

WPCAMR  
**Western PA Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation**  
**Quarterly Meeting Minutes**  
**May 12, 2016**  
**Westmoreland County Cooperative Extension Meeting Room, Donohoe Center,**  
**Greensburg PA**

**In attendance:**

Denny Beck, President  
Chelsea Walker, Treasurer  
Andy McAllister (Staff)  
Anne Daymut (Staff)  
Brook Esarey, Indiana CD Delegate  
Ron Horansky, PA DEP  
Tim Denicola, Skelly & Loy  
Jeff Means, PA DEP

Mark Killar, WPC  
Jared Zinn, Green CD Delegate  
Cliff Denholm, SRI/Biomost  
Julie Zeyzus, Armstrong CD  
Ken Martz, Resident  
Stefan Long, Blair CD  
Jackie Ritko, Cambria CD

**WPCAMR BUSINESS MEETING:**

Meeting called to order at 10:15 am.

**Secretary's Report** (Denny Beck):

Review of past meeting minutes.

**Motion (Eckenrode/Walker) to accept the February 2016 minutes. Passed.**

**Treasurer's Report** (Chelsea Walker):

See report for details.

**Motion (Zinn/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.

- Tim Demicola of Skelly & Loy mentioned that many of their projects were tied up for a long time because of the state budget.
- Julie Zeyzus discussed a project owned by Armstrong Conservancy, the McCandless project, is being photographed for a calendar. She is Dave Beale's replacement

- Mark Killar announced that WPC got a grant to fix a poorly reclaimed strip job in Anderson Creek. They are working with Sweet Soils and the watershed association.
- Denny Beck and Jackie Ritko discussed the stream bank stabilization projects. Cambria County, Trout Run Watershed, got a Growing Greener grant to revise and expand a system. Denny discussed at length his efforts with the SENSE Act.
- Brooke Esarey announced a ribbon cutting for the Trompe at Tanoma. Indiana CD sent support letters for the SENSE Act.
- Cliff Denholm is continuing to work on Datashed. They are also working to monitor and maintain multiple treatment systems.
- Jeff Means announced that DEP has received the first \$30Million for the POWER+ pilot project. He is not allowed to share the list of projects because they have not been approved yet. Once OSMRE approves the submitted list, they will make the list public. His department is back in BAMR again. DEP is now entertaining submissions of QHUs. Cresson plant is in design with a construction hoped for the end of the year. Weirum is at 60% design but he is not as happy with it. They are shooting for construction for late 2017. The Little Conemaugh facility would possibly be constructed late 2018. Erinfeld refuse pile finally went to contract and Rosebud will reclaim 62 acres. It will start now and end in 2019-2020. It will cost roughly \$20Million. DEP plans to begin revisiting TMDLs.
- Ron Horansky shared that the DEP is working to update the records with Good Sam Act registration. New Stanton DMO has 20 approved projects that they made sure is on EFACTS.
- Jim Eckenrode advocates for the construction of Cresson. They are reclaiming some high wall. SCRIP may start working on Ag projects. Jim encourages people to put systems on Datashed so that valuable records are not lost with retirements.
- Chelsea Walker is doing some Stream Bank stabilization. She is working with Sewickley with AMD treatment system maintenance. They have a Quick response grant. She worked with Hedin to install an ALD and they are designing some new ponds. In Pine Run watershed they had a water treatment plant that was going to allow AMD to be treated in the plant but changed their mind so she is investigating the possibility of putting a passive treatment system on the property.
- Considerable discussion was had in regards to Federal good Sam protections.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Approval of Staff Merit Raise**

**Tabled until next meeting.**

### **Approval to Apply for Quick Response Growing Greener**

**Motion (Eckenrode/Esarey) to allow Andy to apply for another round of Growing Greener. Passed.**

**Next Meeting on August 11, 2016, last meeting of year is November 10, 2016**

**Meeting adjourned at 12:17 pm.**

**Minutes taken and prepared by Anne Daymut, Approved by Jim Resh on 7/28/2016**