EPCAMR 2013 Annual (1st Quarter) Board Meeting
Tentative Agenda – February 21st
EPCAMR / Earth Conservancy Office Conference Room

6:00PM

Call to Order (Sign-in Sheet)  
Bernie

Minutes from Last Mgt. (November 15th): Motion to accept & approve  
Christine

Treasurer’s Report  
Motion to 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)  
Respective Comm. Chairs

Old Business

New Business  
Personnel Com.  
Robert

• Motion to approve Personnel Committee Recommendations
• Discussion on PA Senate Bill 196: PENNVEST to direct federal CWA State Revolving Fund for NPS  
Tim

• Discussion on President’s Proposal to Reform the AML Program: state/tribal primacy vs. national competitive grant  
Bernie

• Motion to sign the AML Trust Fund Resolution of 2013

• Discussion on Illicit Discharges Reporting Policy as per CWA & PA Laws
• Motion to purchase $8K Colrtrac Map Scanner equipment for Mine Map Grant  
Mike

Correspondence and Information  
Robert

• 2013 EPCAMR Membership Renewal Application
• 3 Growing Greener Grants Awarded: EPCAMR Abandoned Mine Program Coordination, Lewis Mine Discharge Treatment System Revamp & Datashed.
• Datashed Survey and class openings (April 12 @ EPCAMR Office)  
Mike

Grants, Conferences, Events, Workshops  
Robert

• Act 13 and Growing Greener Grants Applications Due June (Ideas?)
• ARIPPA AMD/AML Award Application Due June ($2,500 per coal region)

• 2013 Schuylkill River Watershed Congress March 9th, at the Montgomery County Community College-West Campus in Pottstown, PA.
• PA Watershed Conference April 5-6th Nittany Lion Inn, State College, PA
• Bear Creek Festival May 19th Schuylkill Co. Fairgrounds, Summit Station
• 2013 PA EnviroThon May 21st & 22nd at Juniata College
• AMD-AML-ASH Reclamation Talks and Fundraiser June 11 at Ramada Conference Center, State College, PA
• 2013 PA Abandoned Mine Reclamation Conference August 8-10 at Ramada Conference Center, State College, PA.
• ARIPPA Annual Convention August 20-22 at Sheraton Harrisburg-Hershey

Watershed Reports  
All

8:30PM

Next Meeting (Annual): Tentatively May 16th @ 6:00pm and Adjournment
AMR Program Staff 3rd Quarter Highlights (December 2012 – February 2013)

Executive Director and General Staff Highlights

- Presented the Mine Pool Mapping (MPM) Initiative to the Scranton Rotary. EPCAMR staff presented the Western Middle MPM Report to the SCRA and Solomon Creek CHP Report at public meetings.
- EPCAMR was partially awarded the ARIPPA Reclaimed Areas GIS Proposal at a $3,000 Pilot Study level with the potential to continue the project. Recently the study was put on hold.
- Wilkes-Barre Career & Technology Center was awarded an additional $2500 through the Future Farmers of America (FFA) via the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) for FY2012-2013 to continue working on the Huber Miner’s Memorial Park. EPCAMR helped write the grant and helps coordinate the project.
- Completed the Solomon Creek Coldwater Conservation Plan (SCCCP) and presented it at a public meeting. Completed a $15,000 Cora Brooks Foundation grant proposal for the Solomon Creek Implementation Habitat Improvement Project (SCIHP). Submitted a very similar grant application for $10,000 to the Foundation for PA Watersheds for match.
- EPCAMR staff prepared draft Mine Map Grant application package to the PA DEP Mine Subsidence Insurance (MSI) Fund for ~$255,000 to scan, georeference, and digitize GIS files from a backlog of thousands of maps that the state has in its possession. The MSI would like to update their website, especially for the Anthracite Region, to aide homeowners in knowing the abandoned underground mine subsidence potential under their home and purchasing insurance if their home could potentially be affected. The grant is due March 15th.
- EPCAMR and LRCA staff completed the Lower Lackawanna Watershed Restoration Action Plan (LLWRAP) and executive summary. Began distribution of the summary to key legislators and DEP to begin an implementation strategy.
- EPCAMR staff participated in AMR Conference Calls, monthly, to coordinate the AMR Conference with the conference planning committee and built up the treatminewater.com website with details on the conference as they are sorted out.
- EPCAMR Executive Director completed a $25,000 Shale Gas Innovation Contest Proposal to continue to work on our 3D Underground Mine Pool Mapping Initiative throughout Northeastern PA and potentially rest of PA’s mining impacted areas.

Program Manager Highlights

- Continued to update mine pool GIS files in the Northern & Western Middle Anthracite Fields and began a 3D Mine Pool Model for the Lackawanna Valley.
- Created 1 published map file, 4 maps, 2 GIS and 5 statistical database for partners.
- EPCAMR staff sampled 16 boreholes in the Lackawanna Valley, 26 boreholes in the Wyoming Valley, monitored 1 treatment system, and measured flow on 4 discharges monthly.
- Measured flow and chemistry on 2 more discharges, treatment systems, & upstream and downstream points on the Loyalsock Creek with Sullivan CCD as part of a tour for conservation officials. Presented info on the Bernice Mine Pool.
- Updated 2 GIS and 2 statistical databases for partners. Continued to update and produce figures for the LLWRAP and SCCCP.
- Filled 2 iron oxide orders from EPCAMR Online Store.
- Provided an EPCAMR Program Review for the Non Point Source Liaison Workgroup: Resource Extraction Sub-Committee for Federal Fiscal Year 2012 (October 1, 2011 – September 30, 2012) and submitted it to Donna Carnahan, PA DEP 319 Program. This also serves as a start for the 2012 EPCAMR Annual Report.
- Suggested to the PA DEP 319 Program that a section of Solomon Creek (Sugar Notch Run Headwaters) be removed from the Impaired Waters List.

Robert Hughes

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

Michael Hewitt