

MINUTES OF THE ALLEGHENY CBP WORKING GROUP MEETING

A meeting of the Allegheny Community Benefits Plan (CBP) Working Group was held on Thursday, January 23, 2025, at the Locust Court Building in Harrisburg, Pa.

Call to Order

Chairman Gary Hennip called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Roll Call

Present were:

Gary L. Hennip, Claverack (Chairman)
Joshua C. Sechler, Somerset (Vice Chairman)
Steven R. Rasmussen, Adams
Donald E. Hoenstine, Bedford
Matthew P. Boshaw, Central
Mark A. Morrison, New Enterprise
Lisa R. Chausse, Northwestern
Chad E. Carrick, REA Energy
John C. Lykens, Sullivan County
Dr. Barbara B. Miller, Sussex
Rachel Hauser/Aaron Young, Tri-County
Timothy D. Burkett, United
Richard S. Bauer, Valley
Edgar Burris Jr., Warren

Staff in attendance: Peter A. Fitzgerald, Kristin L. Bleiler and Stephanie M. Okuniewski

Meeting Minutes

The committee unanimously approved the minutes of the October 30, 2024, meeting.

Additions to the Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

Community Benefits Plan Update

Staff provided an update on the Community Benefits Plan (CBP) for the Empowering Rural America (New ERA) program, including reviewing the background of program and funding requirements. The group discussed revisions to the draft CBP. Staff also provided an update on current actions taking place to meet the New ERA program and CBP requirements, including running Allegheny-branded articles in *Penn Lines*, working closely with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, and developing a New ERA and CBP webpage hosted on the PREA website. Staff then shared important upcoming dates and next steps with the group.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business brought before the committee.

New Business

There was no new business brought before the committee.

Adjournment

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:03 a.m.