

EPCAMR 2009 2nd Quarter Board Meeting

Tentative Agenda – March 19th

Earth Conservancy Office, Ashley, PA

5:30 P	Call to Order (Sign-in Sheet)	Ed
	Minutes from Last Mgt. (January 15th): <u>Motion to</u> accept & approve	Cathy
	Treasurer's Report	
	• <u>Motion to</u> file Checking & PA Invest Account Balances for audit	Cheryl
	• <u>Motion to</u> accept the 2009 annual budget (7/1/2009 – 6/30/2010)	Robert
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	AMR Program Reports (See highlights at the end of this Document)	AMR PG Staff
	Committee Reports (Personnel, Budget, Strategic Planning & Transition)	Respective Comm. Chairs
	• <u>Motion to</u> act on any suggestions proposed by committees	
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	Old Business	
	•	Bernie
	New Business	
	• <u>Motion to</u> act on Earth Conservancy Lease Agreement (see space)	Robert
	• <u>Discussion on</u> estimated costs to move / renovations (handout)	
	• <u>Motion to</u> act on General Liability Insurance from POWR	
	• <u>Motion to</u> apply for Workers Compensation Insurance Coverage (PA DL&I)	
	• <u>Discussion on</u> Insurance, Phone & Internet quotes received	
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	Correspondence and Information	
	• Carly's VISTA End of Term Letter	Robert
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	Grants, Conferences, Events, Workshops	
	• Anthracite Heritage Area VISTA Workshop: Pottsville District Mining Office - Mar 27 th , 2009 9-5PM	Robert
	• LHVA and the Heritage Valley Roundtable Funding Symposium: Mar 30 th , 2009 8-5PM	
	• ARIPPA Legislative Tour of AMR/AML: Apr 2 nd , 2009	
	• William Penn Foundation Luzerne Co. AMR Tour: Apr 28 th , 2009 10-3:30 PM	
	• ARRI Media Day: May 7th, 2009 10AM	
	• Nescopeck-Jeddo Wonders of our Watershed Conference: PSU Hazleton - May 9th, 2009 10-5PM	
	• NE PA Energy Expo: Jun 13 -14, 2009 @ Luzerne County Fairgrounds, Dallas, PA (hosted by the Pocono NE RC & DC)	
	• 2009 PA AMR Conference: University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown - July 13-16th, 2009	
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	Watershed Reports	All
8:00 P	Next Meeting Date Tentatively June 18th (annual) and Adjournment	

AMR Program Staff 4th Quarter Highlights (January 2009 – March 2009)

Regional Coordinator's Highlights

- Selected by the SRBC for the 2009 William Jeanes Sr. Environmental Service Award for over 10 years of dedication to working in the Susquehanna River Basin to address AMD, AML, public education and outreach, and community service projects to improve the health of the watershed.
- EPCAMR Staff submitted 2 grant proposals: \$50K to the Foundation for PA Watersheds and the other to FISKARS Project Orange Thumb
- Prepared 3 Letters of Request for Funding for the 2009 AMR Conference: PA DEP for \$2500 to J. Scott Roberts, PA DEP Deputy Secretary of Mineral Resources Management, \$2000-2500 from the Office of Surface Mining, Pittsburgh through Lois Uranowksi, Appalachian Region Tech Transfer Program Manager, Gander Mountain in Johnstown for \$1750 worth of "Gander Box coupons" and began targeting potential sponsors, vendors, and exhibitors.
- Prepared a 5 Letters of Support: T. Allan Comp for the 2009 River Network Hero Award, Dr. David Kargbo-Temple University to become actively involved in the Environmental Futures Program, Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority at the request of Commissioner Urban for the Coal Brook AML Realignment Project, for the Huber Breaker in Ashley, PA to the Luzerne County Commissioners and Senator Specter, Senator Casey, and Congressman Kanjorski for keeping the Watershed Cooperative Agreement Pgm.
- Completed 5 letters of recommendation to Yale, UC-Davis, Bainbridge, Antioch University, and Harvard on Carly's behalf as she begins to seek acceptance into several graduate schools across the country and a letter for Eric Bella, a senior at Lake-Lehman High School, EPCAMR volunteer, and Anthracite Living History Group (ALHG) Co-Chair to PSU for Mining Engineering and was recently accepted into the program.
- Prepared a Congratulations Award to the Newport Township Community Organization, who the EPCAMR Staff has nominated to receive the EPCAMR Partnership Award in Luzerne County
- Provided PPL with EPCAMR's perspective on the potential for mine pool re-use for industrial needs to generate electricity and steam power through the consumptive use process determined by the SRBC.
- EPCAMR staff attended a Renewable Energy Mtg. with Pagnotti Enterprises and Intelliwatt, and a Bradford County Gas Well Tour by Fortuna Energy.
- Conducted interviews with 3 individuals who are interested in internships / positions with EPCAMR.

Robert Hughes

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

Watershed Outreach Coordinator's Highlights

- Updated 8 and created 2 GIS databases; and began work on a 3D model using EarthVision prototype scripts. Produced 12 and georeferenced 25 maps
- Created a new version of RAMLIS v 9 GIS Tool CD, distributed 5 copies and 1 online Google Earth version
- EPCAMR staff attended and presented at an Old Forge Borehole Project Mtg., and a "Grass on AML" Mtg. with the Pocono Northeast RC&D Council.
- EPCAMR staff participated in 2 Mine Pool Mapping Mtgs.
- EPCAMR Staff submitted 1 grant proposal for \$50K to the Foundation for PA Watersheds
- Attended a Mine Pool Forum at the DEP Office in Harrisburg
- EPCAMR staff lead 3 AMR Conference calls and updated the website with preliminary info at <http://2009.treatminewater.com>
- Presented maps and suggestions at a Catawissa Creek Rivers Cons. Plan Meeting
- Updated www.orangewaternetwork.org

Michael Hewitt