EPCAMR 2017 2nd Quarter Board Meeting

Agenda – May 18th

EPCAMR Office

11:00AM
Info. Portion of Meeting

Discussion and Correspondence

- Handouts: Minutes, Treasurer’s Report and corresponding documents: Hardcoal Homecoming and POWER Plus Sign-On Letter (100+ orgs.)
- Discussion on: Administration’s 2018 “Skinny Budget” proposes 30-45% cuts to Categorical Grants (grants to states like 319 NPS funding)
  - Plan for EPCAMR staff if 319 Funding is severely reduced?
- Discussion on: Plan for projects in each county related to $25M in Pilot funding and $300M in RECLAIM Act? Environmental/Economic Nexus
- Available: Board Member Welcome Packet

Grants, Conferences, Events, Workshops

- 2017 AMR Conference will be June 21-22 at Genetti’s in Wilkes-Barre
- ARIPPA Tech Convention August 15-16 at Sheraton Harrisburg-Hershey
- 250th Anniversary of Anthracite Industry (1768 Obadiah Gore) events to happen throughout 2018; contact Scott Herring for details (handout).

Watershed Reports

Call to Order Business Meeting: (sign-in sheet)

Minutes from Last Mgt. (February 16th): File for Audit

Treasurer’s Report

- File for Audit: Checking & PA Invest Account Balances

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

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

- Strategic Planning Committee: Working on an update from 2011; Survey
- Nominating Committee: continue to look for Exec. Committee successors

12:00PM
Begin Business Portion of Meeting

Old Business

New Business

- Motion to approve committee recommendations
- Motion to approve Solomon Creek Habitat Restoration Project extension
- Motion to adjourn Business Portion of meeting

1:00PM
Next Meeting: Tentatively August 17th 11:00AM (with lunch on EPCAMR)
Tentative for 2017: August 17th (Annual Meeting), & 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.
- Continued 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.
- Completed 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.
- 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.
- Continue to provide AMD Field Tours and participate Environmental Outreach Events.
- Harvest, dry, process, package, and inventory Iron Oxide with EPCAMR Interns.

Full Monthly Reports for all staff are available online for your review.