

# **CANCELLED EPCAMR 2013 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Board Meeting CANCELLED**

**Agenda – May 16<sup>th</sup>**

## **EPCAMR / Earth Conservancy Office Conference Room**

<b>6:00PM</b>	<b>Call to Order</b> (Sign-in Sheet)	Bernie
	<b>Minutes from Last Mgt. (February 21<sup>st</sup>):</b> <u>Motion to accept &amp; approve</u>	Christine
	<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	
	• <u>Motion to</u> file Checking & PA Invest Account Balances for audit	Cheryl
	<b>AMR Program Reports</b> (See highlights at the end of this Document)	Staff
	<b>Committee Reports</b> (Personnel, Budget, Strategic Planning & Dinner/Fundraiser)	
	• Personnel: Review of Personnel Policy (tabled)	Respective
	• Budget : New Financial Reports by Staff and Bookkeeper (tabled)	Comm. Chairs
	<b>Old Business</b>	
	• <u>Revisit</u> "shopping around" prices for Health Care and Savings Accts.	Robert
	• <u>Update on</u> PA Senate Bill 196: <a href="#">Passed to PA House</a> .	
	• <u>Revisit</u> President's Proposal to Reform the AML Program: Board interaction with legislators, <a href="#">WV Gazette</a> and <a href="#">Obama Admin</a> articles.	Bernie
	<b>New Business</b>	
	• <u>Motion to</u> approve Personnel Committee Recommendations (tabled)	Personnel Com.
	• <u>Discussion on</u> "looking forward" attitude for future agendas	Cheryl
	• <u>Discussion on</u> 4 possible proposals for Act 13 Grants	Robert
	• <u>Discussion on</u> nominees for PA Governor	Ed
	• <u>Discussion on</u> request for Technical Assistance in the Fishing Creek Wshd.	Cheryl
	• <u>Discussion on</u> plans for EPCAMR Annual Meeting (Next Meeting?)	Bernie
	<b>Correspondence and Information</b>	
	• AML Trust Fund Resolutions (5): EPCAMR, North Branch Land Trust, Friends of the Nescopeck, EMARR, and Luzerne Conservation District.	Robert
	• Leadership Lackawanna and Growing Greener Coalition Thank Yous.	
	• Mini Mohawks Donation to Abe Coolbaugh Fund for Stream Restoration	
	• PA Dept. of Revenue Sales Tax Exemption Renewal Approved through 2018	
	<b>Grants, Conferences, Events, Workshops</b>	
	• <b>Act 13 and Growing Greener Grants Applications</b> Due June-July (Ideas?)	Robert
	• <b>ARIPPA AMD/AML Award Application</b> Due June (\$2,500 per coal region)	
	• <b>Bear Creek Festival</b> May 19 <sup>th</sup> Schuylkill Co. Fairgrounds, Summit Station	
	• <b>2013 PA EnviroThon</b> May 21 <sup>st</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> at Juniata College	
	• <b>AMD-AML-ASH Reclamation Talks and Fundraiser</b> June 11 at Ramada Conference Center, State College, PA ( <b>SPEAKERS NEEDED!</b> )	
	• <b>2013 PA Abandoned Mine Reclamation Conference</b> August 8-10 at Ramada Conference Center, State College, PA.	
	• <b>ARIPPA Annual Convention</b> August 20-22 at Sheraton Harrisburg-Hershey	
	• <b>NAAMPLP Conference</b> Sept. 21-25 The Resort at Glade Springs Daniels, WV	
	<b>Watershed Reports</b>	All
<b>8:30PM</b>	<b>Next Meeting (Annual):</b> <i>Tentatively</i> <b>August 15 @ 6:00pm</b> and Adjournment	

Hotlinks in this document will take you to more related info.

