EPCAMR 2019 3rd Quarter Board Meeting
Tentative Agenda – August 15th
EPCAMR Office

Discussion and Correspondence
- Handouts: Minutes, Treasurer’s Report and corresponding documents
- Update on RECLAIM Act (HR 2156)
- Update on SMCRA Reauthorization (Cartwright Draft Vs. S.1193)
- Update on Coal Refuse Energy Tax Credit for ARIPPA Co-Gen
- ARIPPA Report on Coal Refuse Reclamation Industry

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

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

Treasurer’s Report
- See Balance Sheet, Open Sales Orders, Jobs List and Grant Prospects
- File for Audit: Checking & PA Invest Account Balances

AMR Program Reports (3 minutes each; Anticipated work on opposite side)

Committee Reports
- Nominating Committee: Motion to Nominate and Election of Officers
- Personnel Committee: Need to review Personnel Policy and Discussion
- AdHoc Communications: Update on Reclaiming Pa Trailer (Postponed)
- Strategic Planning: Schedule a future board retreat to Nescopeck State Park

Old Business

New Business
- Motion to approve committee decision(s)
- Motion to approve 319 Contract Amendment for $129,310 thru 6/2021
- Motion to adjourn business portion of the meeting

Next Meeting: Tentatively November 21st, 2019 11:00AM (with lunch, bring $5)
Tentative for 2020: February 20th, May 21st, August 20th, November 19th, 2020

Grants, Conferences, Events, Workshops
- PA DEP 319 NPS Grant Round- August 9th Deadline
- NAAMLP/PA AMR/NASLR Joint Conf., Pittsburgh, PA Sept. 8-11, 2019
- 6th Annual Centralia Cleanup-October 19th, 2019; 9-3PM
- PA DCNR Grants

Watershed Reports
General Staff

- Scanned & cataloged 269, georeferenced 90, & started Nanticoke and Mocanaqua quad. mosaics from PA DEP Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation (BAMR) Wilkes-Barre Office and Pottsville District Mining Office (DMO) collections to continue the 2018-2020 Mine Subsidence Insurance (MSI) Mine Map Processing Grant coordinated by the California DMO. Maintain a backup on 14TB local server.
- Submitted a 2019-2020 proposal to monitor Loyalsock Creek & AMD Treatment Systems in Sullivan County to the Loyalsock Creek Watershed Association.
- Evaluate Plainsville AMD pond sludge depth with Luzerne Conservation District
- Submitted a GG/319 grant to study the mine pool and develop a treatment system with SRBC in the Bear Creek Watershed for the Wiconisco Creek Restoration Association, Dauphin CD & Doc Fritchey TU.
- Coordinating the removal of waste coal piles at the former Harry E. Colliery with Keystone Reclamation for the Swoyersville AML Pilot project.
- Waiting for the Luzerne County Rail Corp to get GIS to deliver the scanned, georeferenced and digitized railroad maps in Luzerne and Lackawanna Counties.
- Continue to work on the GrowBoxx project with $25K Inquiring Systems Inc. Develop a curriculum and work with schools to implement program.
- Continue an aquatic organism passage (AOP) study on creeks in the Anthracite Region with a $15K grant from Patagonia.
- 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 monitor boreholes / discharges. Need to catch one low precipitation event by fall, hopefully.
- Begin “Keeping Communities Flowing” education program with disadvantaged youth using $20K from American Water Charitable Foundation and remainder of $10K from Luzerne Foundation.
- Begin on Huntsville Creek Cold Water Heritage Plan $4.75K funding from PA TU.
- Continue Toby’s Creek Coldwater Heritage Plan with $5K funding from PA TU.
- Continue to monitor chemistry/flow at Askam Treatment System in the Nanticoke Creek Watershed as needed by Earth Conservancy.
- Administer the $2.5K ARIPPA AMD/AML Reclamation Awards for EPCAMR Region.
- Continue RECLAIM Act outreach and make maps w/ $3K Appalachian Voices grant.
- Plan for the joint NAAMLP/NASLR/PA AMR joint via conference call with PA DEP and the AMR Conference Committee. The conference will be September 8-11, 2019 in Pittsburgh. Maintain www.NAAMLP2019.com and treatminewater.com
- 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.
- Work on hosting RAMLIS for 2020 on an interactive website with updated information from the Pennsylvania Spatial Data Access (PASDA) Server.
- Waiting on WVSA to determine discharges to monitor with PA DEP to develop a professional services agreement for AMD portion of their MS4 Permit.
- Coordinate a QHUP for the Lackawanna River with $5K LRCA and SMS, LLC.
- Contract with Tetra-Tech to conduct Rare Earth Metals in AMD sludge research with AML Pilot funds or potentially Department of Defense funding.
- Continue to provide technical & outreach assistance to EPCAMR partners dealing with AML issues, as requested.
- Continue to provide AMD Field Tours and participate Environmental Outreach events.
- Bill-down and reimburse for projects and services (quarterly) to maintain cash-flow
- 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.
- Participate in AML Campaign Calls to keep up on legislative happenings.