



SCRA MEETING AGENDA

February 13, 2024

- 1) **Call to order.** Time _____
- 2) **Roll Call**

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- 3) **Public Comment:** Are there any public comments on agenda items only?
- 4) **Minutes:** Request a motion to accept the minutes of the Jan 09, 2024 SCRA meeting?
- 5) **Correspondence**
- 6) **Treasurer's Report:** Request a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report?
- 7) **Financial Transactions** (Request a motion to approve each)
 - TetraTech Jan 2024 Invoice #52198863 - \$16,951.00
 - Squarespace website and domain renewal \$288.32
- 8) **Executive Director's Report**
 - Majority of time spent on EPA EJ Grant; two meetings w/Bill Seigel
 - Several discussions w/Jeff Walker, CPA re: taxes/bookkeeping proposal
 - Calls w/Kathy Jeremiah re: Degenstein
 - Calls w/John Dawes re: FPW grants
 - Scheduling March appointments with:
 - Senator Culver
 - Representatives Stehr and Stender
 - Commissioner Meghan Beck
 - Sunbury City Manager – Derrick Backer
- 9) **Old Business:**
 - Quaker Run Stream Rehabilitation Project (GG+)
 - Bid opening on February 23rd
 - EPA reoccurring meeting
 - Next meeting February 26 @ 9:15 via Microsoft Teams. All are welcome to join.
 - University Projects
 - No recent updates
 - Carbon Run Stream Assessment and Restoration Plan
 - SCRA met w/EIP & TetraTech Jan 23 to discuss path forward
 - EIP has provided SCRA with completed report and water sampling data
 - Discuss EIP donation and funding for EPIC study
 - Carbon Run grant submission postponed until early 2024, first round of applications due Apr 05, 2023
 - SCRA will need to develop and advertise RFP for project submittals
 - Rare Earth Minerals
 - No new updates from EPA
 - ARIPPA Project
 - SCRA received \$4800 from ARIPPA/EPCAMR to purchase 1.87 acres of wetlands in Quaker Run Watershed.
 - Brinkash reached out to Susquehanna Feb 02, follow up?



- Quaker Run Box Culvert Removal
 - DEP approved SCRA application for culvert removal in the amount of \$422,320
 - Submitted completed forms to DEP for signatory information and budget (thanks to Angela Meck for assistance.)
 - Awaiting next steps. Paperwork submitted to Nathan Lane (DEP).
- Buck Run Project (West)
 - Grant submitted Dec 04, 2023 for Dev & Planning of refuse bank removal on west side of Big Mtn Rd. Project: OSM49(1605)101.1(GA) – Big Mountain Road West
 - DEP suggested a 2nd phase project for east side of road excluding the acres currently under bond
- Local School District Involvement
 - EPCAMR will host tie-dye event with SASD 2nd grade
 - Motion to have SCRA buy white t-shirts for students
- 2024 Membership Mailing
 - Steve has prepared draft of 2024 newsletter
 - Plan date to prepare mailing
 - Do we want to include the 500 rail trail landowner list? Postage = \$340, Envelopes = \$30, Printing fees?

10) New Business

- Accountant
 - Quote received from Brown Plus to provide bookkeeping services for 2024 @ \$4500. Discussion needed. Request a motion if prepared to move forward with services as quoted.
 - Additional information sent to Jeff for 2023 tax preparation
 - Decision on address for accounting purposes. MC PO Box, Kulpmont Borough, AOAA, Shamokin PO Box, brick and mortar location.
- EPA Collaborative Problem Solving Grant
 - SCRA pre-awarded \$500,000, EPA wants money distributed Feb 2024
 - SEDA COG is unable to assist w/preparation of policies & procedures. Other options would require an RFP (who would manage this?).
 - Need to decide HOW or IF SCRA can move forward with this grant.
 - Establish Advisory Board – grant application outlines members
 - Six-month extension granted for civil rights policy requirements.
 - Office space: two locations on Independence St, one location on Market. Schedule time to go see. Lease for bank space is \$1800/month
 - Bucknell student working w/Shanna on budget revisions, almost complete.
 - EPA Grant 9-hour required orientation Feb 21 & 22
- Pennsylvania Association of Nonprofit Organizations
 - Joined Dec 2023
 - PANO is no longer available to assist w/development of policies and procedures in the timeframe needed
- Conference on Rare Earth Elements
 - Steve C. continuing to organize conference on benefits of mine pool usage
 - Discussion needed on conference locations and costs



SHAMOKIN CREEK RESTORATION ALLIANCE

PO BOX 263
MOUNT CARMEL, PA 17851

- Watershed Assessment Project
 - EPCAMR taking 9th round of samples in the watershed on Feb 12 & 14
 - Noted a significant change to the water color along Quaker Run in Ranshaw
- Potential Grants
 - Request a motion to submit a grant request to both Degenstein grant funds @ \$5,000 each for administrative costs.
 - Request a motion to submit a Letter of Intent to apply for a grant request to Foundation for PA Watersheds @ \$25,000 for additional year of Exec. Director salary + \$5,000 admin costs. Deadline 3/01/2024
 - ARIPPA AMD/AML grants available, \$3,000 max, applications due Apr 15, 2024
 - EPA Community Change Grants
 1. Future webinars.
 2. Large grant would require larger team.
 3. Schuylkill and Dauphin County Coal Regions joint application?
 - Susquehanna River Basin Commission
 1. Revisit previous grant application
 - NFWF December and January 2 grants opening (Liz Fienburg)
 - Tiffany Diamond Company Mining Restoration Grant – Rolling grant period.
 - WPCAMR – Emergency grants are available for treatment system maintenance
- Organizational Workshop
 - Capacity building, bylaws, membership, director onboarding, financial
 - John Dawes of Foundation for PA Watersheds offered to facilitate such an endeavor.
- Insurance Coverage
 - What additional coverage is needed? Consider Directors & Officers insurance policy
- Raise the Region 2024
 - Online fundraising event scheduled for March 13-14
 - SCRA needs to re-register year for this event. Received \$1200 in 2023
- Site 15
 - Angela will speak with Bill Burgos and assess Site 15 & 42 together
- DEP Media Event re: \$100K Williams Penalty funds
 - Thursday Feb 15 @2PM, meet at Kulpmont Borough Hall
- Reoccurring meetings
 - AmeriCorps Diacom – First Thursday @ 8:30
 - PA AML Campaign – Every Friday @ 10:00

11) Public Comment – Is there any public comment on items other than those on agenda?

12) Executive Session – Is there a need for an executive session?

13) Adjournment – Request a motion to adjourn

- Meeting adjournment time: _____
- Next monthly meeting – March 12, 2024 6:30pm @ AOAA