



SCRA MEETING AGENDA - OCT 10th, 2023

- 1) Call to order**
- 2) Correspondence**
- 3) Treasurer's Report**
- 4) Financial Transactions**
 - TetraTech Invoice \$18,933.55
- 5) Old Business:**
 - Quaker Run Stream Rehabilitation Project (GG+)
 - Kulpmont signed DEP Contract – next step soon.
 - 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 DCED and FEMA possible additional funding
 - EPA reoccurring meeting
 - Next meeting Oct 16 @ 9:15 via Microsoft Teams. All are welcome to join.
 - DEP EE Grant
 - Green Building Techniques Extended to Fall 2023
 - Concrete flat work. Hope to have flat work complete in October.
 - Hope to conduct field trip in November.
 - Accountant
 - Met with Jeff Walker, CPA to discuss options for auditing, received informal quotes.
 - Contract must be signed before tax season.
 - **Action Needed**
 - 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 Site 42
 - Install new sign – who/when? Steve & Jim both have posts for sign.
 - Asked Mark Stansbury about restoring pavilion sign at Site 42 - \$250 donation
 - 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. Meeting occurred and waiting for summary.



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- **DEP Meeting Wednesday Oct 11th 9:00-2:00. SCRA representation?**
- Rare Earth Minerals
 - EPA still identifying areas to be sampled.
 - News-Item would like to visit the field when sampling begins.
 - ORD laboratories working to select a contractor sampling work, spring
- 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.
- ARIPPA Project
 - Grant awarded for \$4800 to purchase 1.87 acres of wetlands in Quaker Run Watershed. EPCAMR mailing check to SCRA.
 - Mike Brinkash has been in conversations with Susquehanna Coal. Waiting on response.
- Quaker Run Box Culvert Removal
 - BAMR/OSM approved culvert project, grant application submitted 8/25/2023
- Buck Run Project
 - Met with BAMR & DEP Pottsville Jul 18 to discuss open permit status.
 - Submit grant request for Development & Planning. Refuse removal?
- BOC Registration
 - 2023 BOC forms due by 11/15. Line 6 of BCO23 needs to be filled populated.
 - **Action Needed**
- Watershed Manager Position
 - Job posting in News-Item 8/31 - 9/02, on Facebook and website.
- 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
- Watershed Assessment
 - EPCAMR taking 6th round of samples in the watershed Oct??
- 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 – webinars in November
 - Tiffany Diamond Company Mining Restoration Grant – Rolling grant period.
- DEP EE Grant Bucknell and Sustainability Coalition



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- Shamokin Elementary Principal Jennifer Neary
 - SCRA to supply t-shirts for up to 60 students. Date TBD
 - Local School involvement
 - Shamokin High School Environmental Club
 - Luke Haupt Math Science Teacher
- 6) New Business**
- Secretary Richard Negrin of DEP Visiting Shamokin
 - October 12th 6:00pm to 8:00pm – Ranshaw Fire Company
 - Ton Liguori DEP Legal Council
 - Would like a tour of SCRA projects - oversaw \$100,000 penalty money
 - Potential dates (Nov 3rd)? SCRA's participants? Tour agenda?
 - Function of Beauty discharge
 - Organizational Workshop
 - Capacity building, bylaws updates, membership recruitment, director onboarding, financial oversight, etc
 - John Dawes, Executive Director at the Foundation for PA Watersheds offered to facilitate such an endeavor.
 - Triad Strategies as strategic planner.
 - NFWF Liz Feinberg reached out. Send reply email
 - Project Prioritization
 - Coal Communities Meeting Westmoreland County October 20th.
 - Tetra Tech visit to inventory refuse piles
 - Dean Baker, Tetra Tech and Retired DEP has done numerous refuse pile projects.
 - 2 day visit first week of November
 - Estimate volume and high level costs to remove
 - Are any SCRA members available?
- 7) Public Comment** – any public comment on items other than those on agenda?
- 8) Adjournment** - Next monthly meeting – Nov 14th , 2023 6:30pm @ AOAA