

EPCAMR 2017 3rd Quarter Board Meeting

Minutes – August 17th

@ EPCAMR Office

11:00AM Info. Portion of Meeting	Discussion and Correspondence	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Handouts</u>: Minutes, Treasurer's Report and corresponding documents:• <u>Discussed</u>: Invitation from Joe Pizarchik former OSMRE Director to partner on a grant for his assistance. Lackawanna River Conservation Assoc., Catawissa Creek Restoration Assoc., Friends of the Nescopeck and EPCAMR provided letters of support. EPCAMR will include members in our letter.• Ed Wytovich was given his Mayfly Award as he was unable to attend the AMR Conference in June.	Staff
	Grants, Conferences, Events, Workshops	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Centralia PA's Lost Town screening 2PM Aug.19th @ Lewisburg Theater• Centralia Cleanup 9AM-12PM October 21st @ Centralia Borough Building• 250th Anniversary of Anthracite Industry (1768 Obadiah Gore) events to happen throughout 2018; contact Scott Herring for details; get HBPS involved	Staff
12:00PM	Watershed Reports	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Forgone due to time... SHA – wants to dye floor with AMD @ Ian Palmer Education Pavilion in Mary D. Look at PA DEP Moshannon DMO for ideas.	All
	Call to Order Business Meeting: Attendance - Bernie McGurl, Mike Korb, Christine Haldeman, Cheryl Brobst, Ben Vaupel, Tim Ference, Peter Haentjens (Quorum), Ed Wytovich, Corey Richmond, Leigh Ann Henry, Jaci Harner, Dr. Joe Simons, Maryruth Wagner, Eric Naguski, Gary Leander, Robert Hughes, Michael Hewitt, Kelsey Biondo, Gabby Zawacki, Denise Hernandez, Gavin Pellitteri, Abbie Keefe & Rachael Grube	President
	Minutes from Last Mgt. (February 16th): <u>File for Audit</u> (Mary, Corey & All)	Secretary
Begin Business Portion of Meeting	Treasurer's Report	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>File for Audit</u>: Checking & PA Invest Account Balances (Leigh Ann, Jaci & All)• See "Jobs List" (17) and "Grants Applied For" (12) memos for more info (handout); Staff provided a Hicks Creek NSCD project and 319 program update. Talked about Harry E Pilot project and single audit potential. Discussion about adding 6 months to pay contractors to future contracts. A group had been charged interest on late payment & the state contract would not pay it.	Treasurer Robert
	AMR Program Reports (Anticipated Work at the end of this Document)	Staff
	Committee Reports (Personnel, Budget, Strategic Planning & Dinner/Fundraiser)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strategic Planning Committee: Working on update; 3 responded to survey; sent out again and 10 total responded.• Nominating Committee: Memberships in, see "list of nominees" (handout); Substitute Gary Leander for Rick Walk and Holly Miller for Jackie Rouse (retiring). Follow up with conservation districts that did not renew. If we need a board member Human Resources experience talk to HBPS (Karen Flannery)• Finance Committee: Draft 2018 Budget for approval next meeting (handout); Suggested a budget resolution to automatically amend the budget based on grants that come in as long as they are a wash.	Respective Comm. Chairs
	Old Business	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• None	President

New Business

- Moved to approve committee decision(s)
- Moved to approve recommended ARIPPA Awards; SCRA \$1197, LRCA \$507 & MCWA \$800 (Ed, Pete & All – Bernie abstains)
- Moved to approve Board of Director nominations from nominating orgs. and nominate community-at-large (Ed, Tim & All)
- Moved to elect nominated directors to serve 3-year term (Ed, Mary & All)
- Moved to nominate and elect Executive Committee to 1-year term; Current Slate - Bernie to Pres., Mike Korb to VP, Christine to Sec., & Cheryl to Treas. (Ed, Corey & All)
- Moved to adjourn business portion of meeting (Cheryl, Leigh Ann & All)

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1:00PM

Next Meeting: *Tentatively* November 16th 11:00AM (with lunch, bring \$5)

Tentative for 2017: November 16th, 2017

Invitation to see the Solomon Creek Dam Removal & Habitat Restoration Project

AMR Program Staff Anticipated Work for Next Quarter (looking forward)
Partners and Places in bold

General Staff

- Scan & catalog 1,000, georeference 300 and digitize 100 Mine Maps from **PA DEP Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation (BAMR) Wilkes-Barre Office** related to the Mine Subsidence Insurance (MSI) Mine Map Processing Grant. Coordinate with **California District Mining Office (DMO)** and invoice for time / resources spent. Maintain a backup of all mine maps on our 14TB local server.
- **Earth Conservancy** contract to monitor chemistry/flow at **Askam** Treatment System monthly 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 & site showing with **Skelly & Loy**. Extension approved by PA DEP. Expecting bid award for construction 2017-18.
- Continue \$15K Waterboxx III Grant for the **EPCAMR Region**. Partners and staff to return monitoring results monthly.
- Finish \$16K **SRBC** Contract to map/model mine pools in the **Rausch Creek Watershed (Schuylkill Co.)**.
- Continue \$21K **SRBC** Phase 1 Contract to map/model mine pools related to the **Mocanaqua Tunnel Discharge (Luzerne Co.)** and \$65K Phase 2 contract to drill and monitor boreholes / discharges with **AES**.
- Select school for a Bird Box Program with funding from **PPL Donate Well**.
- Continue “City Streets to Valley Streams” education program with disadvantaged youth using \$10K from **First Federal Charitable Foundation**.
- Continue **Abraham’s Creek** Coldwater Heritage Plan with \$5K funding from **PA TU**.
- Continue to maintain www.Datashed.org & host trainings with \$4.5K **SRI** contract.
- Bill-down and reimburse for projects and services (quarterly) to maintain cash-flow.
- Continue our own **Clean Our Anthracite Lands and Streams (COALS)** program with \$5K from **Community Aide, Inc.** Coordinate 2-3 more cleanups in 2017 including a cleanup in **Centralia**.
- Administer the \$2.5K **ARIPPA** AMD/AML Reclamation Awards for **EPCAMR Region**.
- Continue preparing several grants to seek funding for to further EPCAMR’s Mission.
- 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**.
- Continue to provide technical & outreach assistance to **EPCAMR partners** dealing with AML issues, as needed.
- Plan for the **PA statewide Abandoned Mine Reclamation Conference** via conference call with **WPCAMR** and the **AMR Conference Committee**. 2018 Conference will be held in State College while 2019 conference will be in Pittsburgh jointly with **NAAML**. Maintain treatminewater.com website.
- Continue to provide AMD Field Tours and participate Environmental Outreach Events.
- Harvest, dry, process, package, and inventory Iron Oxide products to sell online.
- Complete EPCAMR Annual Reports and post to GuideStar.org.
- Update EPCAMR websites, including www.epcamr.org as needed, as well as the G Suite for Nonprofit Email / App Account and Facebook Social Media outreach tools.
- Create monthly progress reports, post them to the EPCAMR website and send to **PA DEP BCR Section 319 Program** along with an invoice of time and resources spent for reimbursement.
- Waiting on 12 grants applied for including an agreement with **SMS,LLC** to install transducers and monitor water levels in several boreholes in the mine pool related to the Old Forge Borehole AMD Remediation Project on the **Lackawanna River**.
- Complete 2018 **EPCAMR** budget & work with personnel committee to evaluate staff.

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

- Continue to work with **EPCAMR Board** to increase Quarterly Board Mtg. efficiency.
- Completed another update of RAMLIS for 2018 with updated information from the **Pennsylvania Spatial Data Access (PASDA) Server**.