

WPCAMR
Western PA Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation
Quarterly Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2015
Westmoreland Conservation District Barn

In attendance:

Jim Eckenrode, Blair CD Delegate, Vice President	Chuck Duritsa, Turtle Creek Watershed Assoc.
Jim Resh, Secretary	Larry Meyers, Sewickly Creek Watershed Assoc.
Andy McAllister (Staff)	Emily Rzotkiewicz, Allegheny Land Trust
Anne Daymut (Staff)	Lisa Zaucha, PA State Rep George Dunbar
Brook Esarey, Indiana CD Delegate	Andy Patterson, Huntingdon CD Delegate
Amy Miller, Allegheny CD Delegate	Frank Gally, Skelly & Loy
Dave Beale, Armstrong CD Delegate	Rebecca Zeyzus, Allegheny County CD
Robb Piper, Cambria CD Delegate	Dave Leiford, PA DEP
Patricia McIntire, Clarion CD Alternate	Bill Mikaleo, Turtle Creek Watershed Assoc.
Eryn Raspot, Allegheny CD	Trudy Alexander, Clarion CD Delegate
Rebecca Zeyzus, Allegheny CD	Kim Bonfardine, Elk County CD Delegate
Grace Pesseato, Jefferson CD	
Mark Killar, WPC	
Gary Merritt, NSG, ARIPPA	
George Ellis, ARIPPA	
Len Lichvar, Somerset CD Delegate	
Eric Cavazza, PA DEP	
Jason McCabe, Turtle Creek Watershed Assoc. Skelly & Loy	

WPCAMR BUSINESS MEETING:

Meeting called to order at 10:12am.

Secretary's Report (Jim Resh):

Review of past meeting minutes.

Motion (Piper/Miller) to accept the August 2015 minutes. Passed.

Treasurer's Report (Andy McAllister):

See report for details.

Motion (Beale/Esarey) to accept the treasurer's report. Passed.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: George Ellis and Gary Merritt regarding needed support for legislation

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Sewickley Creek Watershed Association regarding a hydrologic unit plan

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.

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.

- Eric Cavazza reported on proposed Federal Good Samaritan Legislation, PA annual AML grant, AMLER, and other things that he is working on and PA is supporting.
- Dave Leiford shared how PA annual AML grant is distributed including staff costs, new construction, OM&R of current systems and how it is proposed to be spent in the future. Dave also presented how the state evaluates projects and watersheds as Qualified Hydrologic Units. GG grants should be announced early December.
- Brooke Esarey talked about the Trompe system going into Tanoma Wetlands.
- Jim Eckenrode discussed his Quick Response project.
- Mark Killar talked about 3 AMD treatment systems. Fayette County, Westmoreland County on Sewickley Creek, and Lastly in Elk County on Cherry Run.
- Robb Piper discussed work on Brewbaker Run and the major discharges on the main stem of Little Conemaugh.
- Grace mentioned that the Jefferson CD is completing one AMD treatment project. Another system has a beaver dam.
- Kim Bonfardine discussed a project they hope to do on AML on private land.
- Amy Miller is monitoring flow in Chartiers Creek. She is also trying to get funding for a \$1Million treatment system on Montour Run. Possible funding could come from Range from a penalty. There were some permitting issues that they will overcome.
- Mark Killar is working on Brinkerton in Sewickley Creek, Glade Run in Fayette County, West Creek in Elk County, and Cherry Run in Clearfield County.
- Dave Beale is working toward construction of a treatment system on Huling Run along the Allegheny River. He has been dogging this system for 44 years. He is finishing up a PennVest grant on AML at the mouth of Red Bank Creek into the Allegheny River that was worth \$1Million. He will be retiring in December
- Andy Patterson is retiring in January. He discussed a couple projects that his district may do in the future.
- Lisa Zaucha said her boss is not optimistic that there will be a state budget anytime soon. She took a poll if individuals are willing to pay a higher sales tax.
- Len Lichvar shared handouts on the Rock Tunnel system. He is collecting organization who are interested in having a booth at a Pirates game in May 2016.
- Greg Phillips talked about a feasibility project they are doing.
- Frank Gally took Terry Schmidt's position at Skelly & Loy and discussed all of the projects they are working on.
- Jason McCabe invited everyone to join Turtle Creek at Rivertown for a celebration.

- Trudy Alexander and Patricia McIntire talked about some water quality monitoring they would like to get started in Clarion County.

NEW BUSINESS

ARIPPA Award

Awards presented by George Ellis.

Request for Support

Motion (Piper/Beale) to provide support letters to ARIPPA for both Bills. Passed.

WPCAMR 2016 Proposed Budget (Andy McAllister)

Motion (Piper/Miller) to accept the 2016 Budget with the inclusion of a line for the line of credit and two lines for interest and fees. Passed.

Next Meeting on February 11, 2016

Meeting adjourned at 2:20pm.

Minutes taken and prepared by Anne Daymut

Approved by Jim Resh on