

MINING AND RECLAMATION ADVISORY BOARD (BOARD)

SPECIAL MEETING

**Tuesday, May 15, 2012
Harrisburg, PA
Rachel Carson State Office Building
Room 105**

Voting Members/Alternates: Cynthia Carrow (Member), Terry Dayton (Alternate), Allison Dutrey (Alternate), George Ellis (Alternate), Duane Feagley (Alternate), Josie Gaskey (Alternate), Marjorie Hughes (Alternate), Mike Kishbaugh (Alternate), Darrel Lewis (Alternate), David Osikowicz (Member), Tara Smith (Alternate), Burt Waite (Member)

Other Attendees: Bill Allen (DEP), Robert Altenburg (DEP), Tom Callaghan (DEP), Bruce Carl (DEP), Jim Charowsky (DEP), Sarah Clark (House Environmental Resources & Energy), Paul Pocavich (DEP), Michelle Tate (DEP)

Points of Interest

Due to short notice, members and alternates were given the option to participate via a telephone conference if they so desired. David Osikowicz, Allison Dutrey, George Ellis and Darrel Lewis took advantage of this option.

This was a special meeting convened to discuss the two subjects summarized below. No other Board business was conducted.

Meeting Called to Order

David Osikowicz chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at approximately 2:00 PM. He welcomed everyone and asked that they introduce themselves.

Coal Mining Permit Fees Rulemaking Package

Bill Allen briefed the Board on the status of the Coal Mining Permit Fees rulemaking package. Mr. Allen informed the Board that public comment period had closed with no comments. He then read a letter addressed to Secretary Krancer from David Summer, Executive Director of the Independent Regulatory Review Commission. The letter read "The Independent Regulatory Review Commission has reviewed your proposed regulations. We have no objections, comments, or recommendations to offer on this regulation. If you deliver the final-form regulation without revisions, and the committees do not take any action, it will be deemed approved." With this the Chair opened up the meeting for comments and discussions but there were none. A motion was made to vote on the rulemaking package as final and the motion was made and then seconded. A vote was taken viva voce to accept the rulemaking package as final and it was unanimous in favor to accept it as final.

2011 Reclamation and Remining Incentive Report

The Board was told that they would be receiving a draft of the 2011 Reclamation and Remining Incentive Report for comments and/or objections. Any comments received will be incorporated into the final report and any objections will be addressed accordingly.

Adjourn

The Chair called for the meeting to be adjourned.