



SCRA MEETING AGENDA Nov 14, 2023

- 1) Call to order**
- 2) Correspondence**
- 3) Treasurer's Report**
- 4) Financial Transactions**
 - TetraTech Invoice #52151750 - \$2,042.50
- 5) Old Business:**
 - Quaker Run Stream Rehabilitation Project (GG+)
 - Kulpmont signed DEP Contract – next steps 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
 - EPA reoccurring meeting
 - Next meeting Dec 11 @ 9:15 via Microsoft Teams. All are welcome to join.
 - DEP EE Grant
 - Green Building Techniques Extended to Fall 2023
 - Hope to have concrete flat work complete in October.
 - Hope to conduct field trip in November.
 - Accountant
 - Jeff Walker sent engagement letter on 10/27, need to sign & return with 990 and answers to list of questions. 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
 - 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.
 - Venn Access Weir
 - Install new sign – who/when? Steve & Jim both have posts for sign.
 - Mark Stansbury restoring pavilion sign at Site 42 – SCRA donated \$250
 - Carbon Run Stream Assessment and Restoration Plan
 - Awaiting finalized eDNA & macroinvertebrate testing results.
 - EIP proposing a project to restore streambeds in Carbon Run. Grant submission postponed until early 2024.
 - SCRA will need to develop and advertise RFP for project submittals
 - Rare Earth Minerals
 - EPA still identifying areas to be sampled. News-Item would like to visit the field when sampling begins. Targeting Jan 2024 to assemble plan.
 - EPA Funding
 - SCRA was awarded a \$500,000 grant for staff.
 1. Need to develop press release
 2. Need to prepare response for list of grant requirements
 - \$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.
 - Mike Brinkash has been in conversation w/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
 - 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
- Custom Carport for Site 23
 - Will assist with keeping leaves out of forebay, WPCAMR quick response grant
- Watershed Assessment Project
 - EPCAMR taking 7th round of samples in the watershed on Nov 14 & 15
 - Tetra Tech to begin inventorying refuse piles Nov 15 & possibly Nov 14, they will estimate volume & a high-level cost to remove. Dean Baker to assist
- Potential Grants
 - 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
 - Shamokin Elementary Principal Jennifer Neary
 - SCRA to supply t-shirts for up to 60 students. Date TBD
- Ton Liguori DEP Legal Council
 - Recap watershed tour from Nov 07
- Organizational Workshop
 - Capacity building, bylaws, membership, director onboarding, financial
 - John Dawes of Foundation for PA Watersheds offered to facilitate such an endeavor.
 - Triad Strategies as strategic planner – Meghan Dapp.
 - Phil Dunn will reach out to PA Org. of Non-Profits
- Function of Beauty
 - Reach out to SRBC - how far along is FoB in the permit process?
 - Ask EPCAMR how to proceed w/letters to Ralpho Twsp Sewer Authority regarding FoB permit and Mt. Carmel Twsp on infiltration ponds
- NFWF Liz Feinberg – sent email reply
- Site 15
 - Angela Meck to talk w/Bill Burgos about assessing site.
- Shamokin Environmental Club
 - Luke Haupt reached out expressing interest in the Shamokin Env. Club working with SCRA. Suggested a tour may be useful to kick off the partnership.

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

8) Adjournment - Next monthly meeting – Dec 12, 2023 6:30pm @ AOAA

9) Executive Session – Watershed Manager position approval