

EPCAMR 1st Quarter Board Meeting

Tentative Agenda – January 24th 2008

Columbia County Conservation District Small Meeting Room

6:30 PM

Call to Order – Sign-in Sheet

Ed, President

Motion to Accept & Approve Minutes from October 25th, 2007

Ed, President

Treasurer's Report

- Business Checking Account, PA Invest Account & Sub-Account Balances
- Motion to purchase Quicken 2008 Home & Business Upgrade for EPCAMR; \$89
- Motion to Convert Non-Profit Checking to Community Checking Account
- Motion to allow Mike and Robert to connect the Community Checking Account to two OMEGA Bank debit cards in order to pay EPCAMR bills
- Awaiting a quote from DGK (Jim Davis) for EPCAMR Directors E & O, Liability Insurance and Crossing Insurance Agency (Paul Bella)
- Awarded **\$2K** Grant from Foundation for PA Watersheds for Strategic Planning to hire a trained facilitator and purchase some Board Development Training Tools

Cheryl,
Treasurer

President's Report

Ed

AMR Program Reports (See highlights at the end of this Document)

AMR PG Staff

New Business

- Motion to establish an EPCAMR Personnel Committee to resolve EPCAMR / LCD MOA Changes for 2008 (Title changes, evaluations and merit raises)
- Motion to establish an EPCAMR Budget Committee
 - Upcoming 319 / GG Application for EPCAMR Operations in February
- Motion to establish an EPCAMR Strategic Planning Committee
 - Foundation for PA Watersheds High Performing Organization Review
- Motion to enter into an Contract for Services for the Mine Pool Mapping Grant Contract Agreement with Roger J. Hornberger, P.G., LLC retroactive to 11-20-07
- Discussion on Anthracite Heritage Alliance Proposal by the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor seeking EPCAMR Support; Potential for future funding from PA DCED and the PPL Corporation
- Discussion on considering an EPCAMR Membership Dues increase (no increase since 1997)
- EPCAMR OSM/VISTA Watershed Position recruited and filled by Carly Truman, Start date of 2-18-08
- Update on AML Focus Group Meetings being led by the MRAB/CAC/DEP

Robert / Mike

Board

Robert

Correspondence and Information

- Search with www.GoodSearch.com and earn money for EPCAMR (raised \$.53 in 2 month, 2 people searching)
- EPCAMR Bumper Stickers Available for \$1

Mike

Grants, Conferences, Events, Workshops

- OSM WCAP Grant Round Open (\$1.5 Million available nationally)
- PAEE Conference 2008, February 29-March 2, Antiochian Village, 6 miles N of Ligonier—"LEEap In!"
- OSM GeoSpatial Conference, March 25-28, 2008-Atlanta, GA-Robert and Mike selected by OSM to make a co-presentation on RAMLIS GIS Tool
- 10th Annual AMR Conference: Reclaiming PA's Historic Legacy Landscapes, Ramada Inn, State College, PA-August 12-14, 2008

Robert

Watershed Reports (See Watershed Report Document)

All

8:30 PM

Next Meeting Date **April 17th, 2008** and Adjournment

AMR Program Staff 4th Quarter Highlights (November 2007 – January 2008)

Regional Coordinator's (RC) Highlights

- Submitted a **\$2000.00** Convening Grant to the Foundation for PA Watersheds to assist the EPCAMR Board with updating its Strategic Plan and redefining our organization's Board Development
- Worked with Mike to completed a **\$10,000** "LEAP" Grant Proposal to the Environmental Support Center in Washington D.C. for nearly in donated professional services and other consultant services to assist EPCAMR with securing additional funds to build our organization from within
- Submitted an abstract to The International ESRI User Conference, co-authored by Mike Hewitt and myself at the request of the OSM for the August 2008 ESRI Conference to be held in San Diego, CA on our RAMLIS 7.0 GIS Mapping Tool
- Attended an **AMD Anthrascapes Art Show** at the AfA Art Gallery in Downtown to view 6 talented high school students book bindings created with iron oxide as an AMD/AML Outreach Awareness Exhibit, entitled "**A River Runs Through It**"
- Corresponded with Dave Hamilton-OSM to inform him that the EPCAMR PG Staff will provide the necessary AMD Water Quality Monitoring to the area OSM/VISTAs; EPCAMR has an established AMD Monitoring Program utilizing field testing equipment (both HACH and LaMotte) that has been used for nearly a decade and we've self-certified our protocol for monitoring since it has been agreed upon by both Coalitions and it works well for the watershed groups and other volunteer groups that have been monitoring; Carly Truman and Catherine Webster will be trained during the first quarter of 08
- Assisted Angela Bestwick, Dallas Area 5th grade Elementary Teacher with putting in a **\$10,000** grant application to Toyota Tapestry Foundation, in partnership with EPCAMR, the Luzerne Conservation District, and the Dallas Area School District
- **VACATION TIME OFF-December 2007**

Robert
Hughes

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Reports for all
staff are
available
online for your
review*

Watershed Outreach Coordinator's (WOC) Highlights

- Distributed an additional **5** RAMLIS v.7.0 CDs to attendees of the SMCRA Title 4 Townhall Meetings.
- Added to **5** EPCAMR GIS Layers (mine pools/geobasins, infiltration points, tunnels, barrier pillars & flow paths) related to the Mine Pool Mapping Project, Printed **4** maps for AMR Program partners.
- Produced **95** electronic maps and **20** Descriptions of AMLIS Sites for the Manure and Minelands Project
- Reported EPCAMR Region Successes for 2007 to the 319 Program (Start of 2007 Annual Report).
- EPCAMR PG Staff attended **3** Mine Pool Mapping Meetings, an AML Campaign Meeting and a Hicks Creek Watershed Association Meeting; Sat in on a Manure and Mine Lands Conference Call and **3** 2008 AMR Conference Planning Call.
- Signed EPCAMR up at www.goodsearch.com which is a search engine powered by Yahoo! that donates money to non-profits. Anyone can now sign up and help EPCAMR earn \$.01 per search.
- Continue to update www.orangewaternetwork.org

Michael Hewitt