

EPCAMR 3rd Quarter Board Meeting

July 20th 2006 Tentative Agenda

FOOD - Luzerne Conservation District Conference Room - FOOD

6:30 PM

Call to Order – Sign-in Sheet

Ed Wytovich,
President

Motion to Accept & Approve Minutes from April 20th, 2006

Josh Longmore,
Secretary

Treasurer’s Report

- EPCAMR Business Checking Account
- Invest Program for Nonprofits
- EPCAMR Draft Budget FY 06/07

Cheryl Brobst,
Treasurer
Josh Longmore
Michael Hewitt

President’s Report (See Watershed Report)

Ed Wytovich,
President

Staff Reports (See Page 2 for Highlights)

Staff

Old Business

- NA

Robert Hughes

New Business

- EPCAMR Executive Committee Nominations
- Membership Drive Results
- EPCAMR “Online Store”
- AML Campaign Update
- Landscaper’s Advantage Compost
- PA Fish and Boat Commission Grant (Signature)

Robert Hughes
Michael Hewitt

Robert Hughes
Matt Mascaro
Robert Hughes

Correspondence and Information

- Correspondence, News Articles and Publicity in Manila Envelope

Robert Hughes

Grants/Conferences, Events, Workshops

- **South Street Cleanup** – July 22nd 8am – 12mp @ Nanticoke Terrace Community Room (233 South Street, Nanticoke, PA)
- **Spring 2006 NFWF Municipal GIS Workshop Series** – Next workshop: August 2nd @ Mt. Carmel Township Building from 8am – 10am. See Rob for more information and other workshop times / locations
- **Anthrascapes Art Show** – August 6th – 19th 2006 @ the Arts YOUiverse 3rd Floor Gallery, 156 S. Franklin St, Wilkes-Barre, PA
- **8th Annual AMD Conference** – August 24th - 26th 2006 @ the Atherton Hotel, State College, PA – ***DEADLINE to Register is July 28th***
- **Susquehanna River Conference** - September 23, 2006 @ Bucknell University
- Visit www.OrangeWaterNetwork.org for EPCAMR’s *Yahoo! Calendar, Message Board, EC Express NewsFlash and Fla\$hGrant\$* Now with Daily Desktop Updates via the *EPCAMR RSS Reader*

Valerie Taylor

Rob Lavelle

Devon Rother

Robert Hughes

Michael Hewitt

Watershed Reports (See Watershed Report)

All

8:30 PM

Next Meeting Date October 19th, 2006 and Adjournment

EPCAMR Staff and Program Staff Reports (April 2006 to July 2006)

Regional Coordinator's (RC) Highlights

- EPCAMR Staff conducted 3 AMD Tie Dye workshops, 4 general AMD/AML educational displays/presentations and 5 watershed tours
- EPCAMR Staff coordinated 2 COALS cleanups with Wilkes students at Sickler Hill and the LCD District Wetlands and participated in 2 other cleanups in the Wyoming Valley (Gardner Creek and Smith's Pond Rd.).
- Hosted the 3 –day ACCWT workshop at Penn State Wilkes-Barre for about 25 VISTA's throughout the northern Appalachian Coal Fields.
- Continue to be involved with 5 regional/state-wide planning meetings (COALS, PAEP, Pocono NE RC&D, AMD Conference and the West Br. Susq. River Task Force)
- Submitted a **\$20,000** PA DEP Environmental Education Grant

Robert Hughes,

Monthly Reports for all staff are available online for your review

Watershed Outreach Coordinator's (WOC) Highlights

- Produced 3 GIS maps for partners/watershed groups, made a GIS presentation and sent 3 GIS Data CDs.
- Created 2 new versions of ArcReader interactive GIS maps (UGI Culm Version 3 and PA AMD AML Version 6.1) with new DEP active mining information linked to e-facts
- Trained 2 EPCAMR Staff to monitor water quality on AMD streams.
- Continued to update www.orangewaternetwork.org and prepare for the AMD Conference in August

Michael Hewitt

Municipal GIS Technician's (MGT) Highlights

- Gave GIS presentation to Mt. View High School, Susquehanna County, along with hands-on GIS support
- Conducted NFWF GIS Workshops at Black Creek Township, Luzerne Co., Wiconisco Township, Dauphin Co. and Forest City Borough, Susquehanna Co.
- Completed NFWF GIS Maps for the following municipalities: Avoca Borough, Black Creek Township, Larksville Borough, City of Wilkes-Barre, and Swoyersville Borough, all in Luzerne County

Rob Lavelle

Watershed Development Coordinator's (WDC) Highlights

- Five workdays on Avondale Hill have included 36 volunteers with 320 hours put into preparing the site's gardens, finishing details of the memorial plaque, and clearing the parking area. The in-kind donations for this project within the past three months total: \$7300 (includes 20 tons of topsoil, perennial flowers and work supplies)
- One cleanup completed at the PPL Susquehanna Riverlands (5/18) and one in the works with Nanticoke Housing Authority (7/22) and COALS
- Continue to Co-Chair the program subcommittee of the AMR Conference.
- Pam Kattner and I presented the lesson plan we created to 1,000 youth at Freeland Elementary and Middle School for their Earth Day celebration.

Valerie Taylor

Anthracite Art Intern (AAI) Highlights

- Partnerships have been forged with the AFA Gallery, Sue Hand, Arts YOUiverse, En Plein Air Society, Shamrock Studio, Quixotic Art, and The Endless Mountains Council for the Arts as well as many other local artists.
- Gallery showing scheduled for the week of August 6th and 13th at the Third Floor Gallery in Arts YOUiverse.
- Artists have multiple finished pieces for our show and are constantly seeking more iron oxide pigment samples.
- The art community is abuzz about our project of turning AMD into Art and will do commissioned works for us next year if our subsequent grant from the Scranton Area Foundation comes through.

Devon Rother