

EPCAMR 2015 4th Quarter Board Meeting

Minutes – November 19th

EPCAMR Office / Earth Conservancy Conference Room

11:00AM
Info. Portion
of Meeting

Discussion and Correspondence

- Handouts: Minutes, Treasurer's Report, Revised Draft 2016 Budget, Director & Member Roster, GG3 "Themes," Legislative Bills (as needed)
- Staff & Interns: No staff changes
- Board Stance on HR 3843: "Fed. Good Samaritan" Act & HR 3844: Energy and Minerals Reclamation Foundation Act. Submitted a written statement to U.S HR Nat. Res. Comm. in support of the Good Sam, but not support the Foundation Act, but would like to stay involved with discussion/revisions to Foundation Act.
- Board Approved partnering with Community Aid for Clothing Collection Bin. EPCAMR gets donation and ability to apply for a grant. Bin will be placed at a business in the Centralia/Shamokin Area. (general consensus)
- Discussion on Growing Greener 3 Listening Session "Themes"

Mike

Robert
Mike

Robert

Grants, Conferences, Events, Workshops

- "From Waste to Create"- Wyoming Seminary Upper School 12/2/15 @ 7pm
- PA Anthracite Joint PSPE/SME Meeting - Top of the 80's in Hazleton 1/14/16
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Robert

Watershed Reports (forgone in lieu of time constraints)

All

- Schuylkill Headwaters: A pavilion at the Mary D Complex will be dedicated in honor of Ian Palmer.

12:00PM

Call to Order Business Meeting: Attendance - Bernie McGurl, Cheryl Brobst, Christine Haldeman, Ed Wytovich, Ben Vaupel, Corey Richmond, Tim Ference (Quorum), Leigh Ann Henry, Peter Haentjens, Robert Hughes, Michael Hewitt, Kelsey Biondo, Dave Svab, Gabby Zawacki, Liz Rosser & Denise Hernandez.

Bernie

Begin
Business
Portion of
Meeting

Minutes from Last Mgt. (August 20th): filed for audit

Christine

Treasurer's Report

- Checking & PA Invest Account Balances filed for audit
- Moved to pay Kovalchik and Kollar for 2014 990's submission (Corey, Leigh Ann & All); Retroactive 990's (Tim, Ed & All)

Cheryl

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

Staff

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

- Personnel Committee: Workplace Safety & Management Staff Evaluations
- Nominating Committee: Looking for Executive Committee successors

Respective
Comm. Chairs

Old Business

- Moved to approve revised draft 2016 Budget (Pete, Tim & All)

Bernie

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will take
you to
more info.

New Business

- Moved to approve Committee Recommendations: Work Place Safety Policy (Ed, Tim & All), Management Staff Evals. (Cheryl, Leigh Ann & All). Personnel Comm. plans to meet in December with staff on details of both.
- Moved to approve 4 new board director nominations from Nominating Orgs.: Chris Storm, Erica Tomlinson, Judy Becker & Jaci Harner (Ed Tim & All)

Bernie

- Moved to nominate “Community-at-Large” director: Jeff Gittleman (Cheryl, Pete & All) Peter/Robert
- Moved to elect nominated directors to serve 3 year term (Pete, Ed & All)
- Moved to nominate Executive Committee from Directors, Nominate slate minus VP -remains vacant. (Ed, Pete & All) Bernie
- Moved to elect Executive Committee to serve 1 year term (Pete, Cheryl & All)
- Moved to adjourn Business Portion of meeting (Pete, Cheryl & All)

1:00PM **Next Meeting:** *Tentatively* **February 18th 11:00AM (with lunch, bring \$5)**
Tentative for 2016: February 18th, May 19th, August 18th (Annual) & Nov. 17th, 2016

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.
- **Earth Conservancy** contract to monitor chemistry/flow at **Askam** Treatment System.
- Rehabilitation of Guten Mine Drift (Lewis Mine AMD) Treatment System on Birch Creek (**Loyalsock Creek, Sullivan Co.**) completed by local contractors. Finalize paperwork with **PA DEP Moshannon District Mining Office**.
- 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**. Extension approved and expect Bid Award for Construction by late spring 2016.
- Waiting on \$108K 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.)**
- Complete field work to be by Fall 2016 for \$5K Coldwater Heritage Conservation grant and create a plan for **Laurel Run (Mill Creek Watershed, Luzerne County)**.
- Plan for the **2016 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 2016.
- Continue \$15K Waterboxx III Grant for the **EPCAMR Region** in Spring 2016. Partners will obtain boxes, saplings, tools and return monitoring results monthly.
- Complete last ½ of the \$5K **PennEast** grant to provide mine maps to **Wyoming Val. Municipalities**. Executive Director to serve on Pipeline Infrastructure Workgroup.
- Begin \$16K **SRBC** Contract to map/model mine pools in **Rausch Cr. (Schuylkill Co.)**
- Begin ~\$4K **Chesapeake Bay Trust** grant to build a mini AMD treatment system.
- Purchased Polaris Ranger ETX utility vehicle through \$10K **Polaris** grant (wrapup).
- 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.)**.
- Working on updating the 319 Program Work Plan and EPCAMR Strategic Plan.
- Continue preparing several grants to seek funding for to further EPCAMR's Mission.
- 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.
- Aiding **Huber Breaker Preservation Society (HBPS)** in development of the Miners Memorial Park in **Ashley, PA** (ie. mine car restoration, railroad signal, mock slope entry, multi-media theatre, trails and gardens). Host an intern, HBPS will reimburse.
- Update EPCAMR websites as needed, as well as the Google Apps for Education Email+ Account and Facebook Social Media outreach tools.
- 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**.
- \$5K **SRI** contract with update Datashed.org website and host educational trainings.
- Harvest, dry, process, package, and inventory Iron Oxide with EPCAMR Interns
- Continue to provide AMD Field Tours and participate Environmental Outreach Events
- 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