



SCRA MEETING AGENDA JANUARY 09, 2024

- 1) **Call to order.** Time _____
- 2) **Roll Call**

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- 3) **Public Comment:** Is there any public comment on agenda items only?
- 4) **Minutes:** Request a motion to approve the minutes of the Dec 12, 2023 meeting?
- 5) **Treasurer's Report:** Request a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report?
- 6) **Financial Transactions**
 - TetraTech Dec 2023 Invoice #52181186 - \$6,504.00
- 7) **Correspondence**
- 8) **Executive Director's Report**
 - Spoke with Senator Culver re: Community Giving Foundation
 - Set up a meeting with Representative Stender Feb 13
 - Set up a meeting with Derrick Backer/Jim Eister – City of Shamokin, Feb 13
 - Tentative meetings with Ralpho and Mt. Carmel Twps, Feb 13
 - Membership forms mailed to Coal Twp, Sunbury, and Mt. Carmel. Also to Mt. Carmel, Sunbury, and Shamokin/Coal Twp municipal authorities
 - Phone calls with John Dawes to discuss potential FPW grants
 - Phone calls with Kathy Jeremiah re: Degenstein
 - Several conversations with Tali MacArthur re: 2024 Choose Clean Water Conference
 - Spoke with Kurt Masser re: Susquehanna Coal Company
 - Spoke with Commissioner-elect Meghan Beck re: potential meeting
 - Numerous calls with EPA and PANO re: EJ grant
- 9) **Old Business:**
 - Quaker Run Stream Rehabilitation Project (GG+)
 - Clauser working on bidding documents
 - EPA reoccurring meeting
 - Next meeting January 22nd @ 9:15 via Microsoft Teams. All are welcome to join.
 - University Projects
 - Currently sampling at 5 AMD locations for CREMS – results are showing high levels of Cobalt, Nickel, and Dysprosium. Matt's team is creating GIS map.
 - Carbon Run Stream Assessment and Restoration Plan
 - Prompt EIP for next steps
 - Carbon Run grant submission postponed until early 2024.
 - SCRA will need to develop and advertise RFP for project submittals
 - Rare Earth Minerals
 - No new updates from EPA



- ARIPPA Project
 - SCRA received \$4800 from ARIPPA/EPCAMR to purchase 1.87 acres of wetlands in Quaker Run Watershed.
 - Pursuing conversations with Susquehanna Coal
- Quaker Run Box Culvert Removal
 - BAMR/OSM approved culvert project, grant application submitted 8/25/2023 and has moved on to 2nd round of reviews.
- Buck Run Project (West)
 - Grant submitted for Dev & Planning of refuse bank removal on west side of Big Mtn Rd. Project: OSM49(1605)101.1(GA) – Big Mountain Road West
 - Grant submitted on December 4th
- Local School District Involvement
- 2024 Membership Mailing
 - Need to write newsletter to recap 2023 and prepare member mailing
 - Work session ??

10) New Business

- Accountant
 - Jeff Walker requested additional information: 990 form Pg 3-6, name of 2023 board, estimate of board/director volunteer hours per week
 - Decision on address for accounting purposes. MC PO Box, Kulpmont Borough, AOAA, Shamokin PO Box, brick and mortar location.
- EPA Collaborative Problem Solving Grant
 - SCRA pre-awarded \$500,000, EPA wants money distributed Feb 2024
 - Establish Advisory Board – grant application outlines members
 - Six-month extension granted for civil rights policy requirements.
 - Develop policies and procedures to address EPA grant requirements. (See next item.)
 - Office space on Independence St next to Rep Stehr being assessed.
 - Bucknell student available to assist with budget revisions.
- Pennsylvania Association of Nonprofit Organizations
 - Joined Dec 2023
 - Received proposal from PANO/Stephanie Cory to develop policies and procedures – estimate \$6,000
 - Must make a decision on path forward
- Watershed Assessment Project
 - EPCAMR taking 8th round of samples in the watershed on Jan 09 & 10
- Potential Grants
 - EPA Community Change Grants
 1. Future webinars.
 2. Large grant would require larger team.
 3. Schuylkill and Dauphin County Coal Regions joint application?
 - Susquehanna River Basin Commission
 1. Revisit previous grant application
 2. Possible joint application with NCCD
 - NFWF December and January 2 grants opening (contact Liz Fienburg)
 - Tiffany Diamond Company Mining Restoration Grant – Rolling grant period.



SHAMOKIN CREEK RESTORATION ALLIANCE

PO BOX 263
MOUNT CARMEL, PA 17851

- 2024 Choose Clean Water Conference
 - POWR requesting that SCRA submit a proposal to share our story at the conference – May 20-22 Ellicott City, MD
 - Proposal/application due Jan 12, 2024
 - Scholarships available to fund travel and lodging
- Organizational Workshop
 - Capacity building, bylaws, membership, director onboarding, financial
 - John Dawes of Foundation for PA Watersheds offered to facilitate such an endeavor.
- Site 15
 - Angela Meck to talk w/Bill Burgos about assessing site.
- Reoccurring meetings
 - AmeriCorps Diacom – First Thursday @ 8:30
 - PA AML Campaign – Every Friday @ 10:00
- Conference on Rare Earth Elements
 - Steve C. exploring possibility of organizing a conference in our area with SCRA as host

11) Public Comment – Is there any public comment on items other than those on agenda?

12) Executive Session – Is there a need for an executive session?

13) Adjournment – Is there a motion to adjourn?

- Meeting adjournment time: _____
- Next monthly meeting – Feb 13, 2024 6:30pm @ AOAA