

# EPCAMR 2024 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Board Meeting

Minutes – August 15<sup>th</sup>

EPCAMR Office: EC Conference Room & [Zoom](#)

11:00AM	<b>Discussion and Correspondence</b>	
Info. Portion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Senator Casey Response Letter on AMD/AML, Bills &amp; STREAM Act</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Senator Fetterman Response Letter to EPCAMR on Zombie Mines</a></li><li>• <a href="#">S.2781</a>: Good Samaritan Remediation of Abandoned Hardrock Mines Act</li><li>• 2024 EPCAMR AMD &amp; Art Calendars Available (a dozen or so remain)</li><li>• <a href="#">\$40B critical mineral supply chain could start in Pennsylvania</a> article</li><li>• <a href="#">GAO-24-106680 Report</a>: AML-Opportunities Exist to Improve Interior's Economic Revitalization Program for Coal Communities</li><li>• More in Bobby's PowerPoint...</li></ul>	Executive Director
12:00PM	<b>Call to Order Business Meeting:</b> Attendance: Dr. Joe Simons, Cristy Sweeney, Christine Haldeman, Ed Wytovich. Cheryl Brobst, John Levitsky, Tara Jones (quorum), Dr. Ken Klemow, Dr. Andrea Neerozzi, Tim Ference, Gary Leander, Leigh Ann Henry, Brenna Schneider, Marianne Beane, Bobby Hughes, Michael Hewitt, Steve Cornia, Shawnese Taylor, Laura Rinehimer, and Frank Sindaco	President
Begin Business Portion of Meeting	<a href="#">Minutes from Last Mgt.</a> (May 16 <sup>th</sup> ): <a href="#">File for Audit</a> (Cristi, Ed, & All)	Secretary
	<b>Treasurer's Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• See Financial Position Statement, Estimates, Jobs List and Grant Prospects</li><li>• <a href="#">File for Audit</a>: Checking &amp; PA Invest Account Balances (Ed, Pete, &amp; All)</li></ul>	Treasurer
	<b>AMR Program Reports</b> (3 minutes each; <a href="#">PowerPoint</a> ; <a href="#">Staff Reports</a> on website)	Staff
	<b>Committee Reports</b> (a Zoom Pro link can be setup for committee meetings) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No meetings in past quarter</li></ul>	Respective Comm. Chairs
	<b>Old Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Moved to</a> Nominate and Elect Board Members from Membership Campaign. Asked to list board members who paid dues. (Cristi, Ed, &amp; All)</li></ul>	President
Hotlinks in this document will take you to more info.	<b>New Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Motion tabled</a> support <a href="#">Panther-Creek Power (Stronghold Digital Mining Facility) Tire-Derived Fuel Proposal</a>; <a href="#">Cryptomining in PA Resource</a>. Discussion on the motion: This is not a new concept as most cogen plants burn TDF. Motion was tabled for more discussion. (Ed, Andrea, &amp; All)</li><li>• <b>Combined EPCAMR/WPCAMR Coalition Summit</b> in State College (Week of Nov. 11th or 18th; TBD); FPW funded-with travel scholarships; The sooner the date is set, the better. EPCAMR staff to communicate with WPCAMR staff.</li><li>• <a href="#">Moved to</a> nominate and elect current Executive Committee - President Joe, Vice President and Treasurer Cristy, &amp; Secretary Christine. (Ed, Pete, &amp; All)</li><li>• <a href="#">Motion to</a> adjourn the business portion of the meeting (John, Tim, &amp; All)</li></ul>	President
1:00PM	<b>Next Meeting: Tentative for 2024: August 15<sup>th</sup> (Annual) &amp; Nov. 21<sup>st</sup></b>	President
Info. Portion of Meeting	<b>Grants, Conferences, Events, Workshops</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">2024 AML Grants Applications: R1 due Apr 15<sup>th</sup>, R2-July 19<sup>th</sup>, &amp; R3-Nov 8<sup>th</sup></a></li><li>• Sign on to support <a href="#">House Bill 1842</a> stressing benefits of community solar</li><li>• Sign on <a href="#">AMLER, NEPA, ESA Concerns</a> Letter from July 16th, 2024</li><li>• CCWC Beyond 2025 Chesapeake Bay Recommendations Sign-On Letter</li><li>• <a href="#">HR 7940</a>; Coal Cleanup Taxpayer Protection Act of 2024 (Cartwright-PA)</li><li>• <a href="#">HR 7941</a>; Bond Improvement &amp; Reclamation Assurance Act (Cartwright-PA)</li><li>• <a href="#">HR 8062</a>; Stream Protection and Vegetation Restoration Act (Beyer-VA)</li></ul>	Executive Director

- [PA Abandoned Mine Reclamation Conf.](#)-Oct 24-26 Ramada Inn, State College
- [Energy Communities AmeriCorps VISTA and VISTA Opportunities](#) Available
- More on Bobby's PowerPoint...

## **Watershed Reports**

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Schuylkill Co. – Kaska project waiting on signature process. QAPP for geophysical testing.

Catawissa Cr. – Hershead(?) Industries IRM (Iron Rich Media) from a zinc mine is treating ~92 gpm up to 9-10 pH. CCRA Meeting was postponed to next week. Heard back from Matt Caccese, PA DEP BAMR Wilkes-Barre, about fish kill on Timhicken Creek. Ammonia from a wastewater treatment plant in Humboldt. Spoke with Tim Schaffer and Dave Rawls at PA Fish and Boat Commission. Deb Nardone at Foundation for PA Watershed is interested in easements discussion. Added to land easements ½ hour before and after sunrise/sunset for daily use (same as trout season regulations).

Nescopeck Cr. – Trout Unlimited festival in White Haven. Good turnout and a lot of interest in Friends of the Nescopeck display. Setup next to EPCAMR. Downloaded all DEP data from eMap PA. 1990's data was sporadic, more consistent in 2000s, and started up monthly aging recently. Butler Township wants to sell land (subdivide) again. Hopefully not where possible treatment for Jeddo Tunnel. Jimmy Sabatini is against it. Estimated that 16 acres 10ft deep clarifiers could be needed for 30K-40K gpm (43.2-57.6 MGD). WVSA treats 32 MGD wastewater on their footprint (~8.29 acres).

Luzerne Co. – Stanley Cooper Trout Unlimited had 2 truckloads of limestone delivered to North Branch of Bowman's Creek. Mehoopany Creek limestone piles found (from 2 years ago). Game Commission is now dosing to boulder field (should release alkalinity gradual over a long period of time) before Hurricane Debby went through. Moonlight Drive In problems with excess (+4 ft) water since the spring. People blame the gas pipelines, but more likely related to Toby's Creek subsidence in April and DEP's attempt to patch the streambed.