

EPCAMR 4th Quarter Board Meeting

Tentative Agenda - October 25th 2007

Columbia County Conservation District Small Meeting Room

6:30 PM	Call to Order – Sign-in Sheet	Ed, President
	Motion to Accept & Approve Minutes from July 26th, 2007	Cathy, Secretary
	Treasurer’s Report	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Business Checking Account, PA Invest Account & Sub-Accounts• BCO and Tax Exempt Forms- update from Kovalchik, Kollar & Co., LLP	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">• <u>Motion to</u> approve the Luzerne CD / EPCAMR MOU• <u>Update of</u> Strategic Plan: Funding and Options	Josh Robert / Mike
	New Business	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Discussion of</u> SMCRA Title 4 with J. Scott Roberts, PA DEP BAMR• <u>Motion to</u> enter into the PEC Catawissa Creek Rivers Conservation Plan Contract Agreement• <u>Motion to</u> enter into the PEC Manure and Mine Lands Contract Agreement• <u>Discussion/Motion to</u> enter into the DCCD MOA & Ian Palmer Mine Pool Mapping Grant Contract Agreements• <u>Motion to</u> approve EPCAMR Bumper stickers quote from Zodiac Printing• <u>Discussion / Review of</u> the Bloomsburg Fair Exhibit Effort• <u>Discussion / Review of</u> the 2ND Annual Susquehanna River Watershed Symposium and the EPCAMR/PAC Joint Meeting	J. Scott Roberts Robert / Mike Board
	Correspondence and Information	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Membership Renewals 2007; SWAP Membership with ARIPPA• WPCAMR FACTS Technical Assistance Grant Program needs takers• FREEBIES – 5 more WPCAMR Title IV DVDs	Mike
	Grants/Conferences, Events, Workshops	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ARIPPA Monthly Meeting, October 30, 2007 9am-12pm Pottsville Club• ARIPPA Holiday Social, December 11, 2007 State College, PA• PAEE Conference 2008, February 29-March 2, Antiochian Village, 6 miles N of Ligonier—“LEEap In!”• CVI NSCD Construction Management Workshop, Fall 2007, Leadmine, W. VA (3 days-\$650.00)• CVI Mid-Atlantic Stream Restoration Conference, November 7-9, 2007-Rocky Gap Resort, Cumberland, MD• PACD / SCC Joint Meeting January 16-18, 2008	Robert
	Watershed Reports (See Watershed Report Document)	All
8:30 PM	Next Meeting Date <u>January 24th, 2008</u> and Adjournment	

AMR Program Staff 3rd Quarter Highlights (August 2007 – October 2007)

Regional Coordinator's (RC) Highlights

- Provided Technical Assistance to Avoca Boro on available grant opportunities for stream restoration, stream remediation, & AML reclamation projects in their municipality; EPCAMR Staff will be producing a few GIS Maps for them related to AML and stormwater management at their request
- Submitted Final Reports to OSM for Bear Creek AMD Remediation Project, Dauphin Co. and the Audenreid AMD Remediation Project, Schuylkill Co.
- Submitted the Final Report to the PA Fish & Boat Commission for the "From City Streets to Valley Streams" Wyoming Valley Watershed/Aquatics Grant **58** youth and **13** adults were introduced to the art of fishing, utilizing the PA F& BC Smart Angler Program, as well as mad more aware of some of the environmental problems related to water quality impacts to the Wyoming Valley's rivers & streams
- AMR Program Staff conducted **5** AMD Education & Outreach Watershed PG & Tours: Little Friendship Girl Scout Camp, Forty-Fort-Tie-dyed **100** AMD T-shirts with **100** elementary-aged children; Luzerne County Parks/Recreation Summer Program, Moon Lake County Park-Tie-dyed **60** AMD T-shirts; Youth Fishing Program at Moon Lake County Park, Plymouth Township-**15** people attended-**5** made AMD Tie Dyes; Carbon County Mauch Chunk Lake Park's 1st Annual Heritage Fest 2007 coordinated by a former EPCAMR EE Intern, Pam Kattner; **200** people in attendance; **25** AMD Tie-Dye T-shirts created; EPCAMR-co-sponsor; Audenreid AMD Tour with Hazleton Area School District Gifted 8th Grade Classes-**35** students
- Attended the **2nd** Annual Susquehanna River Symposium, Bucknell U. as a Keynote Speaker-EPCAMR was a co-sponsor; **75** people in attendance
- Assisted Angela Bestwick, Dallas Area 5th grade Elementary Teacher with putting in a **\$10,000** grant application to Busch-Gardens/Sea World, in partnership with EPCAMR, the Luzerne Conservation District, and the Dallas Area School District on a project that integrates GIS, AML, and Wetlands Plant Identification and Delineation on the Conservation District Wetlands, Hanover Twp.
- Conducted **1** AML Cleanup at the Site of the Avondale Mine Disaster that netted **150** pounds of trash and **40** pieces of wood from an old deck from the AML site
- Set up **2nd** **Anthrascapes AMD Art Show**-Widman Gallery, King's College W-B

Robert
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Watershed Outreach Coordinator's (WOC) Highlights

- Moved the EPCAMR Office upstairs in the LCD Building.
- Attended, presented, and help to facilitate discussions at an additional **2** Title IV Town Meetings throughout PA with the WPCAMR, PA DEP, BAMR, CAC, and MRAB. There were a total of **10** Meetings in 2007 spread throughout PA Coal Country.
- Distributed an additional **24** RAMLIS v.7.0 CDs to attendees of the SMCRA Title 4 Townhall Meetings. Many responses were from **1** article in the Clearfield Progress.
- Added to **3** (mine pools/geobasins, infiltration points & tunnels) and created **2** new EPCAMR GIS Layers (barrier Pillars & flow paths) related to the Mine Pool Mapping Project, Printed **8** maps and **4** posters for AMR Program partners.
- AMR Program Staff conducted **4** AMD Tie Dye Workshops, a follow-up AMR Conference Call, exhibited at the Bloomsburg Fair, presented on the Jeddo Tunnel, aided in a trail development project on LCD Grounds and provided **1** CD of Teacher Training Resources to new LCD EE Coordinator in the name of environmental education.
- Attended a SAN Mtg., PEC Manure and Mine Lands Conference Call, and an H&H Study Presentation on Hicks and Abrahams Creeks, the PA Anthracite Council Meeting and the Non-Point Source Liaison Workgroup Meeting.
- Continue to update www.orangewaternetwork.org, www.treatminewater.com & www.friendsofthescopceck.org

Michael Hewitt