

EPCAMR 2011 3rd Quarter (Annual) Board Meeting

Minutes – August 18th

EPCAMR Office / Earth Conservancy Building, Ashley, PA

6:00PM	Call to Order Bernie McGurl, Al Mabus, Cheryl Brobst, Ed Wytovich, Bruno Najaka, M. Irvil Kear, Paul Lohin, Tim Ference, Christine Haldeman, Peter Haentjens, Leigh Ann Kemmerer, Tom Clark, Robert Hughes, Michael Hewitt & Wren Dugan	Bernie
	Minutes from Last Mgt. (May 18th): <u>Moved to</u> accept & approve (Cheryl, Ed & All)	Cheryl
	Treasurer's Report	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Moved to</u> file Checking & PA Invest Account Balances for audit (Paul, Tim & All)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 2010 990s are being completed by Kovalchik & Kollar, CPA	Cheryl Robert
	AMR Program Reports (See highlights at the end of this Document)	Staff
	Committee Reports (Personnel, Budget, Strategic Planning & Dinner/Fundraiser)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dinner/Fundraiser: Comments on final Dinner/Fundraiser Budget• Budget: <u>Moved to</u> approve FY 2011-2012 Operating Budget (Ed, Cheryl & All)• Personnel: Staff Evaluations to be completed for 4th Quarterly Mtg. (Nov.). Staff will start self evaluations and forward to committee for discussion.• Strategic Plan: Requested that staff send the materials out to the committee.	Respective Comm. Chairs
	Old Business	
	New Business	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Nomination & Election</u> of Officers: President, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer. Prior officers were nominated (Paul, Ed & all) and elected (Paul, Tim & all).• Personal Thank You to Wren for her Year of Service with EPCAMR. <u>Moved to</u> provide her with a parting gift of \$100 to help with the move back home (Ed, Cheryl & All)• <u>Moved to</u> approve proposed 2011 ARIPPA Grant Awardees and Amounts. Each was approved separately: SHA for \$3K (Cheryl, Ed & All except Irvil, Paul & Christine abstained), HBPS for \$1K (Paul, Christine & All) and EMARR \$1K (Tim, Bruno & All except Cheryl, Ed & Pete abstained)• <u>Moved to</u> set Tentative EPCAMR Board Meeting Dates for 2012 to: 3rd Thursday every 3 Months - Feb 16th, May 17th, August 16th, and November 15th (Ed, Cheryl & All)• <u>Discussed</u> the Lowes Return to Work Program and how it could work for non-profits. Full time volunteer that might be on leave due to an injury for example.	Al Bernie Robert
	Correspondence and Information	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Response Letter: US Senator Pat Toomey addressing EPCAMR's concern with the Continuing Resolution and near Government Shutdown• Choose Clean Water Sign On Letter: Chesapeake Bay TMDL or Pollution Diet to Gov. Tom Corbett – EPCAMR Supported• Unfortunate Denial Letter: PEC on EPCAMR's submission of Mike Hewitt for the 2011 Environmental Partnership Award• Letter: EC Approving Askam AMD Treatment System Monitoring for ~\$2,900• “Mining Office Pittsburgh Bound” - TL Article OSM to Shut Down W-B Office & Moved Anthracite Mine Map Repository to Pittsburgh. EPCAMR to receive some surplus and will share the list with the board.	Robert

- 3 Standard Speaker Articles about PA AMR Conference in Hazleton
- New RAMLIS Version 11 GIS Tool completed and available
- DEP Mine Subsidence Insurance interested in EPCAMR making maps of Program Subsidence Prone Areas and Limit of Coal per municipality similar to what is available in the Bituminous Region.

Grants, Conferences, Events, Workshops

- **ARIPPA's 21st Annual Tech Convention:** Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey PA, August 23-25, 2011 Robert
- **PA DEP Small Business Advantage Grant Program** due August 29th

Watershed Reports

- Audenreid MDTS Bypass project was completed for \$48,610. The original system was designed for 7.5 to 8K gallons per minute. The new bypass will allow approximately 10K gpm max (between both new and old intakes). Hazleton Environmental designed the project and Banner was the general contractor (a scrap yard out of Hazleton). The whole project now has cost approximately \$4M. Peter

8:05PM **Next Meeting:** *Tentatively* November 17th @ 5:30pm and Adjournment

AMR Program Staff 2nd Quarter Highlights (May 2011 – August 2011)

