

## PMP 4th Quarter Meeting Agenda December 11, 2024, 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
- Election Results
- PA DEP SPEED Program
- RISE PA Grants
- DEP Offices Merging Workloads
- PAG-02 Update
- MSHA Silica Rule
- Member Items/Open Discussion

### Presentation

- **Speaker: Zachary Hordeski, PG; Hydrogeologist – Endeavor Professional Services**

- **Bio:** *Graduated from Penn State with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geoscience in 2017. Started his career with 6 years of hands-on field work as the lead geophysicist at Earth Data Northeast, where he participated in hundreds of hydrogeologic investigations and environmental projects. Through this job he gained extensive experience performing borehole geophysics and downhole video surveys. Over 6 years, he logged over 500 boreholes, across a variety of geologic environments. At the earliest opportunity, he acquired his Pennsylvania PG license and began administering geologic consulting as a professional geologist. In 2023, he was recruited to work for Endeavor Professional Services as a hydrogeologist. Shortly after joining Endeavor, he started his own borehole geophysical logging service to support water supply and environmental projects across Pennsylvania. He now seeks to expand this service to the mining industry.*

- **Topic: Eliminate Uncertainty - The Applications of Borehole Geophysics to Mining Exploration**

This presentation focuses on the advantages of utilizing borehole geophysics during the exploration phase of subsurface mineral exploration. After providing an explanation of each of the essential geophysical probes, this presentation highlights how these tools can be used to provide a set of quantifiable, precise, and repeatable data including key lithologic data, structural data, and several other data sets crucial to subsurface exploration.

### Adjournment

*Lunch to be provided by PA Mining Professionals & Windber Country Club immediately following the meeting. A special thanks to Pat Replogle & Mountain Research for organizing with the venue. Donations for lunch are at each members discretion and greatly appreciated.*

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

## **PENNSYLVANIA MINING PROFESSIONALS (PMP)**

### **December 11, 2024 MEETING MINUTES**

#### **Business Meeting Summary (10:13 AM – 10:20 AM)**

PMP President Jordan Rodgers called the meeting to order at 10:13 AM. The minutes from the September 11, 2024, meeting were approved. Treasurer Ben Gardner reported a healthy balance and plans for future investments, including a new speaker system for virtual members and potential scholarships for mining students. The Treasurer's report was unanimously approved (see attached).

Dues will be sent out soon, and while we have a speaker for the next meeting, we still need additional speakers for the year. We are considering the Indiana County area for the next meeting; details will follow.

#### **Technical Forum (10:20-10:53)**

##### PACA Update from Megan Dennis:

PACA is monitoring the upcoming technical guidance on underground benching and anticipates several comments once it's published. We are also reviewing the EPA Echo database submitted by DEP due to discrepancies in timelines that may lead to misleading violations. Timely comments on regulatory changes are crucial, especially with deadlines approaching in early 2024. We also discussed OSHA's new heat injury prevention rule for worker in high temperatures.

##### PCA Update for Rachel Gleason:

Rachel provided updates on election member changes and discussed ongoing issues with REGGIE. The Pennsylvania Supreme Court recently reversed the Commonwealth Court's denial of intervention by nonprofits, allowing their appeals to proceed.

The OSM's ten-day notice rule now treats all violations equally and has removed the requirement for citizens to contact state regulatory authorities before reporting issues. It also allows multiple violations to be combined into a single notice and establishes timelines for state responses.

Several technical guidance documents related to water supply replacements and insurance requirements are also under review.

##### PA DEP Speed Program

The PA DEP Speed Program, launched last fall, streamlines permits for economic development by allowing the use of DEP-approved professionals for initial permit reviews. The DEP is required to make final decisions or identify issues within a specific timeframe. Currently, the program does not include mining, as DEP is still working with the PayBack System in that area.

To qualify as a DEP-approved professional, applicants must:

- *Have at least five years of relevant permitting experience*
- *Hold all necessary professional licenses*
- *Have no felony convictions or license revocations in the last ten years*
- *Be accountable for costs if a review is inadequate*
- *Have not worked for the applicant in the last three years*

Participation in the program has been limited.

### Rise PA Grants

Updates on various environmental regulations and grant opportunities were provided, including Rise PA funding for decarbonization projects. Discussions included potential donations for scholarships or funds before year-end.

### DEP Offices Merging Workloads

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### PAG 02 Update

Update is on the fact sheet on the elibrary, went into effect December 7 of this year. General standards for Stormwater discharges and an Annual Report to be submitted each year by December 7, which will be the anniversary of the general permits expiration date to provide information on the status of the project.

### MSHA Silica Rule

The new compliance date is in April. If your measurements fall between 25 and 50, you could face an ongoing sampling challenge. The only way to reduce levels below this is through engineering controls. The NSSGA has also filed a lawsuit against MSHA regarding the silica rule, and this will move forward next year. Start sampling now to gather your data.

### DEP Update

Sam Faith and Dave Thomas have highlighted that the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is focusing on payback and reducing the backlog, with strong support from upper management. The staff is effectively managing payback, our top priority, and working to minimize the backlog in the first quarter of next year. Recently, several incentives were issued for non-responsiveness to information requests. It's essential that all applications are complete; otherwise, they will be denied to avoid delaying our deadlines.

### **Technical Presentation (11:05-12:00)**

Speaker: Zachary Hordeski, PG; Hydrogeologist – Endeavor Professional Services

Topic: Eliminate Uncertainty - The Applications of Borehole Geophysics to Mining Exploration

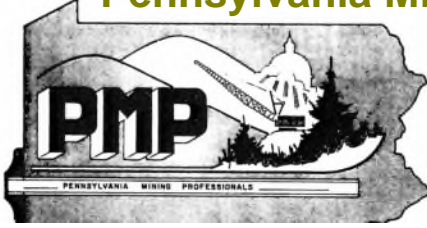
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Adjourn the Meeting: The motion to adjourn was unanimously approved, at 12:00 p.m.

