

EPCAMR 3rd Quarter Board Meeting

Tentative Agenda - July 26th 2007

Luzerne Conservation District Environmental Education Center, Shavertown
ANNUAL PICNIC STARTS AT 5:30PM (Catered by "Leave It To Donna")

6:30 PM	Call to Order – Sign-in Sheet	Ed, President
	Motion to Accept & Approve Minutes from April 26th, 2007	Secretary
	Treasurer's Report	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Business Checking Account, PA Invest Account & Sub-Accounts; Opened a new Sub-Account for the GIS Mine Pool Mapping Growing Greener Grant-Deposited \$30,000.00• Ramada Conference Center, AMR Conference - \$10,189.45• Zodiac Printing Corporation-2000 EPCAMR Brochures-\$867.00• Kovalchik, Kollar & Co., LLP-Completion of 2006 990s- \$950.00	Cheryl, Treasurer
	President's Report	Ed
	AMR Program Reports (See highlights at the end of this Document)	AMR PG Staff
	Old Business	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update on DRAFT Luzerne CD / EPCAMR MOU Effort• Strategic Plan Update: Funding and Options (from last meeting)	Josh Robert / Mike
	New Business	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elections of Officers at the Annual Meeting-1 year term• <u>Discussion</u> to have a PA Anthracite Council/EPCAMR Board-Fall Meeting• <u>Discussion on</u> Considerations for Bloomsburg Fair 2007 (handout)• <u>Discussion / Motion to</u> approve Geisinger Health System Environmental Health Institute & Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Proposal to EPCAMR for GIS Technical Assistance; (Robert has e-mail)	Board Duane F. Robert / Mike
	Correspondence and Information	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• "2007 AMR Conference a Success" AML Post• Membership Renewals 2007• PA Council of Trout Unlimited Support of Title IV Reauthorization to BAMR• Anthracite Report-July 2007 from the PA Anthracite Council• FREEBIES – EPCAMR Brochures, RAMLIS 7.0 CDs & WPCAMR Title IV DVDs	Robert / Mike
	Grants/Conferences, Events, Workshops	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2007 Mined Land Reforestation Conference (ARRI); 8/7- 8/8 in Abingdon, VA -sponsored by the ARRI & SW Virginia Higher Ed. Ctr• Mauch Chunk Lake Heritage Festival, Jim Thorpe; 9/15;11AM-11PM; Bluegrass Musicians; Carbon Cty Parks & Rec. sponsored; Still taking exhibitors and vendors• 2nd Annual Susquehanna River Initiative Symposium; 9/29; 8:30AM-5PM; Bucknell U., Langone Center, Lewisburg; Reclamation DVD Documentary Preview-WVIA• Little Friendship Girl Scout Camp AMD Tie-Dye WS; 8/6, Forty-Fort• Pocono NE RC & DC Annual Mtg; 9/7 at the Pike Co. CD, Blooming Grove• Mid-Atlantic RC & DC Annual Mtg; 9/16 - 9/19 -Holiday Inn, Grantville• 153rd Annual Bloomsburg Fair 2007; 9/22 - 9/29	Robert
	Watershed Reports (See Watershed Report Document)	All
8:30 PM	Next Meeting Date October 18th, 2007 and Adjournment	

AMR Program Staff Highlights (May 2007 – July 2007)

Regional Coordinator's (RC) Highlights

- Provided Technical Assistance to Laffin Boro & Newport Township on available grant opportunities for stream restoration, stream remediation, & AML reclamation projects in their respective municipalities
- Submitted Quarterly Report for Bear Creek AMD Remediation Project, Dauphin Co.
- Met with Schuylkill CD and other partners on the Audenreid AMD Remediation Project, Schuylkill Co.
- AMR Program Staff conducted **7** AMD Education & Outreach Watershed PG & Tours: PA DCNR's Community Connections, Watershed Forum PG, Nature Interrupted Teacher Training Workshop, Youth Fishing PGs, combined total of **45** teachers and **391** youth. Also, **720** participants attended **3** AMD Tie-Dye Workshops; Bear Creek Festival, Schuylkill County, Luzerne Conservation District Field Day, and Woodland Resources Adventure Camp
- Interviewed by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation for an upcoming Reclamation Documentary Video on WVIA.
- AMR Program Staff presented to the SRBC Water Quality Advisory Committee on potential for continued partnership opportunities between the SRBC, watershed groups, and land reclamation-oriented organizations within the Basin
- Attended the National ESRI GIS Conference in San Diego, CA to present on EPCAMR's work with GIS and RAMLIS in PA
- EPCAMR AMR Program Staff attended, presented, and help to facilitate discussions at **3** Title IV Town Meetings throughout PA with the WPCAMR, PA DEP, BAMR, CAC, and MRAB
- EPCAMR & the LCD received the **1st Place** NCAC Community Development Award for 2007 for our support of the Avondale Reclamation Community Gardens & Historical Preservation Project
- Conducted **1** Streamside Cleanup that netted **320 pounds** of trash from Smiths Pond Road, near work and **1** COALS Cleanup at the Newport Cemetary/AML Site with **45** Wilkes University Freshman netting over **100 bags** of trash and **48 tires**

Robert Hughes

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

Watershed Outreach Coordinator's (WOC) Highlights

- Attended, presented, and help to facilitate discussions at an additional **6** Title IV Town Meetings throughout PA with the WPCAMR, PA DEP, BAMR, CAC, and MRAB
- Performed a Routine Wetlands Delineation with EPCAMR Intern along Hicks Creek within the Stream Restoration project boundaries.
- Produced 115 maps / 3 statistical data sets for EPCAMR Partners and added information to 3 EPCAMR GIS Databases (mine pool, infiltration points & tunnels).
- Updated RAMLIS to v.7.0 with 2007 PA DEP Data files (AMLIS, Active Mining Sites, Integrated List of Streams, Beneficial Use Sites...) and more background files live from PASDA.
- Provided technical assistance to PEC and the Catawissa Creek Restoration Association via maps and input for their Rivers Conservation Plan.
- Provided DEP 319 Program staff with Fiscal Year 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 AMR Program Grant deliverables.
- AMR Program Staff coordinated the 9th Annual Statewide AMR Conference via conference calls and e-mails. The conference was held July 20-21 at the Ramada Inn, State College, PA. **131** Attendees, **3** Tracks consisting of **17** presentations, **22** exhibitors. Lots of smiles and networking. Kept attendees informed about the latest on the conference via www.treatminewater.com

Michael Hewitt