

EPCAMR 2016 2nd Quarter Board Meeting

Minutes – May 19th

EPCAMR Office / Earth Conservancy Conference Room

11:00AM
Info.
Portion of
Meeting

Discussion and Correspondence

- Handouts: Minutes, Treasurer's Report and corresponding documents Mike
- Staff & Interns: new intern Gavin; Lizz and Dave left, looking to shift exiting staff then hire one more each for MSI and Outreach programs. Robert
- Updated Membership Form for 2016; typically due by annual meeting in August Mike
- Discussion on potential for EPCAMR to house OSM AmeriCorps Leaders; Handouts for the positions were shared; Interviews underway. Robert
- Discussion on Plainsville Borehole Treatment and Landowner; EPCAMR took sample and provided results to landowner; John Levitsky laid out an initial plan to enhance the existing 17 acre pond for better treatment. Working with EPCAMR to find funding and a final landowner of the treatment system. John
- Discussion on SMCRA Reauthorization and Current Legislation [HR 4456](#); handouts to show benefit to PA & legislation changes the PA AML Campaign. Mike

Grants, Conferences, Events, Workshops

- PA AMR Conference June 22-23 @ Indiana University of PA Robert

Watershed Reports

- Forgone due to time constraints... All

12:00PM

Call to Order Business Meeting: Attendance - Bernie McGurl, Christine Haldeman, Ben Vaupel, Corey Richmond, Tim Ference, Leigh Ann Henry, Peter Haentjens (Quorum), John Levitsky, Mary Wagner, Jeff Gittleman, George Hludzik, Robert Hughes, Michael Hewitt, Kelsey Biondo, Gabby Zawacki, Denise Hernandez & Gavin Pellitteri. Bernie

Begin
Business
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Minutes from Last Mgt. (November 19th): Filed for Audit (Mary, Peter & All) Christine

Treasurer's Report

- Filed for Audit: Checking & PA Invest Account Balances (Mary, Peter & All) Christine

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

Committee Reports

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

- Personnel Committee: Staff seeking guidance on staffing needs vs. workload Respective
- Strategic Planning Committee: Update from 2011. Staff started. John Levitsky and Leigh Ann Henry volunteered. Send info to the committee. Comm. Chairs
- Nominating Committee: Looking for Executive Committee successors

Old Business

- <None> Bernie

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more info.

New Business

- Motion to approve Committee Recommendations Bernie
- Moved to approve and sign the DEP EE grant (Mary, Corey & All) Mike
- Moved to hire Gavin Pellitteri as Part Time Outreach Specialist (John, Mary & All) Bernie
- Moved to nominate George Hludzik to the board (Tim, Pete & All)
- Motion to adjourn Business Portion of meeting

1:00PM

Next Meeting: *Tentatively* August 18th 11:00AM (with lunch, bring \$5)
Tentative for 2016: 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 **Earth Conservancy's Blue Coal Map Collection** 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. Wrote a grant extension to allow us to continue the Mine Mapping Grant for 2 more years.
- **Earth Conservancy** contract to monitor chemistry/flow at **Askam Treatment System**. Extra water coming into the system is driving more monitoring of boreholes and loss points.
- 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 & expect Bid Award for Construction by late summer 2016.
- Started a \$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**. Partners picked up boxes, saplings, tools and will return monitoring results monthly.
- Completed printing and PDF-ing OSM Underground Mine Map Folios for **Wyoming Val. Municipalities** as a part of the \$5K **PennEast** grant. Executive Director to serves on Pipeline Infrastructure Workgroup.
- Continue \$16K **SRBC** Contract to map/model mine pools in the **Rausch Creek Watershed (Schuylkill Co.)**
- 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.)**.
- Waiting on 2 agreements with **Twin Oaks Research Center, Inc.** to implement their Rainmaker Mobile AMD Treatment System and Water Harvester on **Solomon Cr.**
- 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 & 2015 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.
- Administer the \$2.5K **ARIPPA** AMD/AML Reclamation Awards for **EPCAMR Region**.
- 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
- Continue to work with **EPCAMR Board** to increase Quarterly Board Mtg. efficiency.

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

- 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.