means for PA. Pat noted that the government shutdown is impacting work somewhat, but emergency response continues. Lanny Erdos was confirmed as Director of OSMRE.

Joe and Cindy gave an update on the subaward program. Cindy shared that 78 grants have been awarded to date, two of which still need ATP. They received 22 applications for this round and are waiting to be scored. Guidance is out for 2026.

Pat continued that there has been an uptake of AML in-house projects for BAMR in this last year.

Partner Updates (All present)

- Ben at Indiana CD is wrapping up a watershed assessment. He is awaiting a 30% design for Bear Run.
- Chelsea is working on Bovar Pile and is considering soil amendments. They are hopeful to submit an application for construction in the spring. Chelsea is reviewing the bids for design at Irwin Discharge.
- She is working to close out a grant at Lion's Run. She will be putting out a bid for another passive treatment system soon.
- Elk County will be complete at West Creek in the next month. They will be submitting to for the WCAP reimbursement soon. Elk is also sampling in Dentz Run.
- Jeffrey is helping Racoon Creek do some sampling that is AMD related.
- John noted that GAI was awarded a couple design bids for BAMR including Shawville, Hanover, and Allegheny Portage Historical site. He may bid on the Indianola project.
- Cambria closed out the WCAP project and a sub award grant for a refuse pile.
- Jefferson is looking to apply to GG for Mill Creek in the spring.
- Shane finished up a construction project and Quick Response helped with that. He is wrapping up two watershed assessments, one with BAMR assistance. They got a GG grant extension for Little Coon. Shane thanked the PA AMR Conference for the scholarship. Shane is also trying to characterize a bond forfeiture discharge in Mill Creek.
- Maria is working with BAMR to repair Darmac 14. She wants to prevent Beaver damage. She is doing sampling with Stream Team.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval for signing on to "Healthy Waters Coalition"

Motion (Wenger/Hoffius) to approve signing on to "Healthy Waters Coalition". Passed.

Approval of 2026 Draft Budget

Motion (Walker/Wenger) to approve 2026 Draft Budget. Passed.

2026 Meeting Schedule: (Locations TBD)

Next Meeting: February 11, 2026, location TBD

May 13, 2026

August 12, 2026

November 11, 2026

Meeting adjourned @ 11:11 am

Minutes taken and prepared by Anne Daymut

Approved by Amy Miller on 11/12/2025