

EPCAMR 2017 1st Quarter Board Meeting

Minutes – February 16th

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); Board to think about strategy... Staff
- Discussion on RECLAIM Act 2.0 & draft press release; staff asked board not to share the draft press release, the plan is to release it once RECLAIM 2.0 is introduced in the house.
- Discussion on EPA “Grant Freeze” and attempts to terminate EPA; possible 30% cut to non-point source funding, that could mean EPCAMR staff. ☹
- Reminder: Memberships due before next meeting

Grants, Conferences, Events, Workshops

- Choose Clean Water Coalition AMD Sub-Group Meeting February 24 here Staff
- Watershed Connections Conference March 5-6 at Ramada Inn, State College
- 2017 AMR Conference will be June 21-22 at Genetti’s in Wilkes-Barre
- LRCA Riverfest on May 13th and LRCA 30th Anniversary Dinner October 5th
- History Conference @ Anthracite Museum on May 13th (\$100 sponsorship?)
- 250th Anniversary of Anthracite Industry (1768 Obadiah Gore) events to happen throughout 2018; contact Scott Herring of LCN & #9 Mine for details.

Watershed Reports

- All

12:00PM

Call to Order Business Meeting: Attendance - Bernie McGurl, Christine Haldeman, Cheryl Brobst, Ben Vaupel, Corey Richmond, Tim Ference, Peter Haentjens (Quorum), Leigh Ann Henry, Brian Palmiter, Ed Wytovich, Mike Korb, Dan Taroli, Joseph Simons, Maryruth Wagner, Cheryl Nolan, Jerry Stiles, Robert Hughes, Michael Hewitt, Kelsey Biondo, Gabby Zawacki, Denise Hernandez, Gavin Pellitteri, Abbie Keefe & Rachael Grube President

Begin
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Minutes from Last Mgt. (November 17th): Filed for Audit (Ed, Cheryl and All) Secretary

Treasurer’s Report

- Filed for Audit: Checking & PA Invest Account Balances (Pete, Mary and All) Treasurer

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

Committee Reports

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

- Strategic Planning Committee: Working on an update from 2011 Respective
- Nominating Committee: Continue to look for Exec. Committee successors Comm. Chairs
- Personnel Committee: Switched to One Source for payroll services (Ed, Mary and All)

Old Business

- Moved to nominate and approve four (4) interested at large members (Ed, Leigh Ann and All) President

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New Business

- Moved to approve committee recommendations President

- Moved to approve a \$100 sponsorship to the Anthracite History Conference at Anthracite Museum on May 15th; board member donation of \$20 (Cory, Cheryl and All) Mike Korb
- Moved to adjourn Business Portion of meeting (Ed, Cory and All)

1:00PM **Next Meeting:** *Tentatively* **May 18th 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**.
- Sample chemistry/flow monthly at **Plainsville Borehole** with a \$4.5K grant from the **Foundation for PA Watersheds**
- 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**. Conference will be held June 21 & 22nd at the Best Western Genetti Hotel in downtown **Wilkes-Barre, PA**. Maintain treatminewater.com website.
- Continue \$15K Waterboxx III Grant for the **EPCAMR Region**. Partners picked up boxes, saplings, tools and 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)**.
- Purchase supplies for a Bird Box Program with funding from **PPL Donate Well**.
- Implement our own **Clean Our Anthracite Lands and Streams (COALS)** program with \$5K from **Community Aide, Inc.**
- Implement “City Streets to Valley Streams” program with \$10K from **First Federal CF**.
- Begin a **Coldwater Heritage Plan** on Abraham’s Creek with \$5K funding from **PA TU**.
- 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 Annual Reports and post to GuideStar.org.
- Complete another update of RAMLIS for 2017 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).
- Update EPCAMR websites, including www.epcamr.org 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**.
- ~\$4.5K **SRI** contract with update www.Datashed.org website & host trainings.

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