

EPCAMR 2014 Annual (3rd Quarter) Board Meeting

Minutes – August 21st

Sweet Arrow Lake Schuylkill County Park Large Pavilion

11:00AM Info. Portion of Meeting	<p>Discussion and Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Presentation on</u> venue: Site of the Union Canal to Lebanon (Big Dam) broke and was not rebuilt. Supplied water to nearby PPL Anthracite Power Plant in 1960's. Sold to borough, sold to county who fixed dam (\$1.2M) and made it a co. park. • <u>Handouts</u>: By Laws and Policy Document Packets • <u>Staff Δ</u>: Promotions of Full-time MSI Mine Map Prog. Coordinator and Part-time GIS Specialist. Also hired Seasonal Part-time Trail Markers, Gabby Zawacki and Simon Wrubel. • <u>Interns</u>: Elizabeth Rosser (Mountain Top), Dana Sword & Caitlyn Dickinson (Bloomsburg U) 	Bob Evanchalk Mike Robert
11:30AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Discussed</u> Set-aside Funding with PA DEP BAMR. See handouts. Decreased funding projections for AML Grants to PA down to \$734M (half of original \$1.4B) due to many factors: reduced fees from original SMCRA, decrease in coal production, shift from surface (28C) to underground (12C) mining, western states still “not certified” (all total -\$590M), incorrect federal sequestration (-\$37M), competing priorities (i.e. removal of OSM Emergency funding, P1&P2s, AMD Set-Aside). Need for Reauthorization in 2021 (only 6 years away) 	BAMR Reps. Brian Bradley Mike Korb
Hotlinks in this document will take you to more info.	<p>Grants, Conferences, Events, Workshops</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PEC Policy Conference – September 17, 2014 Harrisburg Hilton • NAAML P Conference – September 21-24, 2014. Columbus, Ohio • PAEE Community Learners Mtg. – September 30, 2014 EPCAMR Office • PA SME Field Trip – October 16, 2014 from 1-5PM Southern Wyoming Valley • AMR Conference – June 25-26, 2015 @ Ramada Inn in State College 	Robert
12:00PM	~Break For Lunch~	All
12:50PM Begin Business Portion of Meeting	<p>Call to Order Business Meeting: Bernie McGurl, Cheryl Brobst, Christine Haldeman, Ed Wytovich, M. Irvil Kear, Ben Vaupel, Corey Richmond (Quorum), Tim Ference, Robert Hughes, Michael Hewitt, Kelsey Biondo, Samantha Schafer, Brian Bradley, & Mike Korb.</p> <p>Minutes from Last Mgt. (February 20th): <u>Moved to</u> accept & approve (Irvil, Ed & All)</p> <p>Treasurer's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Moved to</u> file Checking & PA Invest Account Balances for audit (Irvil, Pete & All) <p>AMR Program Reports (Anticipated Work at the end of this Document)</p> <p>Committee Reports (Personnel, Budget, Strategic Planning & Dinner/Fundraiser)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personnel Committee: Reminder to prepare Annual Staff Evaluations • Budget & Finance Committee: Review Preliminary 2015 Budget in QB Format <p>Old Business (none)</p> <p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Moved to</u> approve the Annual Budget for 2015 (Irvil , Pete & All) • <u>Moved to</u> Accept director nominations from the Nominating Organizations, see handout (Tim, Ed & All) • <u>Moved to</u> Nominate “Community-at-Large” voting member: Christine Haldeman (Bernie, Cheryl & All, Christine abstains) • <u>Moved to</u> Elect Nominated Directors to Board (Irvil, Pete & All) • <u>Moved to</u> Nominate Executive Committee (Pres, VP, Sec & Treas) Re-Elect 	Bernie Christine Cheryl Staff Respective Comm. Chairs Bernie Christine

current slate with intention to replace VP ASAP & Pres. by 2016 (Ed, Irvil & All)

- Moved to Elect Nominated Directors to Executive Committee (Ed, Pete & All)

Watershed Reports

- Swatara Creek – have an ALD, Diversion Wells and Wetlands to treat AMD All
- Schuylkill Headwaters – with Silver Creek, Bell Colliery and Mary D Treatment Systems now installed the section of the Schuylkill River from Mary D to Port Carbon is cleaning up nicely
Chaparral Pit infiltration discharge to Big Creek (upstream of Kaska) not listed as AMD Impacted (for Acid)
Schuylkill Flood Plain sampling of culm going well except for a snafu with company not allowing access along the railroad
Ideas to combine Pine Knot and Oak Hill discharges into one treatment system.
Mill Creek QHUP still needs 1 year of monitoring until complete
- Catawissa Creek – EMARR applied to Growing Greener to fix intake of the Audenreid (~\$1M) and DCED to take out limestone, bypass 3 lines (18" lines) and automate flush valves
Oneida #1 – Valves being replaced and back flush soon
Oneida #3 – CD grant to run power in to flush system. Looking to place tarp over intake for algae problem (Sullivan CD suggested the carport 3' high)
- Lackawanna River – MS4 grant helped with building EPCAMR's grant for Newport and Nanticoke Creek Watersheds storm water planning grant. Bernie
SMS and EPCAMR went to SRBC in Harrisburg to Support Application for Consumptive Use Mitigation project. Mine Fire popped up in Carbondale.
Dolph and Powderly Creek were fixed and being monitored.
Eddy Creek 3 miles to be repaired by BAMR for ~\$3M.
- Moved to Adjourn Business Portion of Meeting (Cheryl, Irvil & All)
Bernie might not be at next meeting.

1:30PM

Next Meeting: Tentatively November 20th 5:00PM

Tentative for 2015: February 19th, May 21st, August 20th, & November 19th, 2015

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 Pottsville District Mining Office (DMO)** and then **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.
- 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.
- Monitor native tree growth in WaterBoxxes monthly at **Espy Run** and **Huber Park (Nanticoke and Solomon Creek Watersheds, 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**.
- 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 **2015 PA statewide Abandoned Mine Reclamation Conference** via conference call with **WPCAMR** and the **AMR Conference Committee**. Maintain treatminewater.com website and co-host conference in 2015.
- Update EPCAMR websites as needed, as well as the Google Apps for Education Email+ Account and Facebook Social Media outreach tools.
- Keeping our fingers crossed on 3 Growing Greener Grants: Nanticoke Stormwater Planning, Limestone Tank Treatment System Study and EPCAMR Technical Assistance for Flow Monitoring.
- 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 website and send to **PA DEP BCR Section 319 Program** along with an invoice of time and resources spent for reimbursement.

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