

WPCAMR
Western PA Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation
Quarterly Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2022 @ 10:00 AM ET
Westmoreland County Conservation District, Greensburg PA

In attendance:

Denny Beck, President	Maria Sorce, Armstrong CD Delegate
Amy Miller, Secretary, Allegheny CD Delegate	Rob Fulton, OSMRE
Jared Zinn, Vice President, Greene CD Delegate	John Klamut, GAI Consultants
Andy McAllister, Staff	Ron Doumont, Penn Environment Consulting
Anne Daymut, Staff	Lisa Brown, WOSPGH
John Dryzal, Cambria CD Delegate	Renee Dclevey,
John Stefanko, PA DEP	Rachell Rottman, Armstrong CD
Chelsea Walker, Westmoreland CD	Arica DiTullio, GAI Consultants
Kelly Williams, Clearfield CD Delegate	James Eckenrode, St Francis University
Maddie Hice, Allegheny CD	Madeline Hice, Allegheny CD
Bill Wall, PGC	
Cliff Denholm, Stream Restoration Inc	

WPCAMR BUSINESS MEETING:

Meeting called to order at 10:05 am.

Secretary's Report (Amy Miller):

Review of past meeting minutes from August 2022.

Motion (Dryzal/Walker) to accept the August 2022 minutes. Passed.

Treasurer's Report (Andy McAllister):

See report for details.

Motion (Williams/Dryzal) 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 AAMO Update (John Stefanko)

John shared a lot of information throughout the meeting. Brian Bradley will be retiring December 30, 2022. He gave an update on the AML grants. John noted that OSMRE is putting forward a lot of mandates for the Infrastructure funding that the Commonwealth cannot meet. There are a lot of other frustrations with OSMRE as well. John suggested that instead of using the language "AML-impacted communities", use "communities impacted by past energy development". The 2023 NOFO should be out very soon, and we have not started spending the 2022 grant. John gave a shake down of the sub-recipient program. They would like to get the money out the door and used efficiently.

Partner Updates (All present):

- Robbie shared that OSMRE is in the middle of preliminary reviews of WCAP Grants and they should be on his desk for review next week. OSMRE does provide some technical service and they are able to come to the field to visit treatment systems.
- Kelly discussed the treatment system projects that are currently underway in Clearfield County including one on State Game Lands and one in Moshannon Creek Watershed and one in Morgan Run. The one in Morgan Run was initially funded through GG but it is going over budget because of increased fuel costs. She will be applying to the DEP sub-recipient program for the rest of the project.
- Ron Doumont introduced himself and was interested in learning about what we do.
- Maria talked about Huling Run and the many communication errors they have encountered. It is on State Game Lands. She hopes to be done by the start of hunting season. She has a potential projects they are considering and are just in the gathering stage. She is selling Myrtle Turtle Calendar. Maria's intern, Rachell, was also in attendance.
- Bill is new with Game Commission and he is identifying and prioritizing AML on Game Lands. He is reaching out to watershed groups to offer assistance. He read a list of watersheds they are currently working in and partners they are working with.
- Arica with GAI has done several projects already and joined the meeting today to stay informed and is looking forward to helping in the future.
- Lisa discussed the AML in the City of Pittsburgh. She talked about the lack of land available for urban projects.
- Cliff shared that SRI has finished the Oven Run B system and they are finishing the Neal Run System in Indiana County. They in the process of rehabilitating over 20 treatment systems. SRI provides the TAG program through GG that allows them to visit systems and triage. They also have a maintenance crew. They try not to exceed \$10K per system. SRI maintains Datashed which is an online database for AMD data. Cliff stressed the importance of collecting flow data on discharges. Cliff is looking for funding to supplement and enhance the Snapshot program, where he monitors AMD treatment systems.
- Chelsea announced that WCD got a GG for Brinkerton, which will partially clean out and rehab the system. They are applying for a WCAP for additional funds. Chelsea is working on Streambank stabilization projects. There is a lot of turnover in the district.
- John Dryzal gave more details on the WCAP application for the Victor #10. They also have other treatment systems. They had a legislative breakfast last week.
- John Klamut introduced himself.
- Amy shared that her intern, Maddie who also attended, is doing monitoring at Milk Run. She is also interested in monitoring and fixing an AMD system at Boyce Park. She has been making referrals of interested groups for the sub-recipient program. One of which is a township. However, they don't want to be the responsible party for future maintenance. SRI may be interested. Andy suggested they speak with Broad Top.
- Jim noted that St. Francis is updating his portion of Datashed. They have students going through each county to look for gaps and students will be calling you, consider yourself warned. He is also assisting with some restoration plans.
- Jared does mostly Ag projects and not many AMD projects. He is currently trying to remove a dam that is on AML.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Merit Raise for Andy McAllister (Denny Beck)

Motion (Sorce/Miller) to approve a 1% merit raise for Andy McAllister. Passed.

New Treasurer (Denny Beck)

Motion (Walker/Dryzal) to accept the resignation of Robert Sabo as WPCAMR Treasurer and approve the removal of Robert Sabo as signatory from the bank accounts. Passed.

Motion (Walker/Zinn) to appoint Kelly Williams as new treasurer to fill the vacant position and to approve Kelly Williams as signatory. Passed.

Approval of 2023 Budget (Andy McAllister)

Motion (Dryzal/Walker) to approve the proposed 2023 Budget. Passed.

Western Pennsylvania Conservancy Watershed Mini Grant (Andy McAllister)

Motion (Zinn/Miller) to apply for the WPC mini grant program for \$2,500. Passed.

Request for volunteer for By -Laws committee

Denny volunteered. Others are encouraged to contact Andy, or he will be reaching out.

2023 Meeting Schedule: (Locations TBD)

February 9, 2023

Meeting adjourned @ 12:22 pm

Minutes taken and prepared by Anne Daymut

Approved by Amy Miller on 11/15/2022