

EPCAMR 2012 1st Quarter Board Meeting

Minutes – February 23rd

EPCAMR Office / Earth Conservancy Building, Ashley, PA

6:00PM	Call to Order Bernie McGurl, Al Mabus, Cheryl Brobst, Ed Wytovich, Bruno Najaka, M. Irvil Kear, Paul Lohin, Tim Ference, Bruce Trumbower, Christine Haldeman, Peter Haentjens, Jeff McNelly, Dan Schaad, Jim Koharski, Tom Clark, Robert Hughes & Michael Hewitt	Bernie
	Minutes from Last Mgt. (Nov. 17th): <u>Moved</u> to accept & approve (Irvil, Paul & All)	Cheryl
	Treasurer's Report	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Moved</u> to file Checking & PA Invest Account Balances for audit (Ed, Bruno & All)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 2010 990s completed by Kovalchik & Kollar, CPA	Cheryl Robert
	AMR Program Reports (See highlights at the end of this Document)	Staff
	Committee Reports (Personnel, Budget, Strategic Planning & Dinner/Fundraiser)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strategic: Staff merged documents into 2011 Update and sent to committee.	Respective Comm. Chairs
	Old Business	
	New Business	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Discussed</u> EPCAMR website changes to update the format to WordPress and organized the information on the EPCAMR Organization page to create a list of business documents, current year board meetings and archive. General overview of the navigating around the site using overhead projector.	Mike
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Discussed</u> EPCAMR “rolling” membership for 2012 to see if members should try to get memberships in by annual meeting as recommended by the bylaws or continue the status quo. Board agreed that the status quo is ok and a membership drive should take place in advance of the annual meeting. Send information to board members and conservation districts.	Bernie
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Discussed</u> ARIPPA 2012 Reclamation Award and Fund Raiser Event. ARIPPA Board approved \$5K per CAMR for a total of \$10K for PA. The Reclamation Talk will be June 12 with a Golf Fundraiser to follow. CAMR's looking for speakers.	Jeff
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Discussed</u> Coal Residuals Reuse and Management ACT. Robert created a “Hot Button Issues” summary to facilitate discussion. HR 227 passed by House and on to Senate. Support Letter from Sec. Krancer. Act will allow states to continue to operate existing programs and implement a coal combustion residuals permit program. There is still a potential for projects to lose the beneficial use of fly ash on reclamation sites.	Robert
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Discussed</u> Utilization of AMD in Well Development for Natural Gas. White Paper and information available from DEP. Board encouraged EPCAMR and WPCAMR to approach the Marcellus Shale Coalition to talk about Mine Pool Waters and how we could work with industry. Bruno suggested starting in Sullivan County. Sulfates are the main issue with water quality of AMD. SRBC has not been seeing dockets for the Western Middle Field for withdrawal of mine pool water.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Discussed</u> the Anthracite Remediation Strategy. Report available from SRBC. Moving forward with recommendations to treat and find water qualities and quantities on the Northern Field (Lackawanna and Wyoming Valley).	

Correspondence and Information

- EPCAMR 2012 [Membership Form](#)
- Coal Residuals Reuse : [HR2277](#) & [DEP Letter](#)
- AMD Utilization for Natural Gas Development: [Article](#), [DEP White Paper & Power Point Presentation](#), [HB1659](#) & [SB1346](#)
- Anthracite Strategy [Summary & Technical Report](#), Presentation to Legislators & Borehole Awareness Campaign
- SHA Public Meeting: Legacy Sediment in Rivers – March 15th 7PM @ Schuylkill Ag Ctr.
- PA Envirothon – May 22-23, U. Pitt. Johnstown
- Canon Envirothon – July 22-27, Susquehanna U.

Robert

Grants, Conferences, Events, Workshops

- **ARIPPA's AMD/AML/ASH Reclamation Talk:** Tuesday, June 12, 2012 at Toftrees State College, PA.
- **ARIPPA 2012 AMD/AML \$10K Reclamation Award** (\$5K approved again for each 'CAMR Region)
Luzerne Conservation District Banquet: March 10th at 6PM at Genetti's In Wilkes-Barre

