

MINUTES OF THE ALLEGHENY CBP WORKING GROUP MEETING

A meeting of the Allegheny Community Benefits Plan (CBP) Working Group was held on Wednesday, October 30, 2024, at The Hotel Hershey in Hershey, Pa.

Call to Order

Chairman Gary Hennip called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.

Roll Call

Present were:

Gary L. Hennip, Claverack (Chairman)
Joshua C. Sechler, Somerset (Vice Chairman)
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

Absent: Steven R. Rasmussen, Adams

Guest in attendance: P. Timothy Vought, Somerset

Staff in attendance: Peter A. Fitzgerald, Kristin L. Bleiler and Matthew J. Leonard

Community Benefits Plan

Staff provided an overview of the CBP for the New Empowering Rural America (New ERA) project. In order for Allegheny to receive funding from Rural Utilities Service, a CBP is required and must undergo review. Under the New ERA program requirements, the CBP must meet certain criteria and follow a checklist of items for approval.

The working group, representing stakeholders impacted by the New ERA project, reviewed proposed community benefits, including a partnership with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and an expansion of the cooperative demand-response program. Staff also presented a timeline for the next steps for drafting the CBP for review and submission.

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 9:48 a.m.