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## **SCRA MEETING AGENDA JUL 11, 2023**

- 1) Call to order**
- 2) Correspondence**
- 3) Treasurer's Report**
- 4) Financial Transactions**
  - TetraTech Invoice Jul 05, 2023 - \$7,901.49
- 5) Old Business:**
  - Quaker Run Stream Rehabilitation Project (GG+)
    - Kulpmont Borough will be bidding project, design 75% complete
    - Rain garden to be added at 8th street
  - EPA reoccurring meeting
    - Next meeting Jul 17 @ 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
    - Steve M submitted final billing to DEP for close out (2021 & 2022 grants)
  - DCED Grant
    - Bonding application & fee submitted Jul 07, 2023
    - Funds scheduled to be deposited Jul 10, 2023
    - Enter agreement with auditing agency
  - University Projects
    - Professor Higgins working with Cliff Denholm of Stream Restoration Inc to provide sampling at treatment sites (delayed 1 month)
    - Request final design from engineering students (Spring 2022 presentation)
  - Venn Access Weir
    - Follow-up work needed for stream stabilization
    - Install new sign – who/when?
  - AmeriCorps Vista Senior over 55 Volunteers
    - Approval - Next Steps
  - Carbon Run Stream Assessment and Restoration Plan
    - Field work and sampling portion of project completed
    - EIP & TetraTech will be doing another tour of Carbon Run on 7/13
    - EIP will likely submit a BIL grant application 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, scope still to be defined. First phase design/permitting, 2<sup>nd</sup> phase construction
  - Rare Earth Minerals
    - PSU field visit scheduled for Jul 11 - Steve C coordinating
    - EPA obtained grant for \$150K to study REE in Shamokin Watershed, sampling to begin Aug 2023 w/results Jan/Feb 2024
  - EPA Funding
    - Grant application has been submitted
    - Resiliency plan task force, Far Better Together, Shamokin Community Gardens
    - \$500 K for staff. SCRA lead applicant.



- \$1 million for job corps. Shamokin City is applicant.
- Removal of Box Culvert on Quaker Run
  - BAMR has approved culvert removal project
  - AOAA will take culvert, do they have a means to transport?
- Continued Involvement with Environmental Resiliency Plan Projects
- Susquehanna Coal Company
  - Continued discussion on purchase of lot for Kulpmont Wetlands

## **6) New Business**

- Audia Real Estate Services Inc.
  - Motion needed to contract with Audia for culvert removal title search at a rate of \$45/hr not to exceed \$1,000.00. Includes preparation of Right of Entry forms and assistance with landowner questions.
- ARIPPA Project
  - Application submitted May 31, 2023 for \$4800 to purchase 1.87 acres of wetlands in Quaker Run Watershed
- PA Association of Watersheds
  - Grant awarded for \$20,000 to hire a PT Watershed Manager position
  - Need to define & write job description and scope
  - Branden Diehl shared case studies about capacity building, follow up email
- First Community Foundation Partnership
  - Grant application submitted May 31, 2023 for \$20,000 for Watershed Manager position
- PPL Empowering Communities Grant
  - Application submitted May 30, 2023 for \$15,000 general expenses associated w/watershed assessment project
- POWR
  - Invited to conference on Sunday Oct 29th and Monday Oct 30<sup>th</sup>
- Custom Carport for Site 23
  - EPCAMR suggestion to assist with keeping leaves out of forebay & start sending water through the diversion wells again.
  - WPCAMR Quick Response grant may be able to cover the cost
  - Need to spec out and price carport purchase & installation
- Watershed Assessment
  - EPCAMR will be taking the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of samples in the watershed Jul 10-11
- “Rebuilding Our Community” Picnic
  - Picnic at Claude Kehler Park on Jul 16, 2023, Danny Gogal will be attending
  - Steve M will be giving short update on SCRA projects
  - SCRA asked to donate watermelon and cantaloupe trays (motion needed)

**7) Public Comment** – is there any public comment on items other than those on the agenda?

## **8) Adjournment**

- Next monthly meeting – Aug 8th, 2023 6:30pm @ AOAA