Robert

Watershed Reports

- Schuylkill County – Schuylkill River: Mary D permit should be available by March and planning on construction this summer. Bell Colliery minimum permitting is in process and on schedule for construction this summer as well. Wagner Run on hold because a coal company is going to deep mine above. Looking to combine permitting for both.
Catawissa Creek: 2 of 3 tanks are running at the Audenreid Treatment System and stood up to storms this year. Oneida #1 and #3 are working fine. Oneida #1 been online for about 12 years and needs a clean out of the intake again (about every 5 years). Tomhicken Creek seeing a pH of 7. Looking at creating a "Fishing Access Coalition" for the Cattie as it is nearing restoration. Ed

Christine

Ed

8:05PM **Next Meeting:** *Tentatively* May 17th @ 5:30pm and Adjournment

AMR Program Staff 2nd Quarter Highlights (December 2011 – February 2012)

Executive Director and General Staff Highlights

- EPCAMR staff conducted a Teacher In-Service Field Trip for Wilkes-Barre Area; participated in 2 OFBH on-site meetings, a Penn Future Meet & Greet, a strategy meeting with SRBC staff and a Catawissa Creek Watershed Tour.
- EPCAMR Staff and SRBC staff met with Anthracite Region Legislators & Assistants at the Capital Building, to inform them about the Anthracite Region AMD Remediation Strategy & Mine Pool Mapping Initiative.
- EPCAMR staff participated in 2 conference calls to begin to plan for the 2012 PA AMR Conference that will be held at the Ramada Inn, State College, PA from August 2-4th, 2012, with WPCAMR taking the lead.
- EPCAMR staff submitted 2 grant proposals to supplement existing programs; up to \$50K to the Chesapeake Bay Trust Fund and \$15K to the Cora Brooks Foundation.
- EPCAMR Staff worked with RETTEW, Skelly & Loy, Inc., and Borton-Lawson Engineering on putting together an OSM-RFP 119-006 Request for Professional Services (RFP) to assist the PA DEP BAMR on AMD, AML, and reclamation projects.
- EPCAMR staff worked with Professor Brower and Dana Marie Wren, from Marywood University Graphics Design Department to design a new label for iron oxide products.
- EPCAMR staff conducted several stream walks and sampling events on tributaries and the main stem of Solomon Creek related to the Coldwater Heritage Plan.
- Secured a PPL Solar Kiln Grant for \$2K that will allow 6th grade students to assist EPCAMR in designing and constructing 3 mobile kilns to dry iron oxides.
- Developed a new partnership with Blue Wing Environmental Solution & Technology Inc.'s, who has a concept for treating AMD that involves floating wetlands; Ted Gattino, Managing Partner, will be coming up in the Spring '12 for a tour of the region
- Conference call with Sonnia Hove, a marketing strategist from Florida, who offered pro-bono consultant time and her expertise to helping EPCAMR further develop our Marketing Strategy & Strategic Plan.
- State Conservation Commission officially appointed EPCAMR Executive Director to the Mining & Reclamation Advisory Board as a voting member.
- Provided Sean Kinney, Managing Partner with C & S Carbon Resources, a Carbon Trading company from Gahanna, OH with a regional AMD Tour of the Southern Wyoming Valley to discuss future possibilities of working with him on marketing and future resource recovery efforts in the iron oxide arena
- Welcomed on board 2 Environmental Science majors from King's College, Dan Gilbert and Zach Yodis, who were interested in interning with EPCAMR for the Winter/Spring 2012 semester as unpaid interns.
- Corresponded with Doug Goodlander, the new Chief for the PA DEP 319 NPS Program, about our future grant agreements for EPCAMR's base funding; EPCAMR will be receiving another \$125,000 for FY 2012-FY2013, starting July 2012; PA DEP is hoping to do a contract amendment to our existing 3 year agreement

Robert Hughes

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

Program Manager Highlights

- Updated and posted the Field Monitoring Binder, and exhibited at the Wild and Scenic Film Festival related to outreach/education.
- EPCAMR staff sampled 14 boreholes in the Lackawanna Valley, 24 in the Wyoming Valley and measured flow on 2 discharges (Duryea and Glen Lyon) monthly. Found 2 new boreholes to monitor and working on opening 2 others to close data gaps in the Northern Field. Updated 7 GIS databases and processed flow data for partners.
- EPCAMR Staff completed the 3D model for the Jeddo Highland #5 project.
- Continuing to process cross section data in preparation for 3D modeling of Upper Lackawanna portion of the Northern Field and southern tip of the Southern Field.
- Began transferring old archived content from Nuke to WordPress format on www.epcamr.org. Administered the EPCAMR facebook page and Google Apps for Nonprofits account.
- Continued to critique www.datashed.org to make it more user friendly.

Michael Hewitt