

# **PENNSYLVANIA MINING PROFESSIONALS (PMP)**

## **March 11, 2025 MEETING MINUTES**

### **Business Meeting Summary (10:00 am – 10:09 am)**

Meeting was called to order at 10:00am. Introductions of attendees were made. The secretary's report was reviewed and accepted, first motion by Ken King, seconded by Terry Schmidt. The Treasurer's report was reviewed and accepted, first motion to approve by Ben Gardner, seconded by Terry Schmidt. The treasurer reported a healthy bank balance and plans to purchase a stereo system for better communication during meetings, as well as future donations.

### **Technical Forum (10:09am – 11:11am)**

Rachel Gleason, of PA Coal Alliance, provided an update on federal executive orders affecting the energy industry, including regulatory freezes and expedited project reviews. The discussion also covered state-level issues, including the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) lawsuit and Governor Shapiro's proposed budget with significant tax increases. There is a growing emphasis on ecological offsets and mitigation efforts in Pennsylvania due to regulatory requirements affecting various industries.

Rachel mentioned ongoing legislative efforts related to coal mining regulations, energy efficiency standards, and potential impacts from Maryland's proposed coal transportation fee. Cliffs' potential takeover of US steel poses a significant threat to coal suppliers, likely to lead to a further decline in coal prices due to reduced competition. The merger between Consol and Arch complicates the coal market, particularly affecting Pennsylvania suppliers with increased competition for port access. The Rise PA initiative has resumed accepting applications for EPA industrial decarbonization grants, aimed at funding various projects in the mining sector.

Upcoming PCA events include a technical committee meeting on May 15 and an annual membership meeting on June 12, focusing on regulatory updates and industry concerns.

The DEP is updating water supply replacement guidelines, which could impact both coal and aggregate industries, with public comments expected soon.

The group engaged in a roundtable discussion concerning issues experienced with PA DEP permitting procedures and backlog. Many consultants/producers have the same issues with DEP personnel regarding lack of timely communication and lack of consistent application of regulations.

Regarding Corsa Coal bankruptcy, Ben Gardner reports there is approximately \$35 million in trust funds that will be forfeited, leading to significant financial implications. Approximately 400 people are expected to lose their jobs due to the ongoing bankruptcy situation. The need for

upfront cash has led to bankruptcy decisions that have further complicated the situation. The bankruptcy auction did not go well, prompting an extension for more bids and a potential breakdown of assets into smaller pieces. Regulatory demands have complicated the financial situation, with some calculations deemed unreasonable by stakeholders.

**Technical Presentation (11:26 am – 12:30pm): Jon Kasitz, Resource Environmental Solutions, LLC**

• **Topic: Introduction to Ecological Offsets (More than just wetland banking)**

As regulations covering every form of land-development project (mining, energy, transportation, commercial/residential, etc) continue to evolve, more and more projects are requiring one or more types of compensatory mitigation or ‘ecological offsets’ to mitigate the project’s unavoidable impacts to sensitive environmental resources, such as wetlands, riparian buffers, and endangered species, and water-quality. The ecological offset market started in the 1990’s with wetland mitigation banking (fill in one acre of wetland, replace one acre somewhere else), but now in PA also includes streams, riparian buffers, endangered species (bats in particular), and water-quality (MS4 and NPDES). Jon will provide an overview of how these ecological offsets work, how they’re applied to projects, how private companies like RES develop ‘credits’, and will be informative to help project-developers and consultants ensure that ecological offsets are identified early in the due diligence and permitting process, to keep your project on schedule and budget (and compliant with state and federal regulations).

Adjourn the Meeting, at 12:36 p.m.

These minutes were prepared by *Kayla Kabina, Secretary*.

