

## EPCAMR 2008 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Board Meeting

Minutes – January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008

### Columbia County Conservation District Small Meeting Room

- 7:00 PM** **Call to Order – Attendance:** Bruno Najaka, Tim Ference, Josh Longmore, Paul Ed, President  
Lohin, Bernie McGurl, Jaci Harner, M. Irvil Kear, Jeff McNelly, Ed Wytovich,  
Cheryl Brobst, Mary Wagner, Ian Palmer, Robert Hughes & Michael Hewitt
- Minutes - Motioned to Accept & Approve with corrections from July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2007-** Ed  
(stand as read)
- Treasurer's Report** Cheryl,  
Treasurer
- Moved to accept the Treasurers Report including Business Checking Account, PA Invest Account, Sub-Accounts (*Bernie, Bruno & all*)
  - Moved to purchase Quicken 2008 Home & Business Upgrade (*Josh, Cheryl & all*)
  - Moved to convert Non-Profit Checking to Community Checking Account (*Josh, Tim & all*)
  - Moved to allow Mike and Robert to connect the Community Checking Account thru two (2) OMEGA Bank debit cards in order to pay EPCAMR bills. With limits of \$500+ with approval by Robert, \$1,000+ with approval by Exec. Comm. Member, \$5,000+ with approval by Board. (*Bernie, Bruno & all*)
  - Tabled an action on Directors Errors and Omissions, and Liability Insurance until all quotes are in.
- President's Report** (see Watershed & Cooperation Organization Reports) Ed
- AMR Program Reports** (See highlights at the end of this Document) AMR PG Staff
- New Business**
- President Appointed a Personnel Committee to resolve EPCAMR / LCD MOA Ed  
(*Ed, Cheryl, Bernie & Paul*)
  - President Appointed a Budget Committee to continue to diversify funding for operations. (ex. 319 Program for EPCAMR Operations due in May) (*Ed, Cheryl, Bernie & Paul*)
  - Tabled an action to increase membership dues for 2008, which have not been Robert / Mike  
updated since 1997.
  - Tabled an action to establish a Strategic Planning Committee until a list of potential facilitators is gathered by staff. Received \$2K from Foundation for PA Watersheds for strategic planning, but did not receive the ESC LEAP Grant. Ideal situation would be 1 day of intensive facilitated strategic planning with lunch provided on a Saturday at Nescopeck State Park preceded with a survey of Board Members to pull out issues (general and specific) to talk about.
  - Moved 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 and Watershed Alliance proposal by the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor seeking EPCAMR Support; Potential for future funding from PA DCED, PPL Corporation and other organizations. Several new VISTAS will be coming to the region for SCRA, FON, LHVA (2), SHA to supplement the 2 already in the region with EPCAMR and SCD. Another in the Upper Lehigh (Carbon County) is also being discussed but looking for a sponsor organization.
- Correspondence and Information**
- Search with [www.GoodSearch.com](http://www.GoodSearch.com) and earn money for EPCAMR (raised \$.53 Mike  
in 2 month, 2 people searching)
  - EPCAMR Bumper Stickers Available for \$1 – Sold \$15

**Grants/Conferences, Events, Workshops**

- **OSM WCAP** Grant Round Open (\$1.5 Million available nationally) Robert
- **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

**Watershed Reports** (See Watershed Report Document)

All

**8:30 PM** Next Meeting Date **April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008** and Adjournment

## AMR Program Staff 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 made 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Classes-**35** students
- Attended the **2<sup>nd</sup>** Annual Susquehanna River Symposium, Bucknell U. as a Keynote Speaker-EPCAMR was a co-sponsor; **75** people in attendance
- Assisted Angela Bestwick, Dallas Area 5<sup>th</sup> 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 **2<sup>nd</sup>** *Anthrascapes AMD Art Show*-Widman Gallery, King's College W-B

**Robert Hughes**

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

### 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](http://www.orangewaternetwork.org), [www.treatminewater.com](http://www.treatminewater.com) & [www.friendsofthescopceck.org](http://www.friendsofthescopceck.org)

**Michael Hewitt**