## AMR Program Staff Highlights since last Meeting (March 2013 – May 2013)

### Executive Director and General Staff Highlights

- EPCAMR staff participated in Rail Riders Community Organization Promotional Day, the ACT Conference by Foundation for PA Watersheds, GIS Discovery Day at Kings College, hosted a Datashed Workshop, and hosted EPCAMR Quarterly Board Mtg.
- Worked with EPCAMR Volunteer Coordinator to compile volunteer request forms. The forms indicate interest in 17 different volunteer descriptions posted to VolunteerMatch and other sites that solicit volunteers. To date EPCAMR has a base of 53 volunteers that we can call on for various tasks.
- Provided PA AML Resolution template to Mike to forward along to our Conservation Districts, watershed groups, and reclamation-related partners in the EPCAMR Region to encourage them to pass a resolution; EPCAMR Intern compiled a database all of County Officials in the EPCAMR Region and sent the resolution to this list as well.
- EPCAMR Staff sat in on AMR Conference Calls, monthly, to coordinate the AMR Conference with the conference planning committee and built up the [treatminewater.com](http://treatminewater.com) website with details on the conference as they are sorted out.
- EPCAMR staff submitted 3 grants: ~\$342K Mine Mapping Program to the DEP Mine Subsidence Insurance Fund, \$8K PA American Water Company for Solomon Creek Habitat Improvement Project and \$2K for 2 Year Waterboxx Research on AML Grant.
- EPCAMR staff collaborated to transition our Grant Tracking System into QuickBooks for Nonprofits 2013. Several hours were spent learning the software and applying it to specific programs and situations. Setup the accounting program to mirror our 990's.
- Coordinated with the Hicks Creek Watershed Association, Exeter Borough, and all partners involved with the Hicks Creek Natural Stream Design & Construction Project;
- Designed a webpage on EPCAMR.org for our PA Fish & Boat Commission Tackle Loaner Program and some updates to posts and pages on TreatMineWater.com
- Requested a letter from the Superintendent of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District, Dr. Bernie Prevuznak to support EPCAMR's renewal as an Educational Improvement Organization (EIO) under the PA DCED Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC)
- Signed on to a letter, along with several other partnering organizations to preserve a special part of Penn's Woods from gas development; The tract of the Loyalsock State Forest in Lycoming County includes places of ecological and recreational significance.
- Attended a QuickBooks for Non Profits Training put on by the Baer Center in Pittsburgh, PA.
- Worked with a consultant for a large Southern California Clothing Company to provide him with 3 pounds of iron oxide pigment as a trial run. Results were good and he asked for enormous quantities. EPCAMR was working with him to provide capital to purchase processing equipment that could speed up the processing.

Robert Hughes

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

Michael Hewitt

### Program Manager Highlights

- Participated in an Anthracite Region CDWS Meeting at the Pottsville DMO, an Audenreid Treatment System Technical Assistance Meeting, and provided historical statistics on AMD Treatment costs in the *Schuylkill River Watershed*.
- Installed QuickBooks on 2 EPCAMR computers, learned the program via a volunteer "crash course" and tested new "e-mail campaign" app to find some sobering results
- Sampled 1 treatment system in the *Wyoming Valley* monthly, downloaded transducer data for the OFB discharge bi-weekly, researched base WQ for the Lewis AMD Treatment System, *Sullivan Co.*, & visited the Silver Creek AMD Treatment System in *Schuylkill Co.*
- Finished a 3D Mine Pool Model for the Upper *Lackawanna Valley* and calculated mine pool volumes for the Upper Lackawanna Valley of ~13 billion gallons.
- Started digitizing cross-sections for the Lower *Lackawanna Valley* (Aka. SMMP) and updated 3 GIS shapefiles.
- Provided feedback to Jim Wetzel as he continues to prepare a Qualified Hydrologic Unit Plan for the Hazle Creek Watershed near Weatherly, PA.
- Created instructions for processing Iron Oxide from Sludge to Pigment and filled 2 Orders.
- Updated [www.huberbreaker.org](http://www.huberbreaker.org), [www.epcamr.org](http://www.epcamr.org) and [www.treatminewater.com](http://www.treatminewater.com) . Administered the [www.schuylkillheadwaters.org](http://www.schuylkillheadwaters.org), [www.freindsofthescopceck.org](http://www.freindsofthescopceck.org), EPCAMR facebook and Google Apps for Nonprofits accounts.