Executive Director and General Staff Highlights

- EPCAMR staff continued to coordinate the development of the Conference and Dinner / Fundraiser. EPCAMR staff hosted 5 AMR Conference Calls. EPCAMR staff worked on a 3,000+ Insight.ly contact database (Google Apps donated premium service). Sent 235 hard copy invitations to dinner and registered 80+. Registered 105 for the conference. Conducted 7 field tours and 3 indoor educational events to educate approximately 425 students total from both the Wyoming Valley and New Jersey Homeschoolers. Coordinated 2 watershed tours: for approximately 12 teachers with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation in the Shamokin Creek Watershed and a pre-conference tour.
- EPCAMR staff became certified to train teachers and students in the nationally acclaimed, "PROJECT LEARNING TREE", the environmental education program sponsored by the PA DCNR Bureau of State Parks, Nescopeck State Park
- EPCAMR staff held informational and educational meetings with Senator Yudichak, Senator Blake, and Congressman Barletta's Office to update them on our Mine Pool Mapping and Borehole Awareness Monitoring Campaign throughout Lackawanna and Luzerne County
- Hosted a meeting of 22 Environmental and Non-Traditional Educators at the EPCAMR Office with the PCEE and PAEE. Attended a SRBC WQAC conference call, an Anthracite Remediation Meeting, an OFBH Monitoring Project Partners on site.
- EPCAMR Staff worked on, completed, & submitted our FY2012-2013 Scope of Work & Detailed \$125,000.00 and submitted with expediency to PA DEP 319 Program Staff.
- Submitted a PEC RCAP Grant for \$3000 on behalf of the CCRA for QHUP development.
- Worked with Laurie Popeck with Clean Creek Products & Stream Restoration Inc., to donate 150 iron and manganese oxide glazed fish magnets for our 15th Anniversary Dinner
- Prepared a cds Creative Marketing Application submission on behalf of EPCAMR

Robert Hughes

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

Program Manager's Highlights

- EPCAMR staff sampled 14 boreholes in the Lackawanna Valley and 23 boreholes in the Wyoming Valley monthly. Finished up Part 3 of the Mine Pool Mapping Report for the western middle and southern fields, worked on barrier pillars layer in the Wyoming Valley. Began digitizing maps and cross section for the Jeddo basin. Created 5 maps, 4 databases, 2 RAMLIS CDs, 3 RAMLIS investigations, 2 tour maps, 1 database related to the AML statistics by Congressional District and created RAMLIS 11 for partners.
- Prepared 2 reimbursements and 2 proposals for professional services for EPCAMR partners. Completed a draft 2011-2012 EPCAMR Operational Budget for review and approval by board
- Updated www.epcamr.org, and www.treatminewater.com. Administered the EPCAMR facebook page and Google Apps for Nonprofits account (recently upgraded with more premium services).

Michael Hewitt

OSM/VISTA Watershed Community Development Coordinator' Highlights:

- Setup EPCAMR display and Presented at Wilkes University Vegetarian Day to promote EPCAMR internships. Helped with clean up event in Kocher Park, Columbia County for AmeriCorps Week with other AHA OSM/VISTAs. Conducted a tie-dye workshop at the Bear Creek Camp. Made AMD Chalk with approx 200 children at Hazleton Area Rails to Trails Hike and Bike Event.
- Met with Harvard Graduate School of Design graduate Jessica Wolff to review her landscape design thesis on reclaimed mine lands and development of the Huber Breaker park.
- Attended Fine Arts Fiesta and recruited artists to donate work the Anthrascapes Art Silent Auction. Contacted numerous local artists to participate and distributed iron oxide and loaned mining memorabilia to be painted as a still life.
- Participated in and compiled minutes from personal notes and those of Program Manager for AMR Conference calls.
- Submitted grant application to ARIPPA on behalf of Huber Breaker Preservation Society.
- Began sketching scenes for AMD Avengers Backdrops. Primed second canvas for AMD Avengers backdrops.
- Wrote a press release, published to EPCAMR website and distributed it to both Wilkes-Barre Times Leader and Citizen's Voice to raise awareness about the "Tree Trout" macro-invertebrates hung in public places. Ray Clarke and I spoke with Citizen's Voice reporter Elizabeth Skrapits about possible fate of Huber Breaker amongst bankruptcy hearings.
- Began working on Quarterly Report for ACCT and had "exit interview" with ACCT VistaLeader Shannon Philbin, and filled out online paperwork for AmeriCorps website in order to get registered for the move home.

Wren Dugan