

**EPCAMR 2009 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Board Meeting**  
**Tentative Agenda – January 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**Perkins Restaurant, Hazleton, PA**

12:00 P	<p><b>Call to Order</b> (Sign-in Sheet) <span style="float: right;">Ed</span></p> <p><b>Minutes from Last Mgt. (November 12<sup>th</sup>):</b> <u>Motion to</u> accept &amp; approve <span style="float: right;">Cathy</span></p> <p><b>Treasurer’s Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Motion to</u> file Checking &amp; PA Invest Account Balances for audit <span style="float: right;">Cheryl</span></li> <li>• <u>Motion to</u> accept the 2009 annual budget (7/1/2009 – 6/30/2010) <span style="float: right;">Robert</span></li> <li>•</li> </ul> <p><b>AMR Program Reports</b> (See highlights at the end of this Document) <span style="float: right;">AMR PG Staff</span></p> <p><b>Committee Reports</b> (Personnel, Budget, Strategic Planning &amp; Transition) <span style="float: right;">Respective</span></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion to act on any suggestions proposed by committees <span style="float: right;">Comm. Chairs</span></li> <li>•</li> </ul> <p><b>Old Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <span style="float: right;">Bernie</span></li> </ul> <p><b>New Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Motion to</u> enter into contract with Solution Mining Inc. <span style="float: right;">Robert</span></li> <li>• <u>Welcome</u> Kathryn Krulack as the Jeddo Nescopeck VISTA <span style="float: right;">Tim F.</span></li> <li>• <u>Motion to</u> sponsor the Luzerne Conservation District Banquet</li> <li>•</li> </ul> <p><b>Correspondence and Information</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New EPCAMR Calendar on homepage <span style="float: right;">Robert</span></li> <li>• EPCAMR 2009 Membership Form</li> <li>• Earth Conservancy Lease Agreement</li> <li>•</li> </ul> <p><b>Grants, Conferences, Events, Workshops</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>2009 Schuylkill Watershed Congress:</b> Montgomery County Community College, Pottstown - March 7th, 2009 <span style="float: right;">Robert</span></li> <li>• <b>2009 PA AMR Conference:</b> University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown - Tentatively July 13-16th, 2009</li> <li>• <b>Nescopeck-Jeddo Wonders of our Watershed Conference:</b> PSU Hazleton - May 9th, 2009 10-5PM</li> <li>• <b>Luzerne Conservation District Banquet:</b> Genetti Hotel in Wilkes-Barre Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009 6PM</li> <li>•</li> </ul> <p><b>Watershed Reports</b> <span style="float: right;">All</span></p>
2:30 PM	<p>Next Meeting Date <b>Tentatively April 16, 2009</b> and Adjournment</p>

## AMR Program Staff 4th Quarter Highlights (November 2008 – January 2009)

### Regional Coordinator's Highlights

- Gave presentation to on fund raising at the Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce's Non-Profit Committee 2008 Non-Profit Summit 2008 at LCCC
- Prepared a community-wide **\$200,000** US EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant for the Huber Breaker on behalf of the Luzerne County Commissioner's Office; Coordinated getting Letters of Support from all partners necessary to submit the application (HBPS, HB TF Committee, GPHS, ALHG, D & L NHCC, ACCWT, EC) with Michele Sparich, Luzerne County Grant Writer
- Prepared and submitted a **\$25,000** EPA Grant with Mike to support the 2009-10 AMR Conference and staff support of the coordination of the Conference
- Prepared and submitted a **\$25,000** Illegal Dump Site Cleanup Grant with Mike to the PA DEP Bureau of Waste Management
- Prepared and submitted a **\$15,000** organizational grant proposal with Mike for the creation of an EPCAMR Technical Assistance Center to the Cora L. Brooks Foundation
- Prepared and submitted a **\$200,000** Applied Science Grant for continued Mine Pool Mapping of the Northern & NorthCentral PA Coalfields to the OSM
- Prepared 2009 Annual Operating Budget draft for EPCAMR Board with Mike
- Coordinated a meeting with Carbon County partners in reclamation at the Weather Borough Building at the request of the Weatherly Borough Planning Commission to provide technical assistance, grant writing assistance, and project coordination to the partners on addressing some of the Upper Lehigh AMD discharges

Robert Hughes

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

### Watershed Outreach Coordinator's Highlights

- Updated 3 GIS databases, produced 3 maps, georeferenced 8 OSM folio mine maps and 1 3D animation for ECAMR partners.
- Updated information on the Oneida #1 Discharge Treatment System for the OSM and the PA DEP. Updated several monitoring points on the [www.datashed.org](http://www.datashed.org) online database.
- Created a map and statistics for the Nonpoint Source (NPS) Liaison Workgroup Resource Extraction Subcommittee, the PA DEP 319 program and EPA staff showing watershed priorities from different programs.
- Presented at the Northumberland Co. AML Mtg., SRBC WQAC Meeting and met with partners of the Old Forge Borehole Project. EPCAMR Staff attended an EPCAMR Board Meeting, the LCCD Mtg., and a Mine Pool Mapping Mtg.
- Continued to update [www.orangewaternetwork.org](http://www.orangewaternetwork.org)

Michael Hewitt

### VISTA Development Coordinator's Highlights

- Received \$500 funding from the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority's 2008 educational mini-grant project to fund a project in which school students will create AMD-recovered iron oxide chalk to send to partner schools in Afghanistan
- Wrote plant and funding donation request letters for both the Huber Breaker Preservation Society and the Anthracite Living History Group for their beautification projects at the Ashley Breaker and at lower Avondale; designed letterhead for ALHG based on membership cards created earlier this year.
- Wrote six EPCAMR public service announcements at 0:15, 0:30, and 1:00 lengths; contacted seven local college and public radio stations regarding airtime;
- Collaborated with Kathryn Krulack, Jeddo/Nescopeck OSM/VISTA, on Martin Luther King Day service project in January; project will involve college students pairing with children at the McGlynn Center
- Attended meetings for Nanticoke Historical Society; delivered refurbished desktop computer for archival research work; solicited input on 2009 AMR Conference speakers; prepared flyer for Nanticoke Historical Society Open House; provided NHS with information on seeking, preparing, and submitting applications for grants.

Carly Trumann