EPCAMR 2019 4th Quarter Board Meeting
Tentative Agenda – November 20th
EPCAMR Office

11:00AM
Info. Portion of Meeting

Discussion and Correspondence
• Handouts: Minutes, Treasurer’s Report and corresponding documents
• Update on SMCRA Reauthorization (HR 4248) Testimony to HNRC
• Update on RECLAIM Act (HR 2156) & several other “coal” bills (handout)
• Update on Coal Refuse Energy Tax Credit (HR 4435) Letters of Support

Robert

12:00PM
Call to Order Business Meeting: (sign-in sheet)
Minutes from Last Mgt. (August 15th): File for Audit

President

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Secretary

Treasurer’s Report
• See Balance Sheet, Open Sales Orders, Jobs List and Grant Prospects
• File for Audit: Checking & PA Invest Account Balances
• Review EPCAMR 2018 990 Tax Return Filed

Treasurer

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

Staff

Committee Reports
• Budget and Finance Committee: Review Draft EPCAMR Budget for 2020
• Personnel Committee: Outcome of Meeting Personnel Policy and Staff Eval.
• AdHoc Communications: Update on Reclaiming PA Trailer
• Strategic Planning: Schedule retreat to Nescopeck State Park February 2020

Respective Comm. Chairs

Old Business
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New Business
• Motion to approve committee decision(s)
• Motion to approve EPCAMR Budget for 2020
• Motion to adjourn business portion of the meeting

President

1:00PM
Next Meeting: Tentatively February 20th, 2020 11:00AM (with lunch, bring $5)
Tentative for 2020: May 21st, August 20th, November 19th, 2020

Grants, Conferences, Events, Workshops
• Growing Greener Plus Grants Program Applications Due December 20
• 2019 AML Economic and Community Development Pilot (AML Pilot) Program Open Application Period November 1, 2019 – January 31, 2020
• PA DEP Environmental Education Grant program webinar Nov. 18 @ 1PM
• Temper of the Times Foundation Inc. due by December 15th
• PA DCNR Grants
• 2020 PA Abandoned Mine Reclamation Conference: A Clear Future for Reclamation, June 24-25th 2020, Ramada Inn in State College, PA

Hotlinks in this document will take you to more info.

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

General Staff
- Scanned & cataloged 764, georeferenced 62, & 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.
- 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 remainder of 2019 funding & $38K Inquiring Systems Inc. Develop a curriculum & work with schools to implement.
- 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. Writing report which is due by the end of the year.
- Begin “Keeping Communities Flowing” cleanups using $20K from American Water Charitable Foundation.
- Continue education program with disadvantaged youth with remainder of $10K from Luzerne Foundation.
- Continue Huntsville Creek Cold Water Heritage Plan $4.75K funding from PA TU.
- Finish 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.
- Continue RECLAIM Act outreach and make maps w/ $3K Appalachian Voices grant.
- 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.
- 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.
- Harvest, dry, process, package, and inventory Iron Oxide products to sell online.