

# EPCAMR 2014 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Board Meeting

Minutes – June 19<sup>th</sup>

## EPCAMR / Earth Conservancy Office Conference Room

5:00PM

### Discussion and Correspondence

Info.  
Portion of  
Meeting

- [Training on SRBC Mine Drainage Data Portal](#)
- [Staff Δ](#): Bridgette moved on to another job; Hired Samantha Schafer as new GIS Technician for MSI Project. Dee Jolly moved on to another job; Hired Denise Hernandez as part-time bookkeeper.
- [Brought on 2 additional interns \(non-paid\)](#): Watershed Outreach Interns, Dana Sword & Caitlin Dickson - both from Bloomsburg U. start in summer
- [Stop the Cuts. Protect our Land & Water! Campaign](#): Exec. Dir. signed
- [Making use of volunteer database](#): Volunteers sign up via MailChimp telling us their skills and interests for direct marketing of vol. opportunities
- [Board Member Profile Pages on EPCAMR.org](#): Becca Linder is collecting information and photos. Please coordinate via [intern@epcamr.org](mailto:intern@epcamr.org).

Mike

Robert

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will take  
you to  
more info.

### Grants, Conferences, Events, Workshops

- **SME PA Anthracite Section 100th Anniversary** - June 19, 2014 Valley C. Club
- **PA Abandoned Mine Reclamation Conference** - June 26-27, 2014 Ramada Inn Conference Center, State College, PA
- **ARIPPA Award** – Due July 14<sup>th</sup> and Decision/Announcement July 21<sup>st</sup>
- **Illegal Dump Site Cleanups** – June 30 (Line Street) & July 14 (Spring Run)
- **ARIPPA Awards Luncheon** – Wed. Aug 20, 2014 Sheraton Harrisburg-Hershey

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### Watershed Reports (forgone due to time constraints)

All

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6:00PM

**Call to Order Business Meeting:** Bernie McGurl, Cheryl Brobst, Christine Haldeman, Ed Wytovich, Irvil Kear, Ben Vaupel, Corey Richmond ([Quorum](#)), Ian Palmer, Leigh Ann Kemmerer, Robert Hughes & Michael Hewitt

Bernie

Begin  
Business  
Portion of  
Meeting

**Minutes from Last Mgt. (February 20th):** [Moved to](#) accept & approve (Irvil, Ed & All)

Christine

### Treasurer's Report

- [Moved to](#) file Checking & PA Invest Account Balances for audit (Irvil, Ed & All)

Cheryl

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

Suggestions for other mine map collections: NMMR (i.e. Reading Anthracite), Bobby Burns (Girard Estates), Bernie (Northwest & Pompey), Bob Tomain Carbondale Historical Society (Coalbrook). Suggested portable scanner for other collections?

Staff

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

- Strategic Plan: [Standing Bylaws](#) review; [New ByLaws](#) for consideration (pay special attention to Articles 3, 4 & 7, the rest are grammatical)

Respective  
Comm. Chairs

### Old Business

### New Business

- [Moved to](#) approve Committee Recommendations (Irvil, Cheryl & All)
- [Moved to](#) sign and approve PA DEP Environmental Education Grant (Tim, Christine & All)
- [Moved to](#) nominate and elect “community at large” voting trustees. Ian Palmer, Cheryl Brobst (Ed, Tim & All) & Irvil Kear, Leigh Anne Kemmerer (Ed, Cheryl

Bernie

& All) were elected to the board.

- Moved to support SB 1436 Waste Coal Energy & Reclamation Tax Credit (Cheryl, Irvil & All)
- Moved to pick place/time for August Annual Meeting and details. Picked 11AM-1PM @ (Plan A) Sweet Arrow Lake or (Plan B) Pioneer Tunnel.
- Discussion on Day Meetings? May be easier for District Employees, State Representatives and Retired Volunteers... but for those with other jobs... try it... Also, Specific needs for Director Skills: Lawyer, Human Resource, Banking... Officer Succession – look for someone interested in Future President to fill VP
- Moved to Adjourn Business Portion of Meeting (Ian, Ed & All)

**7:00PM**

**Next Meeting:** *Tentatively* **August 21<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL MEETING**

Other Tentative Meeting date is November 20th (Schedule others)

**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** and then **PA DEP Pottsville District Mining Office (DMO)** 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.
- EPCAMR staff and treasurer to create EPCAMR Annual Budget for approval at the Annual Board Meeting in August 2014.
- Working with **Greater Nanticoke Area (GNA) School District** on **PA DEP Environmental Education (EE) Grant** regarding the Outdoor Education and AMD Pottery Art Classroom Program.
- Working with **PENNDOT** and **PA Fish and Boat Commission** Mitigation Project development of a dam removal along **Solomon Creek** in **Ashley Borough** over \$100K.
- 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** and extension for another year.
- Plant native trees in WaterBoxx's at **Espy Run Treatment System** and **Hanover 9 (both near Nanticoke Creek, Luzerne County)**. 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](http://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**.
- Aiding **Huber Breaker Preservation Society (HBPS)** in development of the Huber Memorial Park in **Ashley, PA** (ie. mine car restoration, mock slope entry, multi-media theatre, trails and installation of gardens with **Wilkes-Barre Career and Tech Center Horticultural Class Future Farmers of America (FFA) Grant**).
- Coordinate the **2014 PA statewide Abandoned Mine Reclamation Conference** via conference call with **WPCAMR** and the **AMR Conference Committee**. Maintain [treatminewater.com](http://treatminewater.com) website and host conference in **State College** in June 2014.
- 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 by June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- 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 for 2014 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](http://epcamr.org) website and send to **PA DEP BCR Section 319 Program** along with an invoice of time and resources spent for reimbursement.
- Cataloging EPCAMR Photos with Google Picasa and incorporating copyright logo.

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