



SCRA MEETING AGENDA

March 12, 2024

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

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- 3) **Public Comment:** Are there any public comments on agenda items only?
- 4) **Minutes:** Request a motion to accept the minutes of the Feb 13, 2024 SCRA meeting.
- 5) **Correspondence**
- 6) **Treasurer's Report:** Request a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report.
- 7) **Financial Transactions** (Request a motion to approve each)
 - TetraTech Feb 2024 Invoice #52206506 - \$15,799.25
 - AOAA Lease Mar/Apr/May 2024 - \$300.00
 - Steve Motyka for 6 rolls of stamps for newsletter - \$408.00
 - Heather Makal envelopes for mailing - \$45.65
 - EPCAMR annual membership for watershed associations - \$50.00
- 8) **Executive Director's Report**
 - Worked on EPA EJ Grant
 - Discussions on DEP's G2G EJ Grant
 - Review status reports on TetraTech projects
 - Scheduled meeting on 3/12/2024 with Sunbury officials
 - Prepared FPW Letter of Intent
 - Prepared two Degenstein grant applications
 - Worked w/Steve Chrismer aligning SCRA w/PSU energy study
- 9) **Old Business:**
 - Quaker Run Stream Rehabilitation (GG+)
 - One bid from Flyway Excavating, Clauser working with them to reduce cost.
 - Mike Molesevich requested a tour of Veteran's Field and would like to cover the cost to provide a large, mounted, Sanborn map of the Susquehanna Colliery property.
 - EPA reoccurring meeting - March 25 @ 9:15 via Microsoft Teams. All welcome to join.
 - University Projects
 - Matt Higgins has 2 student groups working on projects, one to rehab Site 15 to an active system, one to recover critical elements.
 - Site 23 was found to have the highest concentrations of several elements .
 - Matt asked permission to take 5 gal of sludge from Site 15, email fwd to Jim.
 - Molly McGuire @ Bucknell requested update on Quaker Run (Steve provided). Her group is researching trace metal transport and working on a paper regarding their research of Site 15 and the fate of trace metals in treatment systems. Connect her w/Matt and Bette
 - Carbon Run Stream Assessment and Restoration Plan
 - No news from EIP on proposal to fund a study on pay-for-performance model.
 - Carbon Run grant submission - first round of applications due Apr 05, 2023.
 - SCRA will need to develop and advertise RFP for project submittals.



- Angela discussing path forward with TJ/BAMR, reviewing AML features to determine extent of what can be remediated in the area.
- EPA CREMS Study
 - TetraTech selected by EPA to do the sampling, mid-May or beginning of June
 - Dan Koury contacting landowners for permission.
 - Nine sites selected in Shamokin area (water & solid), four will definitely be sampled, more as time permits.
- ARIPPA Project
 - SCRA received \$4800 from ARIPPA/EPCAMR to purchase wetlands in Quaker Run watershed.
 - Brinkash reached out to Susquehanna Feb 02, no news
- Quaker Run Box Culvert Removal
 - DEP approved \$422,320 to SCRA for culvert removal.
 - Completed forms submitted to DEP Feb 02 for signatory information and budget, no new information.
- Buck Run Project (West)
 - Grant submitted Dec 04, 2023 for Dev & Planning of refuse bank removal on west side of Big Mtn Rd. No updates.
 - DEP suggested a 2nd phase project for east side of road excluding the acres currently under bond.
- Local School District Involvement
 - EPCAMR will host tie-dye event with SASD 2nd grade, SCRA will purchase tshirts & dye.
 - Tentatively scheduled for April 12, 2024. Volunteers may need clearances to be on school grounds.

10) New Business

- Accountant
 - Revised quote received from Brown Plus on Feb 23 to provide bookkeeping services for 2024 @ \$3600. Request a motion if prepared to move forward with services as quoted.
 - 990 tax forms completed, awaiting signature
 - Decision needed on physical address for legal purposes. MC PO Box, Kulpmont Borough, AOAA, Shamokin PO Box, brick and mortar location.
- EPA Collaborative Problem Solving Grant
 - EPA working on assistance for awardees to develop policies & procedures. PANO still available, met w/Judie from Mission Plus Strategy, they are preparing an estimate.
 - SEDA COG working on proposal to administer the grant.
 - Establish Advisory Board – grant application outlines members.
 - Six-month extension granted for civil rights policy requirements (due June 17).
 - Schedule time to look at office space options. Bank space is \$1800/mth.
 - Shaunna working on budget revisions, almost complete.
- DEP/EPA G2G Pollution Reduction Grant
 - SCRA awarded \$50,000 for a collaborative grant w/DEP.
 - Budget due by Friday, Mar 15
 - SCRA/DEP will host 3 education sessions. DEP will provide the content, SCRA will coordinate, plan, and promote the sessions.
 - One physical project such as creek clean up, etc. Brainstorm ideas.



- Conference on Beneficial Mine Pool Usage
 - Steve C. continuing to organize conference
- Watershed Assessment Project
 - EPCAMR taking 10th round of samples in March
 - TetraTech provided completed refuse report for Shamokin watershed. Work on the overall assessment is ongoing.
- Events
 - SABER Meet & Greet for Service Organizations, April 18 6-8PM @Springfield Banquet Hall, two attendees per organization – RSVP required.
 - Balanced Spirit Wellness Center, plant exchange May 19, 12-4PM, SCRA invited to set up a table and share info w/public – Arch St in Coal Twsp.
 - AmeriCorp Seniors RSVP Volunteer Recognition Luncheon – Jun 11, 11am-2pm, Holiday Inn Williamsport
- Anthracite Heritage Festival May 25
 - SCRA will be sharing a space w/SCG and FBT, cost split 3-ways
 - Entertainment Tents will provide tent and set up/tear down
 - What do we want to hand out/give away (lotto tree?) SCG & FBT give out tomato plants and hold raffles for gift baskets and gift card trees. Do we need more brochures printed? Stickers?
- SAM.gov registration
 - Due to be renewed in May. What address are we renewing with? Currently registered w/Kulpmont Borough address.
- Misc. Grants
 - Submitted two Degenstein grant applications in March for \$5,000 each.
 - Submitted Letter of Intent Feb 15 to apply for grant request to FPW @ \$25,000 for additional year of Exec. Director salary + \$5,000 admin costs.
 - ARIPPA AMD/AML grants available, \$3,000 max, applications due Apr 15, 2024
 - Williams Energy grant applications open April 01 – do we want to apply again?
 - EPA Community Change Grants – Large grants require large teams
 - Susquehanna River Basin Commission – revisit previous grant application
 - NFWF December and January 2 grants opening (Liz Fienburg)
 - Tiffany Diamond Company Mining Restoration Grant – Rolling grant period.
 - WPCAMR – Emergency grants available for treatment system maintenance
- Organizational Workshop
 - Capacity building, bylaws, membership, director onboarding, financial
- Insurance Coverage
 - What additional coverage is needed? Consider Directors & Officers insurance.
- Raise the Region 2024
 - Not eligible this year, need 10+ unique donors in previous year (we had 8).
- Site 15 - Angela will speak with Bill Burgos and assess Site 15 & 42 together.
- Reoccurring meetings
 - AmeriCorps Diacom – First Thursday @ 8:30
 - PA AML Campaign – Every Friday @ 10:00

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 – Request a motion to adjourn

- Meeting adjournment time: _____
- Next monthly meeting – April 09, 2024 6:30pm @ AOAA