

EPCAMR 2016 3rd Quarter Board Meeting Minutes

Agenda – August 18th

Luzerne Conservation District

11:00AM
Info.
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Meeting

Discussion and Correspondence

- Welcome to Luzerne Conservation District Office Tim Ference
- Handouts: Minutes, Treasurer's Report and corresponding documents Mike
- Discussion on Orange Water Network Online Community Forum idea? A message board. Board said, yes. Mike to delegate to Abbie, OSMRE AmeriCorps. Ed
- Update on housing 2 OSMRE AmeriCorps Members for the Appalachian Team. Robert to interview 7-8 candidates. Annex cubicle to be developed in the big room outside the EPCAMR Office. Robert
- Staff changes: new intern Jason Laboranti from Bloomsburg U. and Andy Freifeld for Huber Breaker Preservation Society from Temple U.
- Discussion on possible statewide Stormwater Impact Fee. Effort led by Dave Hess to support another EPCAMR Regional Watershed Support Initiative (RWSI) or another pot of money for Growing Greener projects. All
- Discussion on RECLAIM Act progress and AML Pilot Program.

Grants, Conferences, Events, Workshops

- ARIPPA Annual Tech Convention @ Sheraton Harrisburg August 16-18 Robert

Watershed Reports

- All

12:00PM

Begin
Business
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Meeting

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

President

Minutes from Last Mgt. (May 19th): Filed for Audit (Mary, Cheryl and All)

Secretary

Treasurer's Report

- Filed for Audit: Checking & PA Invest Account Balances (Tim, Ben and All) Treasurer
 - Sent an accountant's copy to Kovalcheck and Kollar to complete 990s

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

Staff

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

- Personnel Committee: Staff evaluations begin next quarter Respective
- Strategic Planning Committee: Update from 2011. 3 board members volunteered for the committee to look at staff update. Will prepare a survey for the rest of the board to participate and have a meeting to discuss after we get results in. Comm.
- Nominating Committee: Talk with individual members about membership levels. Chairs

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New Business

- Moved to approve board director nominations from nominating orgs.(Cheryl, Pete, All) President
- Moved to nominate John Welsh and Mike Korb as community-at-large directors (Pete, Cheryl and All)
- Moved to elect nominated directors to serve 3-year term (Mary, Corey and All)
- Moved to nominate previous executive committee (Pres., Vice Pres., Sec. & Treas.). Question on the motion: Ask Mike Korb to be VP? (Corey, John and All)
- Moved to elect executive committee to serve 1-year term (Corey, Mary and All)
- Moved to adjourn Business Portion of meeting (Pete, Ben and All)

1:00PM

Next Meeting: *Tentatively* November 17th 11:00AM (with lunch, bring \$5)

Tentative for 2017: February 16th, May 18th, August 17th, & November 16th, 2017

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 Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation (BAMR) Wilkes-Barre Office** and then the **PA DEP Pottsville District Mining Office (DMO)** 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** monthly and **Espy Run Treatment System** quarterly, both in the **Nanticoke Creek** watershed.
- 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**. Waiting on extension from PA DEP & Bid Award for Construction in 2017.
- Coordinating 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 finish plan for **Laurel Run (Mill Creek Watershed, Luzerne County)**.
- Plan for the **2017 PA statewide Abandoned Mine Reclamation Conference** via conference call with **WPCAMR** and the **AMR Conference Committee**. Maintain treatminewater.com website, & select a venue (hopefully in Eastern PA).
- Continue \$15K Waterboxx III Grant for the **EPCAMR Region**. Partners picked up boxes, saplings, tools and will return monitoring results monthly.
- Continue \$16K SRBC Contract to map/model mine pools in the **Rausch Creek Watershed (Schuylkill Co.)**
- Started a Stormwater Management Plan for **Wilkes-Barre City** with ~\$8.5K of funding from the **National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF)**.
- Started a Monarchs and Minelands program with \$3K in funding from **PA DEP EE**
- 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.**
- Updated the 319 Program Work Plan and submitted to **PA DEP 319 Program** for FY 2017-2020.
- 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

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