**PDH awarded: 2.25 hrs.**

3/12/25 Sign In

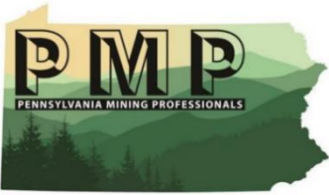
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### Virtual Attendees

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Nicole Cimabue

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## PMP 1st Quarter Meeting Agenda March 12, 2025, 10:00 AM

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### Business Meeting

- Call to Order
- Introductions of Attendees
- Secretary's Report & Approval of Minutes
- Treasurer's Report
- Future Speakers/Venues
- New Business

### Technical Forum:

- PACA Updates – Megan Dennis
- PCA Updates – Rachel Gleason
- Water Supply Replacement TGDS
- PA DEP SPEED Program
- RISE PA Grants
- DEP Offices Merging Workloads
- DEP Backlog/Reviews
- Member Items/Open Discussion

### Presentation

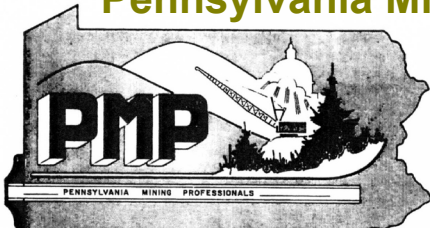
- **Speaker: Jon Kasitz, Resource Environmental Solutions, LLC**
  - **Bio:** *Jon Kasitz has over two decades of experience helping public and private clients solve complex environmental challenges, specifically those regarding wetlands, streams, and endangered species. His ten years at RES have been highlighted by the development of creative ecological offsets and water quality solutions for many of the largest infrastructure projects around the state, as well as the expansion of the wetland, stream, and endangered species mitigation banking industry. As Client Solutions Manager at RES, Jon has successfully connected private companies, State agencies, and Municipalities across Pennsylvania with the best and most cost-effective solutions to their compensatory mitigation, water quality and aquatic resource challenges. Jon lives in Coatesville, Chester County and enjoys both working and recreating in the woods, fields and streams of Pennsylvania.*
  - **Topic: Introduction to Ecological Offsets (More than just wetland banking)** -- *As regulations covering every form of land-development project (mining, energy, transportation, commercial/residential, etc) continue to evolve, more and more projects are requiring one or more types of compensatory mitigation or 'ecological offsets' to mitigate the project's unavoidable impacts to sensitive environmental resources, such as wetlands, riparian buffers, and endangered species, and water-quality. The ecological offset market started in the 1990's with wetland mitigation banking (fill in one acre of wetland, replace one acre somewhere else), but now in PA also includes streams, riparian buffers, endangered species (bats in particular), and water-quality (MS4 and NPDES). Jon will provide an overview of how these ecological offsets work, how they're applied to projects, how private companies like RES develop 'credits', and will be informative to help project-developers and consultants ensure that ecological offsets are identified early in the due diligence and permitting process, to keep your project on schedule and budget (and compliant with state and federal regulations).*

### Adjournment

*No lunch provided this time. For anyone who wants to, we can meet for lunch after the meeting at the groups choosing.*

**\*Note: Virtual Link will be available and provided prior to meeting. PDH Credits will be awarded.**

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March 12, 2025

<b>Previous Balance Reported at the December 2024 PMP Meeting</b>	<b><u>\$9,157.42*</u></b>
EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
Windber Country Club – Check #1007	\$ 979.02
Jordan Rodgers (Q1 Meeting Deposit) – Check #1008	\$ 502.44
PCA Dues – Check #1009	\$1,500.00
<b>Expenditures Subtotal</b>	<b><u>\$2,981.46</u></b>
INCOME	AMOUNT
Dues	\$3,265.00
<b>Income Subtotal</b>	<b><u>\$3,265.00</u></b>
<b>Present Balance Total December 11, 2024</b>	<b><u>\$9,440.96</u></b>
Total = (Previous Balance - Expenditures Subtotal) + Income Subtotal	
Outstanding Expense 1 – Planned Donations (3k)	- \$3,000.00
Q4 Meeting Costs for Meal & Venue	- \$500.00
Sound System	- \$400.00
<b><u>CASH FORECAST</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,540.96</u></b>

Respectfully Submitted,

*David B. Gardner*

David “Ben” Gardner,  
 Treasurer