

EPCAMR 2016 4th Quarter Board Meeting

Minutes – 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 L.
- 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 21-22 at Genetti's in Wilkes-Barre
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) grant round – no priority on Middle Susquehanna

Watershed Reports

- Treasurers of the Earth – POWR WVIA (PBS) Channel 44 Fossil Fuel Documentary (60 mins) Sunday Nov. 20 1PM EST filmed in Pioneer Tunnel All

12:00PM

Call to Order Business Meeting: Attendance - Bernie McGurl, Christine Haldeman, Cheryl Brobst, Ben Vaupel, Corey Richmond, Tim Ference, Peter Haentjens (Quorum), Jeff Gittleman, George Hludzik, Ed Wytovich, Mike Korb, Dan Taroli, Nathaniel Hafer, Robert Hughes, Kelsey Biondo, Gabby Zawacki, Denise Hernandez & Gavin Pellitteri. President

Begin
Business
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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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more info.

New Business

- Moved to approve committee recommendations President
- Motion to nominate and approve five (5) interested at large members was put on hold – staff to gather information and present to the board Robert
- Moved to approve \$85K Mocanaqua Tunnel Mine Pool Study contract with SRBC
- Moved 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