

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
- Staff Δ: No changes
- 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

Mike
Robert

Grants, Conferences, Events, Workshops

- **PAEE Conference** – March 12th @ Raystown Lake www.paee.net
- **Schuylkill River Congress** – March 14th @ Montgomery CCC, Pottstown www.delawariverkeeper.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)

Robert

Watershed Reports

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All

12:00PM

Call to Order Business Meeting: (Sign-In Sheet)

Bernie

Begin
Business
Portion of
Meeting

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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will take
you to
more info.

New Business

- Motion to approve Committee Recommendations
- Motion to approve Coldwater Heritage Plan Agreement for Laurel Run Watershed, Luzerne County
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- Motion to adjourn Business Portion of meeting

Bernie

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** spring 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 EPCAMR 2013 & 2014 Annual Reports and post to GuideStar.org.
- 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