

WPCAMR
Western PA Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation
Quarterly Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2015
PA DEP New Stanton, PA District Mining Office

In attendance:

Jim Eckenrode, Blair CD Delegate, Vice President	Chelsey Walker, Westmoreland CD Delegate
Jim Resh, Secretary	Alex Rush, Greene CD
Andy McAllister (Staff)	Travis Basinger, Greene CD
Anne Daymut (Staff)	Terry Schmidt, Skelly & Loy
Brook Esrey, Indiana CD Delegate	Patricia McIntire, Armstrong CD
Jared Zinn, Green CD Delegate	Dave Leifrod, PA DEP
Ron Horansky, PA DEP	Bob Onyshko, Harsco Minerals
Dave Beale, Armstrong CD Delegate	Joe Leone, PA DEP

WPCAMR BUSINESS MEETING:

Meeting called to order at 10:20am with a welcome to the new PA DEP building.

Secretary's Report (Denny Beck):

Review of past meeting minutes.

Motion (Eckenrode/Zinn) to accept the February 2015 minutes. Passed.

Treasurer's Report (Andy McAllister):

See report for details.

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

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.

- Dave Leiford announced that Pam Milavec is retiring soon and her successor has been named. Cresson Project is to go out to bid later this year after concerns about northern Long eared bat are addressed. Weirum project is progressing. Looking for locations to place a large treatment system in Little Conemaugh to address several discharges. Growing Greener grant round is now open.
- Ron Horansky recently saw that BAMR put out a bid for a refuse and bank stabilization project. Ron also noted the changes that may be coming down the

line with regards to sub chapter f with legal protection in water quality while remaining.

- Jim Eckenrode asked the group for comments and suggestions on how to deal with sludge from a doser. Leiford suggested he could take some samples and possibly spread it as fertilizer.
- Chelsea Walker announced that a discharge on Pine Run may soon be addressed. The Conservation District is hosting a Watershed Networking Dinner.
- Jared Zinn reported that Green does not currently have any AMD projects going. They are writing a watershed plan that will likely incorporate AMD projects.
- Dave Beale awaiting to hear on Growing Greener. Recently completed a project with Armstrong Conservancy on AML. Has a data logger project with KC Stream Team.
- Brooke Esrey announced that Evergreen Conservancy is putting in a Trompe system at Tanoma. Dealing with the dosers in Bear Run is a bear. Blacklick Watershed Association is active and working with Denholm from SRI to address OM&R issues.
- Bob Onyshko is still waiting for approval for use of briquettes.
- Terry Schmidt discussed the half-dozen or so projects in AMD they are doing in the western half of the state.

NEW BUSINESS

OSMRE Proposed Budget and how it affects WPCAMR.

Staff raise approval

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

2015 WPCAMR Meeting Dates: August 13, 2015 somewhere outside, November 12, 2015 tentatively at Westmoreland CD Barn.

Meeting adjourned at 1pm.

Minutes taken and prepared by Anne Daymut

Approved by Jim Resh on August 4, 2015