

SCRIP Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2022 @ 4pm

A SCRIP meeting was held on November 10, 2022 at the Windber Hotel in Windber. The meeting was attended by SCRIP Board Members Tom Clark, Len Lichvar, Jim Eckenrode, John Dryzal, Larry Hutchinson, Adam Cotchen, Joe Gorden, Malcolm Crittenden and Karlice Makuchan.

The meeting was also attended by Sam Faith from DEP District Mining Office, California, PA; Dave Thomas from DEP District Mining Office, New Stanton, PA; Bryony Tilzey, Somerset County Recycling Coordinator; and Jeff Sarver from Shade Creek Watershed Association.

Guests

Tilzey listed a few events that she has in mind and was informed that Melissa Reckner coordinates cleanups and would love to have assistance. If she has any events that she wants publicized to send them for listing in our newsletter that is published quarterly (karlice@atlanticbb.net).

Thomas informed us that BAMR has a lot of money and is accepting mostly long-term project proposals. They are also looking to hire 72 people. DMO has a small amount of money (\$4.5 million) for AMD related projects. Ohiopyle State Park is one area they are looking at.

Faith reported on **Reitz #4**. The iron levels are trending down: 72.79 mg/L---looking for mid-40's. OSM should be amenable to fund out of Title IV. Let them know. SCRIP may not have to wait until iron gets to the 40s to ask for the discharge to be considered Title IV. DMO plans to sample for another year.

For Wells Creek - Kimberly Run Renewal: They are preparing a design for water treatment 1st quarter of next year. Should be in construction next April/May or summer. Plan is to move the original design further into the valley to keep the costs low. Pump and treat system. Lichvar will pass information on since they are not part of our board. Discharge quality is adverse, but not really seeing any biological impairment according to Thomas. There are concerns about impacting public water supply.

Cooney System - Faith said that a treatment trust was started in 1996 for AMD sites. One half billion in trust to treat previous sites, \$50 million from Consul. They are managing 73 trust funds at the moment. Would need billions in trust to treat everything adequately as every \$1 in treatment needs ~\$20 in trust funding.

Hutchinson/Cotchen made a **MOTION** to accept the previous meeting's minutes as submitted. All in favor. Motion carried.

Eckenrode reported that there were no new deposits and no receipts submitted nor checks written since the last meeting.

Partner Organization Reports

CWRS

Eckenrode reported that they are looking at Datashed and doing a county-by-county evaluation of missing information. Are people still around to populate the information? Blair, Clearfield and Westmorland are done; Somerset will be done soon.

They did a report for Cotchen on impact of dosing on Shingle Run and are looking at expanding the study, perhaps adding large wood. Let him know if help is needed.

They are looking at mine and agricultural impacts on Upper Two Lick Creek. They have 22-25 sites to sample. They will be designing two projects under the Cap Stream Project. Working with Hedin.

Still working on Kittanning Run sampling, but outside SCRIP watershed. Also on a mill dam down Potter Run on Yellow Creek.

WPC

Cotchen reported on Laurel Highlands Conservation Landscape initiative. DCNR money is available through the PA Environmental Council (PEC). Suggested Shingle as possible landing site.

Watershed Mini-Grant Program has grants available for Cambria County: Water Quality Monitoring (\$3,500 limit), Restoration Projects (\$3,500 limit). Deadline is December 19. Information on their website: <https://waterlandlife.org/watershed-mini-grant-program/>. Some projects mentioned were Central City Reservoir and Beaver Run Dam.

Eckenrode wants AOP training. **Action item:** Clark to give AOP documentation website for Cotchen and Eckenrode.

Interior treasury discussion. Approved \$100 for NatureWorks presentation and had a new \$50 member.

Stonycreek River Progress Report

Lichvar reported on the oil spill by Highland Tank in Stoystown. About 2000 gallons of heating oil leaked into the environment when an underground tank was removed and replaced with an above ground tank and the underground return line was not removed. Is this a PennDOT issue?

Near Site A. Most didn't make it to Oven. Eckenrode mentioned is there anyways to place possible fines into O&M Trust.

Lichvar showed pictures of the trees planted as part of a buffer project done above the Que. Sludge needs to be removed near Rock Tunnel. Tailwater is 100% complete. Lambert Run is still a fiasco because of landowner problems.

Paint Creek

Mine 42 pile is gone. If you have other call Tom Clark for help. Babcock Creek work is finished. Two parts to the project. He will submit an infrastructure grant.

Little Conemaugh

Dryzal reported that the stream stabilization project is underway.

Clark mentioned about how we should get a update on the planned ATP from DEP. (Since the meeting, Clark has received that update: They seem to be back to the one-plant idea and are soon to be working towards design bid.)

Shade Creek

Saint Francis University students came out for macros on Shingle and Panther. Kick nets were plugged with coal from Coal Run that Sarver believes is from PBS overflows. The pH was up but there was a low flow that might have influenced that. Probably need a citizens complain to move the needle.

Crittenden suggested idea: in lieu of fines, have companies put money, possibly \$20,000, in trust fund. He thinks this would be very doable. We should ask Dave Thomas about this. **Action Item:** Put on the Agenda for January meeting.

SCWA submitted a grant of \$6100 to the Community Foundation to buy needed tools.

Infrastructure grants planned for Swallow Farm, Cottage Town Reitz #1, and limestone dosing; however, Clark doesn't think limestone dosing is eligible.

Action Item: Sarver to send buried refuse pile near Job 12 location to Clark to pass along to Ridge Energy contacts. May be subchapter F.

Public Relations

Action Item: Makuchan reminded attendees that deadline for the newsletter is December 1. At last meeting, Eckenrode said that he will prepare an article about the tour and Clark will do one on how to apply for infrastructure funds. At this meeting Clark said he would do one on Paint Creek too. Makuchan listed a few other ideas she had. Send submissions to karlice@atlanticbb.net. She will send a reminder a week ahead of the deadline.

Old Business

At the last meeting, Reckner was to write a letter to Toomey asking for his support of the STREAM Act on behalf of SCRIP. It was decided to table this until the January meeting and the letter can be directed to John Fetterman since he will take Toomey's place and Casey can fill him in on the specifics.

New Business

Makuchan/Hutchinson made a **MOTION** for SCRIP to sponsor NatureWorks this year for \$100. All in favor. Motion carried.

Cotchen offered to help out on Stonycreek AMD Infrastructure grants.

DEP will have ~\$500 million to give away over the next year as 2022 and 2023 dollars will be nearly combined. SCRIP would like to see EPCAMR admin some proposals.

Small grant from ARIPPA also available for \$2,500. Various needs.

Next Meeting Date

January 19 at 4 pm at Windber Hotel. Reckner to make arrangements.

Eckenrode made a **MOTION** to adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried.

Adjournment: 6:22 pm.

Minutes by Makuchan and Clark.