

EPCAMR 2016 4th Quarter Board Meeting

Agenda – November 17th

EPCAMR Office

11:00AM
Info.
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Meeting

Discussion and Correspondence

- Handouts: Minutes, Treasurer’s Report and corresponding documents Staff
John
- Discussion on “New” [DEP Set-Aside Program Guidelines](#) and Anthracite Region Prioritization (or lack thereof); Comment period now over.
- Discussion on Industrial Archives & Library and potential scanning work Mike K.
- Discussion on IT issues: Plotter down and Server soon to be? Robert
- Staff changes: New OSM Americorps Members Rachael and Abbie Staff
- Reminder: Memberships due after next meeting (Feb. 16 2017)

Grants, Conferences, Events, Workshops

- DEP Accepting Applications for Next Round of [Growing Greener Plus](#) Staff
- 2017 AMR Conference will be June 22-23 at Genetti’s in Wilkes-Barre

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. (August 18th): [File for Audit](#) Secretary

Treasurer’s Report

- File for Audit: Checking & PA Invest Account Balances Treasurer
- File for Audit: EPCAMR 990’s for 2015 completed by Kovalchik and Kollar

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

Committee Reports

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

- Personnel Committee: Meeting with staff on annual evaluations Respective
- Strategic Planning Committee: Working on an update from 2011 Comm. Chairs
- Nominating Committee: continue to look for Executive Committee successors

Old Business

- President

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will take
you to
more info.

New Business

- Motion to approve committee recommendations President
- Motion to nominate and approve five (5) interested at large members Robert
- Motion to adjourn Business Portion of meeting President

1:00PM

Next Meeting: *Tentatively* February 16th 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. Retaining a backup of all mine map images on our local server with a 14TB capacity.
- **Earth Conservancy** contract to monitor chemistry/flow at **Askam** monthly and **Espy Run** Treatment Systems quarterly, both in the **Nanticoke Creek Watershed**.
- **FPW \$4.5K** grant to begin monthly chemistry/flow sampling at **Plainsville Borehole**.
- 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 by PA DEP. Expecting 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.)**
- 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.)**. Begin working on a similar **\$32K** proposal for **Mocanaqua Tunnel Discharge (Luzerne Co.)** with treatment technology by **AES**.
- 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.)**.
- 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 G Suite for Nonprofit 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
- 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.
- Continue to work with **EPCAMR Board** to increase Quarterly Board Mtg. efficiency.

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

