

EPCAMR 2014 1st Quarter Board Meeting

Minutes – February 20th

EPCAMR / Earth Conservancy Office Conference Room

5:30PM

CC: via
conference
call

Call to Order: Bernie McGurl, Al Mabus, Cheryl Brobst, Peter Haentjens, Christine Haldeman, Ed Wytovich, Irvil Kear, (Quorum) Jeff McNelly(CC), Corey Richmond(CC), Ian Palmer, Jim Koharski, Leigh Ann Kemmerer, Frank Norek, Brandon Hannis, Robert Hughes & Michael Hewitt

Bernie

Minutes from Last Mgt. (November 21st): Moved to accept & approve (Cheryl, Irvil, & All)

Christine

Treasurer's Report

- Moved to file Checking & PA Invest Account Balances for audit (Irvil, Christine, & All)

Cheryl

AMR Program Reports (Anticipated Work at the end of this Document)

Staff

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document
will take
you to
more
related
info.

Committee Reports (Personnel, Budget, Strategic Planning & Dinner/Fundraiser)

- Strategic Plan: Standing Bylaws review; Staff Suggestions (pay special attention to Articles 3, 4 & 7, the rest are grammatical); reminder of 30 day notice

Respective
Comm. Chairs

Old Business

- Moved to adopt all recommendations from November (Executive Committee) Meeting: Last Meeting's Minutes, Treasurer's Report, Change to Personnel Policy, Raises for Staff, Media Relations Spokesperson Policy, and Adjournment (see November 21, 2014 minutes for details). (Irvil, Cheryl, & All)

Bernie/Mike

New Business

- Moved to approve Committee Recommendations
- Postponed election Sponsoring Organization nominees as voting trustees to August (annual) meeting
- Postponed nomination and election of "community at large" voting trustees till bylaws are changed
- Moved to Adjourn Business Portion of Meeting (Cheryl, Irvil, & All)

Bernie

6:30PM

Business
portion of
meeting
complete.

Discussion and Correspondence

- ~~Training on SRBC Mine Drainage Data Portal (30 mins)~~ Postponed
- Discussion on Senate Bill 411; Letter of Opposition to Sen. Yudichak – DEP or SRBC stance?
- Discussion on House Bill 649: aka. "Official Rock Act"
- Discussion on research agreement with DCNR Bureau of Forestry
- Staff Δ: GIS Technicians, Kelsey and Bridgette, to Specialists and Bringing on Dave Svab as new GIS Technician for MSI Project.
- Brought on 2 additional interns (non-paid): Watershed Outreach Intern, Holly Halecki, through an internship with King's College & Community Relations Intern, Gabby Zawacki, through Wilkes University.

Tom Clark
Robert

Grants, Conferences, Events, Workshops

- **PA Abandoned Mine Reclamation Conference** - June 26-27, 2014 Ramada Inn Conference Center, State College
- **2014 Keystone Coldwater Conference – *Coldwater Resources: Current Practices in Conservation, Protection and Restoration*** - February 21-22, 2014 Ramada Inn Conference Center, State College, Pennsylvania

Robert

Watershed Reports (forgone due to time)

All

7:00PM

Next Meeting: Tentatively May 15th @ 6:00pm

Other Tentative Meeting dates in 2014 are August 21st (Annual?) & November 20th

AMR Program Staff Anticipated Work for Next Quarter (looking forward)
Partners and Places in bold

General Staff

- Scan, catalog, georeference and digitize Mine Maps from **PA DEP Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation (BAMR) Wilkes-Barre Office** related to the Mine Subsidence Insurance (MSI) Mine Map Processing Grant. Send maps monthly for review by **PA DEP California District Mining Office (DMO)** and invoice for time and resources spent.
- Approve design on the Lewis AMD Treatment System Rehabilitation Project (**Loyalsock Creek, Sullivan County**) in cooperation with **Hedin Environmental** and **PA DEP Moshannon DMO**.
- Finalize Joint Permit on Hicks Creek Natural Stream Channel Design Project (**Hicks Creek, Luzerne County**) in cooperation with **PA DEP BAMR Wilkes-Barre Office**.
- Plant trees in WaterBoxx's at **Espy Run Treatment System (Nanticoke Creek, Luzerne County)**. Begin and continue to monitor tree growth monthly at **Espy Run** and **Huber Park (Solomon Creek, Luzerne County)**.
- Complete EPCAMR 2012 and 2013 Annual Reports and post to GuideStar.org.
- Sample water quality at **Espy Run Treatment System** quarterly and **Askam Borehole Treatment System (both in Nanticoke Creek, Luzerne County)** monthly to evaluate iron and acidity removal post construction for **Earth Conservancy**.
- Co-coordinate of the **2014 PA statewide Abandoned Mine Reclamation Conference** via conference call with **WPCAMR** and the **AMR Conference Committee**. Create and maintain treatminewater.com website.
- Update EPCAMR websites as needed, as well as the Google Apps for Education Email+ Account and Facebook Social Media outreach tools.
- Continue to map mine pools and create 3D models of mines to estimate volumes of mine water available for re-use in the **Wyoming Valley** with **TIPS Software from OSM** for the **Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC)**. Submit final report.
- Continue to work with **EPCAMR Board** to increase Quarterly Board Mtg. efficiency.
- Continue to provide technical & outreach assistance to **EPCAMR partners** dealing with AML issues, as needed.
- Complete another update of RAMLIS with updated information from the **Pennsylvania Spatial Data Access (PASDA) Server**.
- Continue to look for stream segments in the EPCAMR Region, where improvements have been made to streams on the 303 (d) List of Impaired Waters, that should be reassessed and stand a good chance of being removed from the list. Gather supporting water quality monitoring or biological monitoring evidence and report to the **PA DEP Bureau of Conservation and Restoration (BCR) Section 319 Program**.
- Create monthly progress reports, post them to the epcamr.org website and send to **PA DEP BCR Section 319 Program** along with an invoice of time and resources spent for reimbursement.
- Working with **ITT Tech Dunmore Campus** on "Actions speak louder than Words" Marketing Campaign and update to our Iron Oxide Processing Technical Manual with Intern, Gabby Z.
- Working with Tatiana Markovich, **Camden County Community College**, on an Iron Oxide Outreach to Artists Campaign.

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