These minutes were prepared by Kayla Kabina, Secretary.

**PDH: 2.0 hrs**

# Pennsylvania Mining Professionals



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**December 11, 2024**

<b>Previous Balance Reported at the September 2024 PMP Meeting</b>	<b><u>\$10,613.92*</u></b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
UPJ – Check #1004	\$1,086.50
Liberty Mutual Insurance – Check #1005	\$ 520.00
<b>Expenditures Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Dues	\$150.00
<b>Income Subtotal</b>	<b><u>\$150.00</u></b>
<b>Present Balance Total December 11, 2024</b>	<b><u>\$9,157.42</u></b>
Total = (Previous Balance - Expenditures Subtotal) + Income Subtotal	
Outstanding Expense 1 – Planned Donations (3k)	- \$3,000.00
Q4 Meeting Costs for Meal & Venue	- \$1,000.00
Sound System	- \$400.00
<b><u>CASH FORECAST</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,757.42</u></b>

Respectfully Submitted,

*David B. Gardner*

David “Ben” Gardner,  
Treasurer

# Non-Profit Checking

PNC Bank





For the Period 11/01/2024 to 11/29/2024

Primary Account Number: XX-XXXX-9851

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Number of enclosures: 0

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## IMPORTANT ACCOUNT NOTIFICATION

PNC Online Banking is an easy and convenient way to manage your cash flow. Enroll in PNC Online Banking by visiting [PNC.com/Enroll](https://PNC.com/Enroll). To enroll, you will need your business employer identification number (EIN) or Social Security Number (SSN), Online Access PIN and PNC Account Number. Your Online Access PIN is a 4-digit number that you may have set when you opened your account or received in the mail after opening your account.

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## IMPORTANT ACCOUNT INFORMATION

Effective January 1, 2025, charges for certain Treasury Management services will change. The impact of these changes on your business will depend on the mix of services you use at PNC and your transaction volume. If applicable, the fees for some of the services may be reduced or offset by the Earnings Credit for your account.

Treasury Management services, which may be subject to change, include but are not limited to Automated Clearing House (ACH), Cash Logistics, Cash Flow Insight, Account Reconciliation, Direct to Debit, Electronic Data Interchange (EDI), ePayments, Integrated Payables, Integrated Receivables, Invoice Automation, PINACLE, PayerExpress, Print Mail, Purchase Card, Real Time Payments, Remote Deposit, Wire Transfer services.

Among the changes that become effective January 1, 2025, the following Wire Fees will be impacted for Business Banking clients, including but not limited to the following:

The fee for INCOMING BOOK TRANSFERS will be \$5.50 each.

The fee for INCOMING INTERNATIONAL WIRE TRANSFERS will be \$21 each.

The fee for WIRE TRANSFER MANUAL REPAIR will be \$18 each.

The fee for WIRE COPIES will be \$21 each.

We would be happy to review with you the changes that are applicable to your account and discuss other services or options that may address the evolving needs of your business. Current Treasury Management charges are listed on your monthly statement, if applicable.


If you are interested in a review, please contact Treasury Management Client Care (TMCC) at 1-800-669-1518.

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## IMPORTANT ACCOUNT INFORMATION

The information below amends certain information in our Business Schedules of Service Charges and Fees and our Features and Fees ("Schedules"). All other information in our Schedules continues to apply to your account. Please read this information and retain it with your records.

# Non-Profit Checking

 For 24-hour account information, sign-on to [pnc.com/mybusiness/](https://pnc.com/mybusiness/)

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PENNSYLVANIA MINING PROFESSIONALS  
Primary Account Number: XX-XXXX-9851  
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Non-Profit Checking Account Number: XX-XXXX-9851 - continued

Effective October 14, 2024, the \$3.00 fee for Debit Card Cash Advances completed in PNC Bank Branches has been eliminated.

## Non-Profit Checking Summary

PENNSYLVANIA MINING PROFESSIONALS

Account number: XX-XXXX-9851

Overdraft Protection has not been established for this account.  
Please contact us if you would like to set up this service.

## Balance Summary

Beginning balance	Deposits and other additions	Checks and other deductions	Ending balance
9,007.42	150.00	.00	9,157.42
Average ledger balance	Average collected balance		
9,100.52	9,098.79		

## Deposits and Other Additions

Description	Items	Amount
Deposits	1	150.00
Total	1	150.00

## Checks and Other Deductions

Description	Items	Amount
Total	0	.00

## Daily Balance

Date	Ledger balance	Date	Ledger balance
11/01	9,007.42	11/12	9,157.42

## Activity Detail

### Deposits and Other Additions

#### Deposits

Date posted	Amount	Transaction description	Reference number
11/12	150.00	Deposit	031321317

### Detail of Services Used During Current Period

Note: The total charge for the following services will be posted to your account on 12/02/2024 and will appear on your next statement as a single line item entitled Service Charge Period Ending 11/29/2024.

\*\* Combined Transactions include ACH Credits, ACH Debits, Checks Paid, Deposited Item - Consolidated, Deposit Tickets Processed

Description	Volume	Amount	
Monthly Account Maintenance Fee		.00	Requirements Met
Monthly Combined Transactions	3	.00	Included in Account
Deposited Item - Consolidated	2	.00	
Deposit Tickets Processed	1	.00	
Total For Services Used This Period		.00	
Total Service Charge		.00	