

WPCAMR
Western PA Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation
Quarterly Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2025 @ 10:00 AM ET
Armstrong Conservation District, Kittanning PA 16201

In attendance:

Maria Sorce, Armstrong CD Delegate, Vice President
Amy Miller, Allegheny CD Delegate, Secretary
Kelly Williams, Clearfield CD Delegate
Andy McAllister, Staff
Anne Daymut, Staff
Tiffany Stewart, Greene CD Delegate (Zoom)
Robbie Fulton, OSMRE

John Dryzal, Cambria CD Delegate
Cliff Denholm, SRI
Chris Phillips, PA DEP
Shane Hofius, Clarion CD Delegate
Steve Pesche, Penn Environmental
Reagan King, Clarion CD
Carlley Hunter, Clarion CD
Rachel Fallon, Clearfield CD (zoom)

WPCAMR BUSINESS MEETING:

Meeting called to order at 10:02 am.

Secretary's Report (Andy McAllister):

Review of past meeting minutes from February 2025.

Motion (Miller/Williams) to accept the February 2025 minutes. Passed.

Treasurer's Report (Kelly Williams):

See report for details.

Motion (Hofius/Miller) 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.*

2024 Draft WPCAMR Annual Report (Andy McAllister)

Partner Updates (All present)

- Maria reported that SRI visited McCandless AMD treatment system to give feedback. She is also dealing with beavers at a site.
- Kelly shared updates on Morgan Run MR7, where there is a bid meeting next week. She will apply for other projects in Morgan Run, Gamelands 98, with 319. The Anderson South is under planning and development. Korb 4 is an existing 319 but they are way off with the cost estimate due to all kinds of delays so they will need to phase the project and apply to IIJA for other funds.
- Robbie talked about the loss of upper management at OSMRE. Tom Shoppe is acting director of OSMRE. Tom Copchak is now acting Appalachian Region director. Steve Maxwell is now Pittsburgh Field office director. Brad Shultz went to Kleinfelder. Robbie is working with Broad Top on writing an O&M plan. They would like to get rid of some treatment systems that aren't needed and still meet the watershed goals. Robbie is working on creating a database of AML systems to understand the amount of money spent on construction and maintenance in order to generate a number for Congress. Robbie doesn't know if WCAP funding will come through or have high hopes for the future of WCAP. WCAP

approval needs to come from DOGE. Robbie is also helping with the Brinkerton System in Westmoreland and a system in Indiana County.

- John noted the Victor 10 project through WCAP will be done. They also have an IJA grant and its underway for design and engineering but they do not intend to apply for the construction unless the indirect costs issues are solved. John is concerned about the amount of staff that has left OSMRE.
- Amy did some repairs to the Milk Run system. She is having SRI come out and look at the Montour Run systems and do an assessment. She got over 40 applications to a job posting, noting that there are a lot of people looking for jobs.
- Chris said that GG is now open for applications and there are important changes. There are pre-application site showings. Competitive bidding is important which might harm partnerships.
- Slippery Rock Watershed Coalition is celebrating 30 years and there will be a party. SRI is still offering TAG, Dashed, and Snapshot. This round of Snapshot sampling should be done around the end of May. Robbie can help with some of the sampling. Cliff listed some of the grant projects that he is also working on including several in Indiana County from multiple funding sources including AMLER and IJA.
- Clarion County finished their Snapshot of 26 systems. Shane is closing 3 GG projects. He may ask Quick Response for help on one project. He will next be doing some Oil and Gas projects funded by IJA. He has interns helping with sampling and assessment. He also has a BAMR built bond-forfeiture system that they have stepped away from and he is going to try to work on it, total rehab.
- Tiffany noted that she is working with someone in Harrisburg for dam removals.

NEW BUSINESS

Staff Raise for Anne Daymut (Dennis Beck)

Motion (Dryzal/Hofius) to approve a 1% staff raise retroactive to March 15 for Anne Daymut. Passed.

ARIPPA Award Recommendations

Motion (Dryzal/Miller) to approve the ARIPPA Award in the amount of \$3,000 to contract with a local contractor to remove excess invasive vegetation and locally spray to inhibit future growth. Passed.

Travel Budget

Motion (Hofius/Williams) to approve a change to the travel budget to \$3000. Passed.

2025 Meeting Schedule: (Locations TBD)

Next Meeting: August 13, 2025, location TBD

Meeting adjourned @ 11:54 am

Minutes taken and prepared by Anne Daymut

Approved by Amy Miller on