



**SCRA MEETING MINUTES
NOV 14, 2023**

1) Call to order. Time: 6:43PM

2) Roll Call:

Absent	Present	Present
Jim Koharski	Steve Motyka	John Bucanelli

3) Attendees: Leanne Bjorklund, Steve Chrismer, Jeff Herb, Heather Makal, Angela Meck, Dean Baker, Jack Richford

4) Treasurer's Report:

Acct # 201 CK	Acct # 301 CEAP	Acct # 501 GRANTS
\$ 37,504.82	\$ 140,041.88	\$ 58,103.58

- Request a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report: MOTYKA Second: BUCANELLI
 On the question? Reimbursements made to General Checking Acct #201 from CEAP Account #301 for two DEP environmental education grants: 1 - \$2,995.00, 2 - 3,000, totaling \$5,995.00
 Voice Vote: All in Favor? **YES** Any Opposed?
 The Motion passes / fails **PASSES**

5) Financial Transactions:

- Request a motion to pay TetraTech invoice #52151750 - \$2,042.50
 Motion: MOTYKA Second: BJORKLUND
 On the question? _____
 Voice Vote: All in Favor? **YES** Any Opposed?
 The Motion passes / fails **PASSES**
- Request a motion to pay Dave\Lynn Nursery for lawn service & weed control - \$150.00
 Motion: MOTYKA Second: MAKAL
 On the question? _____
 Voice Vote: All in Favor? **YES** Any Opposed?
 The Motion passes / fails **PASSES**
- Request a motion to pay R. J. Renn Storage (Sep/Oct/Nov 2023 Rent) - \$200.00
 Motion: MOTYKA Second: BUCANELLI



On the question? _____

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

The Motion passes / fails **PASSES**

6) Minutes:

Old Business

- Quaker Run Stream Rehabilitation Project (GG+)
 - Kulpmont signed DEP contract, next steps soon
- DEP EE Grant
 - Green Building Techniques extended to Fall 2023
 - Hope to have concrete flat work completed in Oct. w/field trip in November
- Venn Access Weir
 - Restoration of pavilion sign by Mark Stansbury on hold until further notice due to workload. Hold off on donation for now.
- Accountant
 - Request a motion to enter into agreement with Jeff Walker, CPA, Brown, Schultz, Sheridan, and Fritz (BSSF), CPA's for tax preparation services and grant auditing per quote.

Motion: MOTYKA Second: BUCANELLI

On the question? _____

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

The Motion passes / fails **PASSES**

- University Projects
 - Matt Higgins team from Bucknell currently sampling 5 AMD sites: 15, 23, 48, 29, and north branch near the Dollar Store. Leanne suggested he also sample site 11.
- Carbon Run Restoration Project
 - EIP has proposed delaying grant submission until 2024, target end of February
 - SCRA will need to develop and advertise an RFP for project submittals
- Rare Earth Minerals
 - EPA still identifying areas to be sampled. Targeting Jan 2024 to have plan prepared

2) New Business

- Watershed Manager Position
 - Request a motion to hire Phil Dunn on PT basis at a rate of \$1600/mth plus \$100/mth for expenditures to be funded by grant from Foundation of PA Watersheds

Motion: BUCANELLI Second: BJORKLUND



On the question? _____

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

The Motion passes / fails **PASSES**

- EPA Funding
 - SCRA was awarded \$500,000 grant for staffing and office space
 - Need to prepare response to grant requirements
 - The \$1million grant request for job corp was not approved
- Quaker Run Box Culvert Removal
 - Grant application for project design, permit, and execution submitted 8/25/2023, application has moved on to 2nd round of reviews
- Big Mountain Road Refuse Removal
 - Preparing grant request for Dev & Planning of refuse removal west side of Big Mountain Rd. Target Dec 2023 grant submittal.
- ARIPPA Project
 - Check w/Brinkash in 1 week to see if they've talked to Susquehanna Coal, if not Phil Dunn will speak with Masser.
- Watershed Assessment
 - EPCAMR taking 7th round of samples Nov 14 & 15
 - TetraTech inventorying refuse piles Nov 14 & 15 to estimate volume & high-level cost estimate to remove
- DEP EE Grant Bucknell & Sustainability Coalition
 - SCRA will obtain iron oxide from EPCAMR, SCRA will supply t-shirts for approx. 60 elementary school children. Date TBD
- Function of Beauty discharge permit
 - Reach out to SRBC to find out how far along FoB is in the permit process
 - Ask EPCAMR advise on how to proceed w/letters to Ralpho Sewer Authority regarding FoB permit and Mt. Carmel Twsp on infiltration ponds
- Organization Workshop
 - John Dawes offered to facilitate and/or fund such an endeavor
 - Triad Strategies as strategic planner – Meghan Dapp.
 - Phil Dunn will reach out to PA Org. of Non-Profits
- Crater Reclamation Project greenlighted
- Site 15 – EIP is providing funding for Angela Meck and Bill Burgos to look at site 42, they will check out Site 15 at the same time.

7) Correspondence – None

8) Public Comment – Leanne Bjorklund requested the SCRA start looking at issues in Locust creek

9) Adjournment: 8:16PM

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