

## EPCAMR 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Board Meeting

April 20<sup>th</sup> 2006 Tentative Agenda

Columbia County Conservation District Small Conference Room

6:30 PM	<b>Call to Order – Sign-in Sheet</b>	Ed Wytovich, President
	<b>Motion to Accept &amp; Approve Minutes from January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2006</b>	Josh Longmore, Secretary
	<b>Treasurer’s Report</b>	Cheryl Brobst, Treasurer
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• EPCAMR Business Checking Account</li><li>• Update on the Possible “New Bank”</li></ul>	
	<b>President’s Report (See Watershed Report)</b>	Ed Wytovich
	<b>Staff Reports (See Page 2 for Highlights)</b>	Staff
	<b>Old Business</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NA</li></ul>	Robert Hughes
	<b>New Business</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introducing Devon Rother, OSM Summer Watershed Intern</li><li>• New AMD Resource Recovery Product – EPCAMR Chalk</li><li>• Memorandum of Agreement with the Luzerne Conservation District</li><li>• Application for State Tax Exemption</li><li>• “Donation Transactions” via the Website</li><li>• AML Campaign Update</li></ul>	Robert Hughes
	<b>Correspondence and Information</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• News Articles and Publicity in Manila Envelope</li><li>• Thank You from DCNR Nolde Forest Educational Center for tour</li><li>• Thank You from DCNR Lackawanna State Park Community Connections Program for tour</li><li>• Thank You from Dave Hess</li><li>• Thank You from the Citizens Advisory Council for presentation</li></ul>	Mike Hewitt
	<b>Grants/Conferences, Events, Workshops</b>	Robert Hughes
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Visit <a href="http://www.OrangeWaterNetwork.org">www.OrangeWaterNetwork.org</a> for EPCAMR’s <b>Interactive Yahoo! Calendar, EC Express NewsFlash and Fla\$hGrant\$ Now with Daily Desktop Updates</b> via the <b>EPCAMR RSS Reader</b></li><li>• <b>“Get Back to Nature”</b> – May 13<sup>th</sup> @ Nescopeck State Park</li><li>• <b>Bear Creek Festival</b> -- May 24<sup>th</sup> 12-4@ Schuylkill Co. Fairgrounds</li><li>• <b>West Branch Symposium</b> – May 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> 2006 @ Penn Stater, State College, PA</li><li>• <b>8<sup>th</sup> Annual AMD Conference</b> – August 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> 2006 @ the Atherton Hotel, State College, PA</li><li>• <b>Penn-State Conservation Leadership School Program</b>-Two Sessions June 25-July 1, 2006; July 9-15, 2006</li></ul>	
	<b>Watershed Reports (See Watershed Report)</b>	All
8:30 PM	<b>Next Meeting Date <u>July 20, 2006</u> and Adjournment</b>	

## EPCAMR Staff and Program Staff Reports (January 2006 to April 2006)

### Regional Coordinator's Highlights

- Made 2 AMD/AML Presentations (Bryn Mawr College and Firwood UMC)
- Conducted 3 watershed tours with EPCAMR staff (Schuylkill Valley, Lackawanna Valley and Wyoming Valley).
- EPCAMR Staff prepared 3 Growing Greener Applications, an application to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and a Western PA Watershed Protection Foundation Proposal
- Involved with 4 regional/state-wide planning meetings (COALS, PAEE, AMD Conference, and Sullivan CCD Strategic)

Robert Hughes,  
Regional  
Coordinator

*Monthly Reports  
for all staff are  
available online for  
your review*

### Watershed Outreach Coordinator's (WOC) Highlights

- Made 6 maps and 9 presentations of the new PA Reclaimed AML and AMD Treatment Systems Map with RC to gain support for the AML Trust Fund Reauthorization (including to the DEP Secretary). Updated the PA AML GIS CD (Version 6) to share with cooperating agencies
- Prepared a proposal to the Fund for Wild Nature Foundation
- Produced a study using the data for UGI showing nearly 200 Million Tons of culm available for co-generation energy production
- Continued to update and add to [www.OrangeWaterNetwork.org](http://www.OrangeWaterNetwork.org)

Mike Hewitt

### Municipal GIS Technician's (MGT) Highlights

- 2 Municipal GIS Workshops (Old Forge and Archibald)
- Photo inventoried St. Johns Creek for Old Forge Borough and Gardner Creek with WDC.
- 6 maps for educational presentations and continuing to meet with municipalities produce maps
- **Spring 2006 EPCAMR/NFWF Municipal GIS Workshop Series**  
See Rob Lavelle for details or e-mail [rlavelle@epcamr.org](mailto:rlavelle@epcamr.org) ; EPCAMR still seeking host municipalities throughout the Region

Rob Lavelle

### Watershed Development Coordinator's (WDC) Highlights

- Presented Avondale Hill Community Projects with students from the Wilkes-Barre Area Vocational-Technical School to the Plymouth Township Board of Supervisors on 2/6 and received their support. Presented students with the EPCAMR Partnership Award at the Luzerne Conservation District Banquet. Wrote press releases about their achievement and enjoyed articles written about them in the newspapers.
- Attended meetings and established relationships with watershed and conservation organizations within the Wyoming Valley. Partnered with several organizations to assist with new projects.

Valerie Taylor

### Environmental Education Intern (EEI) Highlights

- Created AMD lesson plans for elementary, middle, and high school students and traveled to schools including Pittston Area and Lehman to talk to students about watersheds and AMD with WDC. Over 220 children were reached
- Working with Hanover Area School District to create a Fossil Program at the Luzerne Conservation District for 150 second graders on May 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Working with West Side Vo-Tech, a chalk block was created that can make 20 pieces of "EPCAMR AMD Chalk" at a time.

Pam Kattner