

EPCAMR 4th Quarter Board Meeting

Minutes - October 25th 2007

Columbia County Conservation District Small Meeting Room

- 7:00 PM** **Call to Order – Attendance:** Bruno Najaka, Mary Wagner, Tim Ference, Josh Ed, President
Longmore, Paul Lohin, Ed Wytovich, Cheryl Brobst, Judy Becker, Al Mabus, Alana
Roberts, M. Irvil Kear, John Orr, Mike Pothoff, Jeff McNelly, Ryan Koch, Robert
Hughes & Michael Hewitt
- Minutes - Motioned to Accept & Approve with corrections from July 26th, 2007-** Ed
(Josh, ... & all)
- Treasurer’s Report** Cheryl,
Treasurer
- Moved to accept the Treasurers Report including Business Checking Account, PA Invest Account, Sub-Accounts (Mary, Tim & all)
 - Moved to accept Tax Exempt Forms as submitted by Kovalcheck, Kollar & Co. (Bruno, Paul & all)
- President’s Report** (see Watershed & Cooperation Organization Reports) Ed
- AMR Program Reports** (See highlights at the end of this Document) AMR PG Staff
- Old Business**
- Moved to approve the Luzerne CD / EPCAMR MOU with a suggestion to form a joint committee to deal with any amendments to this MOU. Board requested the LCD policy manual for EPCAMR Board and check with the State Conservation Commission for the LCD Board. (Mary, Bruno & all) Josh
 - Moved to approve application to the Environmental Support Center and Foundation for PA Watersheds (\$2K) for Strategic Planning (Josh, Tim & all) Robert / Mike
Planned on possibly using the Nescopeck State Park Ed. Ctr.
 - Moved to seek quotes on Officers and Directors Insurance and Errors and Omissions Insurance Packages for EPCAMR Board Members not covered under other conservation district or RC&D policies. Cross Ins. and DGK were mentioned to check with. (Mary, Cheryl & all)
- New Business**
- Moved to enter into the Manure and Mine Lands Contract Agreement and Catawissa Creek Rivers Conservation Plan Contract Agreement both with PEC. Agreements were referred to as “another billable grant” and approved with amendments (John, Cheryl & all) Robert / Mike
 - Moved to enter into contracts/MOA with DCCD/USGS & Ian Palmer Mine Pool Mapping Grant Contract Agreements (Cheryl, Judy & all)
 - Moved to approve EPCAMR Bumper stickers quote from Zodiac Printing (Cheryl, Bruno & all)
 - Reviewed the effectiveness of the Bloomsburg Fair Exhibit and decided that if possible next year that we move closer to the Columbia County Conservation District booth to help cover both exhibits. 5 board members helped out this year (more than last year), 2 staff (less than last year), \$50 in donations and 1 day not covered. Tickets went up to \$50 and staff costs were an issue.
 - Reviewed the EPCAMR/PAC Joint Meeting. Rod Fletcher, DEP BAMR presented and Ed also presented about EPCAMR’s Willingness to Partnering . Looking to partner in the “new light” of the SMCRA Reauthorization. More of a sense of trust between all parties since EPCAMR was a part of the AML Campaign.
- Correspondence and Information**
- Reviewed membership renewals 2007 and “swapped” memberships with ARIPPA Mike
 - WPCAMR FACTS Technical Assistance Grant Program needs takers

- FREEBIES – 5 more *WPCAMR Title IV* DVDs

Grants/Conferences, Events, Workshops

- **ARIPPA Monthly Meeting, October 30, 2007 9am-12pm** Pottsville Club Robert
- **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**

Watershed Reports (See Watershed Report Document)

All

8:30 PM Next Meeting Date January 24th, 2008 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
Hughes

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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