



**SCRA MEETING MINUTES
Feb 13, 2024**

1) Call to order. Time: 6:35PM

2) Roll Call:

Present	Present	Present	Present
Jim Koharski	Steve Motyka	John Bucanelli	Phil Dunn

3) Attendees: Leanne Bjorklund, Steve Chrismer, Jeff Herb, Heather Makal

4) Minutes

- Request a motion to approve minutes from Jan 09, 2024 meeting

Motion: DUNN Second: MOTYKA
 On the question? _____
 Voice Vote: All in Favor? **YES** Any Opposed?
 The Motion passes / fails **PASSES**

5) Treasurer’s Report:

Acct # 201 CK	Acct # 301 CEAP	Acct # 501 GRANTS
\$ 31,364.86	\$ 118,798.71	\$ 53,103.58

- Request a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report

Motion: MOTYKA Second: MAKAL
 On the question? _____
 Voice Vote: All in Favor? **YES** Any Opposed?
 The Motion passes / fails **PASSES**

6) Financial Transactions:

- Received \$900 donation from AOAA
- Request a motion to pay TetraTech Jan 2024 Invoice #52198863 - \$16,951.00

Motion: MOTYKA Second: DUNN
 On the question? _____
 Voice Vote: All in Favor? **YES** Any Opposed?
 The Motion passes / fails **PASSES**

- Request a motion to pay Renn’s Storage \$200.00

Motion: MAKAL Second: BJORKLUND
 On the question? _____
 Voice Vote: All in Favor? **YES** Any Opposed?
 The Motion passes / fails **PASSES**



- Request a motion to reimburse Heather Makal \$288.32 for website & domain renewal fees for 2024

Motion: MOTYKA

Second: BJORKLUND

On the question? _____

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

Any Opposed?

The Motion passes / fails **PASSES**

7) Minutes:

Executive Director's Report

- Majority of time spent working on EPA grant requirements
- Several discussions w/Jeff Walker, CPA re: taxes/bookkeeping proposal
- Working to schedule March appointments w/Culver, Stender, Stehr, Beck & Backer

8) Old Business

- Quaker Run Stream Rehabilitation Project (GG+)
 - John attended pre-bid walkthrough, bid opening will occur Feb 23, 2024
 - Steve M to request if SCRA can be added to Certificate of Insurance
- Carbon Run Restoration Project
 - Phil will reach out to CPA to check on requirements for large donation
 - EIP provided SCRA w/report and water sampling data
 - EIP is preparing a draft proposal for EPIC that SCRA can review & submit
 - SCRA wishes to proceed with grant application for Carbon Run restoration Phase 1 design & permitting. Submissions due Apr 05, 2024
- Rare Earth Minerals
 - EPA issued a task order for single contract to TetraTech to complete CREM/REE sampling at 4 locations. Two are in Shamokin Creek watershed (Big Mountain area), one is in Trevorton, one is near Frackville.
 - TetraTech should be setting dates for sampling at EPA meeting on 2/15
- ARIPPA Project
 - Brinkash reached out to Susquehanna Coal Feb 02, 2024, no response yet
- Quaker Run Box Culvert Removal
 - DEP approved grant application for culvert removal, totaling \$422,320
 - Sent completed budget, forms, and signatory info to Nathan Lane, DEP
 - TetraTech has started process for Brinkash to be subcontractor
- Big Mountain Road - West
 - Grant submitted 12/04/2023 for Dev & Planning of refuse removal west side of Big Mountain Rd. – no updates
 - DEP suggested 2nd project for east side excluding acres currently under bond
- Local School District Tie-Dye project
 - Need to schedule date w/school
 - Request a motion to spend up to \$500.00 to purchase tshirts for students

Motion: MOTYKA

Second: MAKAL

On the question? _____

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

Any Opposed?

The Motion passes / fails **PASSES**



- 2024 Membership Mailing
 - Need to schedule date to prepare mailing
 - Request a motion to send mass mailing to rail-to-trail landowners at a total cost not to exceed \$600.00

Motion: MOTYKA Second: DUNN

On the question? _____

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

The Motion passes / fails **PASSES**

9) New Business

- Accountant
 - Received quote from Brown Plus for bookkeeping services at a rate of \$4500/yr
 - Phil to request revised quote for reduced monthly time commitment
 - Revisit decision in March
- EPA Collaborative Problem Solving Grant
 - Six-month extension granted for civil rights requirements
 - SEDA COG can't assist w/polices & procedures – Phil to request quote for grant administration
 - Phil to reach out to PANO to inquire about new consultant/estimate
 - Field visit needed to look @ 3 rentals on Independence and Market St
 - Budget revisions almost complete
 - 9-hour required orientation scheduled for Feb 21 & 22
- Watershed Assessment
 - EPCAMR taking 9th round of samples Feb 12 & 14
 - EPCAMR noted noticeable change in water color at Quaker Run in Ranshaw
 - Refuse report is complete pending internal approval, will receive draft soon
 - Watershed restoration report is underway
- Conference on Mine Pools as a Resource
 - Steve C. exploring possibility of conference for Earth Day Apr 22, 2025
 - Looking at hosting sites in Pittsburgh area
- Grants
 - Request a motion to apply for a \$25,000 FPW grant to 1 additional year of Exec. Director salary plus administration costs.

Motion: MOTYKA Second: MAKAL

On the question? _____

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

The Motion passes / fails **PASSES**

- Request a motion to apply to both Charles B Degenstein & Charles and Betty Degenstein grants at \$5,000 each for administrative costs.

Motion: MOTYKA Second: BUCANELLI

On the question? _____

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

The Motion passes / fails **PASSES**



SHAMOKIN CREEK RESTORATION ALLIANCE

PO BOX 263
MOUNT CARMEL, PA 17851

- Consider applying for WPCAMR Quick Response Grant to replace weir at Excelsior pit, at crossing where water flows out of pit into creek. Weir is not functional.
- NFWF grant – Phil to follow up with Liz
- SRBC – arrange a meeting in near future
- Request a motion to register for Raise the Region 2024

Motion: MOTYKA Second: DUNN

On the question? _____

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

The Motion passes / fails **PASSES**

- Anthracite Heritage Festival
 - Festival scheduled for May 25, 2024
 - Steve M will reach out to SCG and FBT about sharing booth space
- Locust Creek
 - John and Leanne walked Locust Creek w/NCCD and Mt. Carmel Twsp. Consider if this could possibly be a SRBC or Growing Greener grant.

10) Correspondence – None

11) Public Comment – None

12) Executive Session - None

13) Adjournment: **8:00PM**

- Next monthly meeting – Mar 12, 2024 6:30pm @ AOAA