



SCRA MEETING AGENDA SEP 05, 2023

- 1) Call to order**
- 2) Correspondence**
- 3) Treasurer's Report**
- 4) Financial Transactions**
 - TetraTech Invoice #52118725 - \$4,244.25
 - Audia Real Estate for culvert title research work - \$850.00
- 5) Old Business:**
 - Quaker Run Stream Rehabilitation Project (GG+)
 - Still waiting for news on 2 grant submittals
 - Work broken into 2 projects: paved area of borough & stream restoration
 1. Clauser will oversee stream restoration & bid when Borough signs GG+ contract
 2. Livic Civil will oversee paved area & retention ponds & bid in spring
 - EPA reoccurring meeting
 - Next meeting Oct 15 @ 9:15 via Microsoft Teams. All are welcome to join.
 - DEP EE Grant
 - Green Building Techniques Extended to Fall 2023
 - Mark Stansbury may be able to make signs for project
 - Concrete flat work. Hope to have flat work complete in October.
 - Hope to conduct field trip in November.
 - DCED Grant
 - Met with Jeff Walker, CPA to discuss options for auditing, received informal quotes.
 - Contract must be signed before tax season.
 - University Projects
 - Professor Higgins working with Cliff Denholm of Stream Restoration Inc to provide sampling at treatment sites. No updates.
 - Higgins will provide final Spring 2022 engineering project once reviewed
 - Venn Access Weir
 - Follow-up work needed for stream stabilization
 - Install new sign – who/when? Steve & Jim both have posts for sign.
 - Ask Mark Stansbury if he'd be interested in restoring pavilion sign at Site 42
 - Carbon Run Stream Assessment and Restoration Plan
 - Awaiting finalized eDNA & macroinvertebrate testing results.
 - EIP proposing a project to restore streambeds in Carbon Run. Proposing project BAMR. SCRA needs to discuss and determine path forward.
 - Rare Earth Minerals
 - Steve C. presented at PSU mining conference; information well received.
 - EPA still identifying areas to be sampled. News-Item would like to visit the field when sampling begins
 - EPA Funding
 - Grant application has progressed to the next phase of review
 - \$500 K for staff. SCRA lead applicant
 - \$1 million for job corps. Shamokin City is applicant.



6) New Business

- ARIPPA Project
 - Grant awarded for \$4800 to purchase 1.87 acres of wetlands in Quaker Run Watershed. EPCAMR mailing check to SCRA.
 - Susquehanna Coal
- Quaker Run Box Culvert Removal
 - BAMR/OSM approved culvert project, grant application submitted 8/25/2023
 - Coal Township granted temporary easement to SCRA for culvert work
 - AOAA will take culvert but cannot transport
 - TetraTech to research underground stream in the vicinity
- Buck Run Project
 - Refuse removal only
 - Met with BAMR & DEP Pottsville Jul 18 to discuss open permit status
 - Submit grant request for Development & Planning
- BOC Registration
 - 2023 BOC forms due by 11/15. Line 6 of BCO23 needs to be filled populated.
- Watershed Manager Position
 - Job posting in News-Item 8/31 - 9/02, on Facebook and website.
- First Community Foundation Partnership
 - Grant app submitted May 31 for \$20,000 for Watershed Manager position
- PPL Empowering Communities Grant
 - Applied May 30 for \$15,000 general expenses assoc. w/watershed assessment
- Conferences
 - Abandoned Mine Reclamation Conf Oct 24-26 Altoona PA (EPCAMR)
 - Statewide watershed conference Oct 29 & 30 Altoona PA (POWR)
- Custom Carport for Site 23
 - Will assist with keeping leaves out of forebay, WPCAMR quick response grant
 - Need to spec out and price carport purchase & installation
- Watershed Assessment
 - EPCAMR taking 5th round of samples in the watershed on Sep 19 & 20
- Potential Grants
 - Huplits Sierra Club Grant – Due October 15th
 - Chesapeake Gateways Grants – Due November 3rd
 - DEP Environmental Education – Due November 15th
 - EPA Community Change Grants – Upcoming
 - Susquehanna River Basin Commission
 - Tiffany Diamond Company Mining Restoration Grant – Rolling grant period
- DEP EE Grant Bucknell and Sustainability Coalition
 - Shamokin Elementary Principal Jennifer Neary
 - SCRA to supply t-shirts for up to 60 students. Date TBD
- Secretary Richard Negrin of DEP Visiting Shamokin
 - October 12th 6:00pm to 8:00pm - location TBD
- Ton Liguori DEP Legal Council
 - Would like a tour of SCRA projects - oversaw \$100,000 penalty money
- Audia Real Estate Search

7) Public Comment – any public comment on items other than those on agenda?

8) Adjournment - Next monthly meeting – Oct 10, 2023 6:30pm @ AOAA