

# EPCAMR 2009 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Board Meeting

Minutes – June 18<sup>th</sup>

Earth Conservancy Office, Ashley, PA

6:15 P

**Call to Order - Attendance:** Al Mabus, Bernie McGurl, Josh Longmore, Tim Ference, Cathy Haffner, Cheryl Brobst, Alana Roberts, M. Irvil Kear, Paul Lohin, Jeff McNelly, Christine Haldeman, Ian Palmer, Robert Hughes, Michael Hewitt, Shawn Jones & Kyra Norton Bernie

**Minutes from Last Mgt. (March 19<sup>th</sup>):** Moved to accept & approve (*Irvil, Cheryl & All*) Cathy

## Treasurer's Report

- Moved to file Checking & PA Invest Account Balances for audit (*Josh, Irvil & All*) Cheryl
- Moved to apply for a line of credit up to \$40K from First National Bank to support payroll (*Irvil, Cathy & All*) *Discussion: Board discussed the working capital request for DEP 319 Grant and 319 Program Director's Perspective. \$40K figure was arrived at by multiplying monthly expenses by 3.* Robert

**AMR Program Reports** (No highlights - Reports are posted at <http://www.orangewaternetwork.org/index.php?name=Content&pa=showpage&pid=47>) AMR PG Staff

## Committee Reports

 (Personnel, Budget, Strategic Planning & Transition) Respective

- Moved to buy out ½ of accrued sick and annual time from both staff members over a 6 month period, remainder of time must be used or lost by the end of year. (*Irvil, Cheryl & All*) Comm. Chairs
- Board recommended that the Personnel Committee meet to discuss a Personnel Document by 8/12/09, the Budget Committee to meet early August to update the operating budget and the Strategic Planning Committee to review EPCAMR staff comments and fill in forms from Robert.
- Board recommended seeking a volunteer solicitor/attorney to look over policy documents. Paul also volunteered to look into this. Josh recommended the Wilkes-Barre Law & Library Association.

## Old Business

- Toured New Office Space in the Earth Conservancy Building Bernie
- Moved to budget up to \$500 for new office appliances (*Jeff, Josh & All*)
- Moved to approve BC/BS Health Care with Davis Vision and Concordia Dental (*Jeff, Cheryl & All*) *Discussion: This issue seems like one that should be handled by the personnel or executive committee, being that it was budgeted and the board approved the budget.*

## New Business

- Welcomed EPCAMR Summer Interns: Kyra Norton and Shawn Jones Bernie
- Staff Reported Membership Drive – 5 Conservation Districts, 2 Industry Representatives, 5 Watershed Groups & 1 Individual sent in dues for 2009. Board recommended sending out another reminder. Mike
- Called for Nominations of Officers, members elected the current slate, closed nominations and members elected the current slate Al
- Moved to approve MOU changes with LCD (*Paul, Irvil & All – abstentions: Tim & Josh*) *Discussion: recommended adding "or any future staff" to the end of the first paragraph and change the word "partnership" to "collaboration" in the last paragraph.* Bernie

## Correspondence and Information

- 319 Program Grant approved for \$370,500 for 3 years Robert
- Anonymous Foundation Grant approved for \$15,000
- DEP Illegal Dump Grant approved for \$16,000 (asked for \$22,000)
- OSM Applied Science Grant not approved (would have been \$200,000)
- Chesapeake Bay Foundation has chicken manure compost available for AML

### Grants, Conferences, Events, Workshops

- **2009 PA AMR Conference:** University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown - July 13<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> Robert
- **Growing Greener:** Applications due July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009
- **ARIPPS 19<sup>th</sup> Technical Symposium:** Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey – August 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Jeff

### Watershed Reports

All

Lackawanna County – Bernie McGurl

- Submitting a Growing Greener Proposal based on a recent meeting with PA DEP BAMR Wilkes-Barre Office to complete a Watershed Restoration Action Plan (WRAS) which will meet Qualified Hydrologic Unit Plan parameters qualify Lackawanna River Watershed for SMCRA 30% Set Aside funding. In Kind support from the Willary Foundation and SRBC.
- Old Forge Borehole spits out about 3,000 lbs of iron per day.

Mine Pool Mapping Project – Ian Palmer

- Review and data collection for the Western Middle Anthracite Coal Field is complete and the Southern Anthracite Coal Field is about 30% complete

ARIPPA – Jeff McNelly

- Approaching a problem with Ash (from CFB) and its Beneficial Use Designation. The state adopted technical guidelines to increase requirements (and cost) for sampling at placement sites. Determination by EPA this year may declare it a Hazardous Waste. The alternative is to keep determination with the state which is preferable. An incident in Tennessee where coal ash (a different byproduct) is driving this issue. Not all ashes are the same. EPCAMR agreed to a letter of support to EPA to renew their approval to declare CFB Ash as a Beneficial Use.

8:00 P

**Next Meeting Date:** *Tentatively* **September 17th @ 5:30pm** and Adjournment