

EPCAMR 2012 Annual (3rd Quarter) Board Meeting

Tentative Agenda – August 16th

Genetti's Inn and Suites, Hazleton, PA

6:00PM	Call to Order (Sign-in Sheet)	Bernie
	Minutes from Last Mgt. (May 17th): <u>Motion to</u> accept & approve	Cheryl
	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 & Dinner/Fundraiser)	
	• Budget: Review of Annual Budget and recommendation to board	Respective Comm. Chairs
	Old Business	
	New Business	
	• <u>Motion to</u> nominate and elect EPCAMR Executive Committee	Al
	• <u>Motion to</u> approve the Annual Budget (FY 2012-2013)	Budget Comm
	• <u>Motion to</u> approve 2012 ARIPPA Reclamation Awardees	Robert
	• <u>Discussion on</u> PEC Dinner attendance in October	Bernie
	• <u>Report on</u> the 2012 AMR Conference	Robert
	Correspondence and Information	
	•	Robert
	Grants, Conferences, Events, Workshops	
	•	Robert
	Watershed Reports	All
8:30PM	Next Meeting (Annual): <i>Tentatively</i> November 15 th @ 5:30pm and Adjournment	

AMR Program Staff 2nd Quarter Highlights (June 2012 – August 2012)

Executive Director and General Staff Highlights

- EPCAMR staff constructed 2 solar kilns and allowed students to paint one, discovered and processed a new color of iron oxide pigment, processed the 2 other colors of iron oxide pigment, lead 2 tie dye workshops and 2 solar energy demos for students
- EPCAMR staff participated in 3 AMR Conference Calls, tracked conference registrations as they roll in and planned a tour route for the conference.
- EPCAMR staff attended an ARIPPA Technical Symposium, a Wildlife Diversity Forum and an AMD for Frack Workshop in Ebensburg EPCAMR staff presented at a meeting with Northumberland County reps.
- EPCAMR staff prepared 2 grant proposals and submitted 1 proposal to ARIPPA
- EPCAMR Staff sampled several AMD Treatment Systems throughout the EPCAMR Region as a part of a large sampling sweep of state-wide AMD Treatment Systems with funding provided for the sampling to be covered by Stream Restoration Inc. and input into www.Datashed.org
- Attended the Exeter Borough Planning Commission Meeting to explain the Hicks Creek Natural Stream Channel Design Project and obtain their approval to move forward with the final design permit applications and approvals before moving to construction.
- Met with Tom Clark-SRBC AMD Coordinator to conduct a field investigation in the Southern Anthracite Coal Fields around the Rausch Creek Mine Pools and other AMD discharges as a part of the Anthracite Region Mine Pool Mapping.
- EPCAMR Staff Meeting with Glenn Rider-PA DEP BCR in Harrisburg to provide input into the PA DEP's prioritization plans for moving forward with future AMD remediation projects, watershed restoration projects, and abandoned mine land reclamation projects throughout PA
- Provided some grant writing assistance to the Huber Breaker Preservation Society for a \$2500 FFA Living2Serve grant from the USDA that we've partnered with the W-B Career & Technology Center on for the Huber Miner's Memorial Park in Ashley on the 3 acre AML Site;
- Assisted with the Coordination of an EPCAMR/WPCAMR/ARIPPA Technical Meeting at Toftrees, State College, PA to serve as a small fundraiser for administrative funds for the Coalitions and hear grant awardees talk about their projects that were funded.

Robert Hughes

Full Monthly Reports for all staff are [available online](#) for your review

Program Manager Highlights

- Completed RAMLIS Version 12 and made a dozen copies for trial distribution.
- Completed Espy Run Treatment System Sampling Report.
- Completed a 3D Model of the Brookside and Markson Mine Pools. Presented information regarding the Hazleton Basin Mine Pools to Pagnotti Enterprises.
- Prepared cost estimates for treatment systems in Catawissa and Hazle Creek Watersheds related to QHUPs.
- Participated in a stream cleanup along the Lackawanna.
- EPCAMR staff sampled 16 boreholes in the Lackawanna Valley, 26 in the Wyoming Valley and measured flow on 6 discharges in both monthly. Updated 2 GIS datasets, created 1 GIS dataset, processed 4 maps for 3D modeling, onducted field verification visit near Rausch Creek and completed a snapshot sampling of 5 treatment systems for Datashed. Researched Sulfates Water Quality Test Kits for possible future purchase.
- Added a registration and program page to www.treatminewater.com, saved information from www.datashed.org, added data to www.cheasapeakecommons.org and updated www.epcamr.org. Administered the EPCAMR facebook page and Google Apps for Nonprofits account.
- AMR conference planning, website work and registrations took a majority of staff time in June and July even though WPCAMR was the lead organization this year. Participated in 3 AMR Conference Calls and tracked conference registrations as they roll in and planned a tour route for the conference.
- Prepared cost estimates for treatment systems in Catawissa, Nanticoke and Hazle Creek Watersheds related to QHUPs.

Michael Hewitt