

**WPCAMR**  
**Western PA Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation**  
**Quarterly Meeting Minutes**  
**May 12, 2011**  
**Ebensburg District Mining Office, Ebensburg**

**In attendance:**

Jim Panaro, Robindale Energy, President	Rob Cronauer, Westmoreland CD
Denny Beck, Cambria CD Delegate, Vice President	Pam Milavec, PA DEP, BAMR
Jim Eckenrode, Blair CD Delegate, Secretary	Margaret Stuckart, Lyons Run Watershed Association
Andy McAllister (Staff)	Jeff McNelly, ARIPPA
Anne Daymut (Staff)	Bob Ritchey, Cambria CD Alternate
Jeff Fliss, PA DEP	Missy Reckner, KC Stream Team
Shaun Wessell, Jefferson CD Delegate	Malcolm Crittenden, PA DEP
Tim Kanai, PA DEP	Robb Piper, Cambria CD

**WPCAMR BUSINESS MEETING:**

Meeting chaired by Jim Panaro and called to order at 10:15am.

**Secretary's Report** (Jim Eckenrode):

Review of past meeting minutes.

**Motion (Wessell/Beck) to accept the minutes. Passed.**

**Treasurer's Report** (Andy McAllister):

See report for details.

**Motion (Eckenrode/Wessell) to accept the treasurer's report. Passed.**

**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. In addition to the report, Anne included an update on the motion that was made regarding GFCC's permits at the Feb. 4, 2011 meeting. She has collected data on the success of the GFCC program and has informed the new DEP Secretary on WPCAMR's concern in the rising costs of GFCC permits. There are also plans to speak with him directly on the matter. Report on meeting webpage.

**Special Presentation**

Margaret Stuckart, Lyons Run Watershed Association, spoke about how her group is looking at wetlands banking demonstration project. She discussed the hurdles they have encountered.

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Pam Milavec, PA DEP, presented on AML Title V, Set Aside, and HUPs. She noted the criteria needed to develop a HUP and how the Department is approaching new HUPs.

**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.

- Missy Reckner reported on the Green Fest at UPJ and other events.
- Shaun Wessell reported that he will be taking over admin of outstanding grants with the RC&D in his region. The wet season has caused many problems in his county.
- Pam Milavec gave an update on the Set-Aside funds. They are actively working on a HUP for the Blacklick Creek Watershed. She commented on the complicated nature of the modeling. They are using Geochemists Workbench with the help of Brent Means. Pam also noted on the multiple projects that are under construction. Those present asked how to write a HUP and if DEP is accepting new HUPs. Milavec commented that the watersheds that have Restoration plans already written have a good start but should work with DEP and OSM to beef them up. They are not accepting new HUP's now but may in the future.
- Malcolm Crittenden noted that his time is still limited on the types of projects he is able to participate in. Some good things have happened in the Primacy Bond Forfeiture program.
- Jim Panaro reported on some of the AML projects the Robindale is involved in. Many sites are nearing completion, including a GFCC project.
- Denny Beck reported that Cambria CD is also doing monitoring of Marcellus Shale issues.
- Jim Eckenrode is also working with one passive treatment system. Blair CD will be conducting a very involved study with USGS and funded by Colcom Foundation on Marcellus shale impacts.
- Tim Kanai gave some additional insight into the NPDES issues. He mentioned the TDS and Sulfates issues as well.
- Rob Cronauer reported that Westmoreland County is beginning to apply biosolids to AML sites this summer.
- Rob Piper is still dealing with the St. Michaels Discharge and the amount needed for the trust fund. He also brought it to our attention that the Southern Alleghenies RC&D and the Conservancy is still viable and continuing business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**West Branch Susquehanna Restoration Coalition**

**Motion (Rithchey/Wessell) to sign memorandum of understanding. Passed.**

**DEP Environmental Education Grant**

**Motion (Eckenrode/Wessell) to enter into grant contract. Passed.**

**Other New Business**

The next WPCAMR meeting is scheduled for August 18 (Location TBA), and November 10, 2011 (Location TBA).

**Motion (Ritchey/Eckenrode) to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 1:06pm.**  
*Minutes taken and prepared by Anne Daymut*