EPCAMR 2015 1st Quarter Board Meeting
Agenda – February 19th
EPCAMR Office / Earth Conservancy Conference Room

11:00AM
Info. Portion of Meeting

Discussion and Correspondence
- Handouts: Last Meeting Minutes and Treasurer’s Report
  Mike
- Staff: No changes
  Robert
- Interns: Amanda Hamstra, Jessica Johnson, Hayley Giannone
- Discussion on Growing Greener: not awarded, 18/117 in EPCAMR region
- Discussion on GiveGab and Amazon Smile Fundraising Campaigns
- Discussion on AMR Conference Silent Auction items

Grants, Conferences, Events, Workshops
- PAEE Conference – March 12th @ Raystown Lake [www.paee.net]
  Robert
- Schuylkill River Congress – March 14th @ Montgomery CCC, Pottstown
  [www.delawareriverkeeper.org]
- WV Mine Drainage Symposium – Mar.31 - April 1 [www.wvmdtaskforce.com]
- AMR Conference – June 25-26, 2015 @ Ramada Inn in State College
  [www.treatminewater.com]
- ARIPPA Awards Application - Summer 2015 ($2500 in EPCAMR Region)

Watershed Reports
- All

12:00PM
Begin Business Portion of Meeting

Call to Order Business Meeting: (Sign-In Sheet)
Bernie
Minutes from Last Mgt. (November 20th): Motion to accept & approve
Christine
Treasurer’s Report
- Motion to file Checking & PA Invest Account Balances for audit
Cheryl
AMR Program Reports (Anticipated Work at the end of this Document)
Staff
Committee Reports (Personnel, Budget, Strategic Planning & Dinner/Fundraiser)
- Nominating Committee: Looking for Executive Committee successors
Respective Comm. Chairs

Old Business
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New Business
- Motion to approve Committee Recommendations
  Bernie
- Motion to approve Coldwater Heritage Plan Agreement for Laurel Run Watershed, Luzerne County

- Motion to adjourn Business Portion of meeting

1:00PM
Next Meeting: Tentatively May 21st 11:00AM (with lunch, bring $5 donation)
Tentative for 2015: May 21st, August 20th(Annual Meeting @ Pioneer Tunnel), & 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.
- Harvest, dry, process, package, and inventory Iron Oxide with EPCAMR Interns.
- Sample chemistry and monitor flow of multiple AMD treatment sites throughout the Region: Askam, Espy, Aylesworth, and treatment systems in the Catawissa Watershed as a part of the Datashed sampling event.
- Joint Permit approved on Hicks Creek Natural Stream Channel Design Project (Exeter Boro., Luzerne Co.). Develop a bid package and site showing with Skelly & Loy. Hoping for Bid Award for Construction by late spring 2015 in cooperation with PA DEP BAMR Wilkes-Barre Office.
- Waiting on $136K mitigation project cooperative agreement with PA Fish & Boat Commission and PA DOT for a Trout Stream Wildlife Habitat Improvement and Dam Removal Project along the Solomon Creek (Ashley Boro., Luzerne Co.)
- Awarded a $5K Coldwater Conservation Heritage Award to create a plan for Laurel Run (Mill Creek Watershed, Luzerne County). Field work to start in spring.
- Coordinate the 2015 PA statewide Abandoned Mine Reclamation Conference via conference call with WPCAMR and the AMR Conference Committee. Maintain treatminewater.com website, process registrations and co-host conference in 2015.
- Begin distribution, outreach & education program for $15K Waterboxx Grant for the EPCAMR Region. Regional partners will obtain boxes and return monitoring results monthly. EPCAMR continues to monitor tree growth in WaterBoxxes monthly at Espy Run and Huber Park (Nanticoke & Solomon Creek Watersheds, Luzerne Co.).
- Create “Seed Bombs” with school students at a Riverfront Parks Outdoor Environmental Education event on April 17th in Wilkes-Barre.
- 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. Unique regional iron oxide glaze developed by Wilkes University. Pottery in the classroom “kicks off” before school year end.
- Preparing several grants to seek funding for Municipal Stormwater Outreach and Education in the Wyoming Valley. Unfortunately, EPCAMR was not awarded any Growing Greener Grants to provide technical assistance in the Region this year.
- Waiting on agreement with SMS,LLC to install transducers and monitor water levels in several boreholes in the Scranton-Metropolitan Mine Pool related to the Old Forge Borehole AMD Remediation for the Lackawanna River (Lackawanna Co.).
- Conduct a “Seed Bombs for Reclamation” Education Program with Ms. Tombasco's STEM Classes at Drums Elementary School, Luzerne County.
- Sample Guten Mine Drift (Lewis Mine AMD), upstream and downstream points on Birch Creek (Loyalsock Creek, Sullivan Co.). Develop a bid package and site showing with Hedin Environmental. Hoping for Bid Award for Construction by late spring 2015 in cooperation with PA DEP Moshannon District Mining Office.
- Plan for cleanup of illegal dump sites in the Centralia (Columbia Co.), Honey Pot (Luzerne Co.), Solomon Creek (Luzerne Co.) in cooperation with the Great PA Cleanup and other local partners (ex. Blaschak Coal Company & Columbia CCD).
- Working with GiveGab on a $10K Equipment Outreach Fundraising Campaign.
- Obtained a $10K grant from Polaris to purchase field sampling equipment and ATV
- Complete another update of RAMLIS for 2016 with updated information from the Pennsylvania Spatial Data Access (PASDA) Server.
- Continue to provide technical & outreach assistance to EPCAMR partners dealing with AML issues, as needed.

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