

EPCAMR 2010 2nd Quarter Board Meeting

Agenda – May 20th

Earth Conservancy Office, Ashley, PA

6:00PM	Call to Order (Sign-in Sheet)	Bernie
	Minutes from Last Mgt. (January 14th): <u>Motion to accept & approve</u>	Cathy
	Treasurer's Report	
	• <u>Motion to</u> file Checking & PA Invest Account Balances for audit	Cheryl
	AMR Program Reports (See highlights at the end of this Document)	Staff
	Committee Reports (Personnel, Budget, Strategic Planning & Transition)	
	• Transition: <u>Discussion on</u> Letter from Josh Longmore-Luzerne Conservation District	Respective Comm. Chairs
	• Strategic Planning: Worksheets sent to Board, Possible Dates?	
	Old Business	
	• <u>Discussion on</u> PA & USA ASH REGULATIONS and beneficial use	Jeff
	New Business	
	• <u>Motion to</u> pass a resolution to close out the Wiconisco RCP	Robert
	• <u>Discussion on</u> providing web hosting service to member organizations	Mike
	• <u>Discussion on</u> 2010 Membership drive and 2009 Year in Review document	
	• <u>Discussion on</u> GG Projects: Hicks Creek NSCD and MPM Initiative	Robert
	• <u>Discussion on</u> Hazle Creek Discharges access agreements	
	• <u>Discussion on</u> Gray Slope and Vandling Discharge access agreements	Bernie
	• <u>Motion to</u> approve cooperative research agreement with LRCA for OFBH	
	• <u>Discussion on</u> ARIPPA's 20 th Anniversary \$20K donation	Jeff
	• <u>Discussion on</u> digitizing and categorizing Pagnotti Maps in Ebervale	Peter
	• <u>Motion to</u> support Severance Tax for CDFAP & Env. Stewardship Fund	Paul
	Correspondence and Information	
	• Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act Tax Credit - 25% of Health Insurance Premiums paid for Tax Exempt Groups who are eligible	Robert
	• 2010 Growing Greener Projects Announcement (hard to find)	
	• Renew Growing Greener Initiative	
	• Review and sign PA F&BC grant paperwork	
	• Verizon Velocity Fundraising Initiative	
	• PA DEP BAMR Completed, Active, and Future Construction Projects 2010	Mike
	Grants, Conferences, Events, Workshops	
	• ASMRE, ARRI, OSM & PA AMR Joint Conference: Radisson Hotel, Pittsburgh (Green Tree) June 5 th – 11 th	Robert
	• National Assoc. of Abandoned Mine Land Programs Conference: Scranton Sept. 19 th -22 nd	
	Watershed Reports	All
8:00PM	Next Meeting <u>Annual Meeting:</u> <i>Tentatively August 19th @ 5:30pm</i> and Adjournment	

AMR Program Staff 1st Quarter Highlights (January 2010 – April 2010)

Executive Director's Highlights

- Submitted a "Cultivating Tree Trout and Understanding AMD Impacts in the Wyoming Valley" Aquatic Resources **\$5000** grant application to the PA Fish & Boat Commission with the assistance of our intern Leigh Ann
- Completed a 2010-2011 Living2Serve draft Grant Application for **\$3000** and forwarded it to Janice to submit for the Huber Breaker Anthracite Miner's AML Memorial Park Landscaping and Paver Project. W-B CTC FFA Club was recently awarded **\$4000** grant on the Avondale AML Community Gardens Project
- EPCAMR Executive Director was selected by a panel of professional peers from the area for his environmental work in Luzerne County, the Region, as Top 40 Under 40 Top Professionals sponsored by the Times Leader.
- EPCAMR is now a partner of the PA DCNR iConserve initiative and the EPCAMR Executive Director was also chosen as a PAiCon by PA DCNR and is featured on the www.iConserve.org website
- EPCAMR received a **\$500** Environmental Education grant Award from Dominion and the Western PA Conservancy to conduct AMD Outreach programs in Tioga and Lycoming County school districts impacted by AMD
- ARIPPA is providing a **\$20,000** (\$10,000 to each Coalition) donation in recognition of their 20th Anniversary. EPCAMR and WPCAMR will develop and administer a mini-grants program open to community groups working on AMD/AML Projects and are supportive of the beneficial use of coal ash for abandoned mine reclamation projects.
- Worked with the Huber Breaker Preservation Society membership President and their web master at the EPCAMR Technical Assistance Center to update the www.huberbreaker.org website; Prepared a **\$2000** grant to the Luzerne Foundation on behalf of the HBPS
- Provided the Schuylkill River Restoration Fund a Letter of Intent to pursue a **\$100,000** proposal in the Upper Schuylkill River Watershed to continue the mapping mine pools
- Completed and submitted a **\$10,000** PA American Water Grant for Community Outreach on the Old Forge AMD Remediation Project, Lackawanna/Luzerne Cos
- EPCAMR was awarded a **\$500** cash award from the Bear Creek Charter Foundation to assist us with purchasing a high end digital video camera

Robert Hughes

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

Program Manager's Highlights

- Downloaded 14 GIS files, printed 28 maps and 6 sets of statistics for EPCAMR Partners. Updated 6 GIS layers related to the Mine Pool Mapping Program
- Georeferenced 26 OSM Folio maps, updated 2 layers and continued writing Part 3 of the report for the Mine Pool Mapping Project; produced 2 maps and 1 database for 3 EPCAMR partners.
- EPCAMR staff presented at SHA Mtg., Anthracite Strategy Mtg. & 2 CCTOW Outdoor Classroom Events; hosted 2 cleanups over 3 days that filled a 40 cu. yd. dumpster.
- Attended a Mine Pool Mapping Mtg. with SRBC, Hazle Creek Conference Call, EPCAMR Board Mtg., DCNR Greening Grants Webinar, 2010 Watershed Summit Conference Call, a Schuylkill QHU Mtg., WBACTC Mtg, Grant workshop, the Keystone Coldwater Conference, a Mine Pool Mapping Mtg. and conducted an AMD tour
- Updated www.orangewaternetwork.org, www.earthconservancy.org, www.datashed.org & EPCAMR's Facebook

Michael Hewitt