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**SCRA MEETING MINUTES  
JUN 13, 2023**

**1) Call to order. Time: 6:37PM**

**2) Roll Call:**

Absent	Present	Present
Jim Koharski	Steve Motyka	John Bucanelli

**3) Attendees:** Jeff Herb, Heather Makal, Susan Zaner, Joanna McLaughlin, Regan Hathaway

**4) Treasurer’s Report:**

Acct # 201	Acct # 301	Acct # 501
\$3,607.05	\$500.04	\$39,695.58

**5) Financial Transactions:**

- TetraTech invoice of Jun 12, 2023 - \$4,665.56  
 Motion: ZANER Second: MOTYKA  
 On the question? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Voice Vote: All in Favor? **YES** Any Opposed?  
 The Motion passes / fails **PASSES**
- Dave Lynn Nursery invoice May 2023 for 2 cuts - \$300.00  
 Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_  
 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  
*No bids on 1<sup>st</sup> portion of project (\$50,000)*
  - 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.  
*Invoice received*
- DCED Grant
  - o Bonding application & fee needs to be submitted
  - o New bank account verified, awaiting funds transfer
  - o Enter agreement with auditing agency
- University Projects
  - o Professor Higgins working with Cliff Denholm of Stream Restoration Inc to provide sampling at treatment sites
  - o Request final design from engineering students (Spring 2022 presentation)
- Venn Access Weir
  - o Follow-up work needed for stream stabilization
  - o Install new sign – who/when?
- AmeriCorps Vista Senior over 55 Volunteers
  - o Approval - Next Steps
- Carbon Run Stream Assessment and Restoration Plan
  - o TT working directly with AOAA and EIP
  - o Field work and sampling portion of project completed
- Rare Earth Minerals
  - o PSU meeting requested for some time this summer, Steve C coordinating
  - o EPA obtained grant for \$150K to study REE in Shamokin Watershed, sampling to begin Aug 2023 w/results Jan/Feb 2024  
*Share landowner parcel data with Bette Conway and inquire about sharing CREMS presentation w/local newspapers for potential article (done)*
- Joseph Roberts Foundation
  - o Requested \$5000
  - o Grant application was not approved. (sited accounting information confusing)
  - o We were asked to apply next round.
- EPA Funding
  - o Grant application has been submitted
  - o Resiliency plan task force, Far Better Together, Shamokin Community Gardens
  - o \$500 K for staff. SCRA lead applicant.
  - o \$1 million for job corps. Shamokin City is applicant.
- Removal of Box Culvert Quaker Run
  - o BAMR has approved culvert removal project
  - o SCRA working on land owner ROE approval forms
  - o Can anyone use the culvert once removed – local municipality or AOAA?
  - o 9:30am 6/14/23 meeting to discuss real estate aspect of project  
*AOAA will take the culverts once removed*
- River Greenways Outdoor Expo
  - o SCRA attended June 3rd event



- Continued Involvement with Environmental Resiliency Plan Projects
- Susquehanna Coal Company
  - Continued discussion on purchase of lot for Kulpmont Wetlands

## 2) **New Business**

- ARIPPA Project
  - Application submitted May 31, 2023 for \$4800 to purchase 1.87 acres of wetlands in Quaker Run Watershed
- PA Association of Watersheds
  - Application was revised and submitted May 31, 2023 for \$20,000 for Watershed Manager position
  - 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>
- Press Release
  - Received Degenstein grant for \$45,000
  - Received Williams Energy grant for \$5,000
- 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 2<sup>nd</sup> round of samples in the watershed on \_\_\_\_\_
- New North Central Environmental Justice DEP position
  - Jordi Comas
  - He lives in Lewisburg
  - Share copy of Ben Shimer's report with Jordi (done)*
- SHECP Intern
  - Regan Hathaway – 6 weeks*
- Community Engagement Revitalization Meeting
  - Picnic at Claude Kehler
  - Danny Gogal will be attending 7-16-2023

**7) Correspondence – none**

**8) Adjournment: 7:45PM**

- Next monthly meeting – July 11th, 2023 6:30pm @ AOAA