



**SCRA MEETING MINUTES
MAY 09, 2023**

1) Call to order. Time: 6:30PM

2) Roll Call:

Present	Present	Present
Jim Koharski	Steve Motyka	John Bucanelli

3) Attendees: Steve Chrismer, Jeff Herb, Heather Makal, Susan Zaner, Angela Meck

4) Treasurer’s Report:

Acct # 201	Acct # 301	Acct # 501
\$4,580	\$500.02	\$5,524.08

5) Financial Transactions:

- Posters for display table at Governors Award banquet - \$93.00

Motion: HERB Second: BUCANELLI

On the question? _____

Voice Vote: All in Favor? **YES** Any Opposed?

The Motion passes / fails **PASSES**

- TetraTech invoice of May 5, 2023 - \$10,828.50

Motion: BUCANELLI Second: HERB

On the question? _____

Voice Vote: All in Favor? **YES** Any Opposed?

The Motion passes / fails **PASSES**

- AOAA lease 2nd quarterly payment - \$300

Motion: MOTYKA Second: MAKAL

On the question? _____

Voice Vote: All in Favor? **YES** Any Opposed?

The Motion passes / fails **PASSES**

- RJ Renn storage unit rent - \$200

Motion: MOTYKA Second: BUCANELLI

On the question? _____



Voice Vote: All in Favor? **YES** Any Opposed?

The Motion passes / fails **PASSES**

- H&R Block 2022 Tax Return Prep/Filing - \$250

Motion: MOTYKA Second: BUCANELLI

On the question? _____

Voice Vote: All in Favor? **YES** Any Opposed?

The Motion passes / fails **PASSES**

6) Minutes:

Old Business

- SCRA Officers and Director positions open
- Quaker Run Stream Rehabilitation Project (GG+)
 - o Kulpmont Borough will be bidding project, design 75% complete
 - o Rain garden to be added at 8th street
- EPA reoccurring meeting
 - o Next meeting May 15th @ 9:15 via Microsoft Teams. Any member is welcome to join.
- DEP EE Grant
 - o May Event – Green Building Techniques Extension to Fall 2023 requested.
 - o Estimate of 60-70 student at each event
 - o Mark Stansbury may be able to make signs for both projects.
- ARIPPA Project
 - o Future projects? Application currently open until May 31st
 - o Urgent Action Needed
- DCED Grant
 - o Bonding?
 - o Final signatures completed
- Municipality Engagement
 - o Senator Casey's help
- University Projects
 - o Professor Higgins working with Cliff Denholm Stream Restoration Incorporated
 - o Professor Higgins students presented their work.
- Venn Access Weir
 - o Follow-up work needed for stream stabilization.
 - o Display sign.
- PA Association of Watersheds
 - o Grant request submitted. Follow up application need submitted by May 16th
 - o Urgent Action Needed



- AmeriCorps Vista Senior over 55 Volunteers
 - Approval Next Steps
 - Provide them our June event (state park river expo)
- Carbon Run Stream Assessment and Restoration Plan
 - Project started. TT working directly with AOAA and EIP
- Addition funding sources:
 - First Community Foundation Partnership (we will be working with POWR)
 - Pre application meeting held – due by end of May
 - Urgent Action Needed
- SABER Newsletter
 - Drafted letter submitted for their publication.
- EPA Funding
 - Application to be submitted this week.
 - 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 Quaker Run
 - Working directly with BAMR
 - BAMR meeting with OSM
- United States Department of Energy
 - Potential grants, Katy Murphy
 - No Update
- Continued Involvement with Environmental Resiliency Plan Projects
- Susquehanna Coal Company
 - ARIPPA Grant to purchase lot for Kulpmont Wetlands?
 - Urgent Action Needed

New Business

- Rare Earth Minerals
 - PSU meeting requested
 - EPA obtained grant for \$150K to study REE in Shamokin Watershed, sampling to begin Aug 2023 w/results Jan/Feb 2024
- POWR
 - Invited to conference on Sunday Oct 29th and Monday Oct 30th
- River Greenways Outdoor Expo
 - June 3rd event date
- Rivernetwork.org
 - Technical assistance for building organization participation.
- Joseph Roberts Foundation
 - Requested \$5000
- Press Release
 - Received Degenstein grant for \$45,000
 - Governors Award for Env. Excellence



SHAMOKIN CREEK RESTORATION ALLIANCE

PO BOX 263
MOUNT CARMEL, PA 17851

- Custom Carport for Site 23
 - o EPCAMR suggestion to assist with keeping leaves out of forebay & start sending water through the diversion wells again.
 - o WPCAMR Quick Response grant may be able to cover the cost
- Watershed Assessment
 - o EPCAMR spent May 4th & 5th taking samples in the watershed

7) Correspondence – none

8) Adjournment: 7:30PM

- Anthracite Heritage Festival of the Arts May 27th
- River Expo June 3rd at Shikellamy State Park
- Next monthly meeting – June 14th, 2023 6:30pm @ AOAA