

EPCAMR 2009 1st Quarter Board Meeting

Minutes – January 15th

Perkins Restaurant, Hazleton, PA

12:00 P	Call to Order – Attendance: Cathy Haffner, Mary Wagner, Al Mabus, Bernie McGurl, Josh Longmore, Tim Ference, Cheryl Brobst, Kathryn Krulack, Robert Hughes, Michael Hewitt & Carly Trumann	Ed
	Minutes from Last Mgt. (November 12th): <u>Moved to</u> accept & approve (<i>Mary, Cheryl, All</i>)	Cathy
	Treasurer’s Report	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Moved to</u> file Checking & PA Invest Account Balances for audit (<i>Josh, Mary, All</i>)• <u>Tabled</u> the 2009 annual budget (7/1/2009 – 6/30/2010) till spring meeting	Cheryl Robert
	AMR Program Reports (See highlights at the end of this Document)	AMR PG Staff
	Committee Reports (Personnel, Budget, Strategic Planning & Transition)	Respective Comm. Chairs
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transition Committee met in January to talk about details of the move and brought up issues that need to be discussed at a personnel committee• Personnel Committee to meet in February to discuss formation of a policy document	
	Old Business	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•	Bernie
	New Business	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Moved to</u> enter into contract with Solution Mining Inc. (<i>Josh, Tim, All</i>)• <u>Welcomed</u> Kathryn Krulack as the Jeddo Nescopeck VISTA• <u>Moved to</u> sponsor the Luzerne Conservation District Banquet (<i>Cheryl, Al, All – Tim & Josh abstain</i>)• <u>Moved to</u> not release draft data to public until it is peer reviewed / final (<i>Cheryl, Cathy, All</i>)	Robert Tim F. Robert
	Correspondence and Information (see manila envelope)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New EPCAMR Calendar on homepage, invitation sent to watershed specialists• EPCAMR 2009 Membership Form, see website or Mike for a copy• Earth Conservancy Lease Agreement• EPCAMR Public Service Announcements and Press Release	Robert
	Grants, Conferences, Events, Workshops	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2009 Schuylkill Watershed Congress: Montgomery County Community College, Pottstown - March 7th, 2009• 2009 PA AMR Conference: University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown - Tentatively July 13-16th, 2009• Nescopeck-Jeddo Wonders of our Watershed Conference: PSU Hazleton - May 9th, 2009 10-5PM• Luzerne Conservation District Banquet: Genetti Hotel in Wilkes-Barre Feb. 21st, 2009 6PM	Robert
	Watershed Reports	All
2:30 PM	Next Tentative Meeting Dates and Adjournment: 2 nd Qtr. – March 19th @ 5:30pm Earth Conservancy Office, Ashley, PA 3 rd Qtr. (Annual Mtg.) – June 18 th day preferred 4 th Qtr. – September 17 th @ 5:30pm 1st Qtr. 2010 (?) – December 17th day preferred	

AMR Program Staff 4th Quarter Highlights (November 2008 – January 2009)

Regional Coordinator's Highlights

- Gave presentation to on fund raising at the Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce's Non-Profit Committee 2008 Non-Profit Summit 2008 at LCCC
- Prepared a community-wide **\$200,000** US EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant for the Huber Breaker on behalf of the Luzerne County Commissioner's Office; Coordinated getting Letters of Support from all partners necessary to submit the application (HBPS, HB TF Committee, GPHS, ALHG, D & L NHCC, ACCWT, EC) with Michele Sparich, Luzerne County Grant Writer
- Prepared and submitted a **\$25,000** EPA Grant with Mike to support the 2009-10 AMR Conference and staff support of the coordination of the Conference
- Prepared and submitted a **\$25,000** Illegal Dump Site Cleanup Grant with Mike to the PA DEP Bureau of Waste Management
- Prepared and submitted a **\$15,000** organizational grant proposal with Mike for the creation of an EPCAMR Technical Assistance Center to the Cora L. Brooks Foundation
- Prepared and submitted a **\$200,000** Applied Science Grant for continued Mine Pool Mapping of the Northern & NorthCentral PA Coalfields to the OSM
- Prepared 2009 Annual Operating Budget draft for EPCAMR Board with Mike
- Coordinated a meeting with Carbon County partners in reclamation at the Weather Borough Building at the request of the Weatherly Borough Planning Commission to provide technical assistance, grant writing assistance, and project coordination to the partners on addressing some of the Upper Lehigh AMD discharges

Robert Hughes

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

Watershed Outreach Coordinator's Highlights

- Updated 3 GIS databases, produced 3 maps, georeferenced 8 OSM folio mine maps and 1 3D animation for ECAMR partners.
- Updated information on the Oneida #1 Discharge Treatment System for the OSM and the PA DEP. Updated several monitoring points on the www.datashed.org online database.
- Created a map and statistics for the Nonpoint Source (NPS) Liaison Workgroup Resource Extraction Subcommittee, the PA DEP 319 program and EPA staff showing watershed priorities from different programs.
- Presented at the Northumberland Co. AML Mtg., SRBC WQAC Meeting and met with partners of the Old Forge Borehole Project. EPCAMR Staff attended an EPCAMR Board Meeting, the LCCD Mtg., and a Mine Pool Mapping Mtg.
- Continued to update www.orangewaternetnetwork.org

Michael Hewitt

VISTA Development Coordinator's Highlights

- Received \$500 funding from the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority's 2008 educational mini-grant project to fund a project in which school students will create AMD-recovered iron oxide chalk to send to partner schools in Afghanistan
- Wrote plant and funding donation request letters for both the Huber Breaker Preservation Society and the Anthracite Living History Group for their beautification projects at the Ashley Breaker and at lower Avondale; designed letterhead for ALHG based on membership cards created earlier this year.
- Wrote six EPCAMR public service announcements at 0:15, 0:30, and 1:00 lengths; contacted seven local college and public radio stations regarding airtime;
- Collaborated with Kathryn Krulack, Jeddo/Nescopeck OSM/VISTA, on Martin Luther King Day service project in January; project will involve college students pairing with children at the McGlynn Center
- Attended meetings for Nanticoke Historical Society; delivered refurbished desktop computer for archival research work; solicited input on 2009 AMR Conference speakers; prepared flyer for Nanticoke Historical Society Open House; provided NHS with information on seeking, preparing, and submitting applications for grants.

Carly Trumann