

## EPCAMR 2012 Annual (3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter) Board Meeting

Minutes – August 16<sup>th</sup>

### Genetti's Inn and Suites, Hazleton, PA

<b>6:00PM</b>	<b>Call to Order:</b> Bernie McGurl, Mary Wagner, Cheryl Brobst, Bruno Najaka, Irvil Kear, Paul Lohin, Christine Haldeman, Peter Haentjens, Ed Zinser, Al Mabus, Jim Koharski, Leigh Ann Kemmerer, Mel Talmadge, Robert Hughes & Michael Hewitt	Bernie
	<b>Minutes from Last Mgt. (May 17<sup>th</sup>):</b> <u>Moved to</u> accept & approve (Paul, Mary & All)	Cheryl
	<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	
	• <u>Moved to</u> file Checking & PA Invest Account Balances for audit (Cheryl, Paul & All)	Cheryl
	<b>AMR Program Reports</b> (See highlights at the end of this Document)	Staff
	<b>Committee Reports</b> (Personnel, Budget, Strategic Planning & Dinner/Fundraiser)	
	• Budget: Review of Annual Budget and recommendation to board	Respective Comm. Chairs
	<b>Old Business</b>	
	<b>New Business</b>	
	• <u>Nominated</u> current President, Vice President, Treasurer and Christine Haldeman as Secretary (Irvil, Paul & All).	Al Budget Comm
	• <u>Elected</u> the nominees to EPCAMR Executive Committee (Paul, Mary & All)	Robert
	• <u>Moved to</u> approve the Annual Budget FY 2012-2013 (Cheryl, Bruno & All)	Bernie
	• <u>Moved to</u> approve 2012 ARIPPA Reclamation Awardees:	Robert
	o Loyalsock Creek Watershed Assoc. (Mary, Irvil & All; Bruno & Ed Abstain)	
	o Babb Creek Watershed Assoc. (Paul, Bruno & All)	
	o EMARR, Inc. (Bruno, Irvil & All; Cheryl & Peter Abstain)	
	o Shamokin Creek Restoration Alliance (Cheryl, Paul & All)	
	• <u>Discussed</u> PEC Dinner attendance in October and NCAC in August. Mike Hewitt will be receiving an Environmental Partnership Award. Let Robert know who would like to go.	
	• <u>Reported on</u> the 2012 AMR Conference: the Pre-conference Tour to an active treatment system, and passive treatment system in Eastern Clearfield County. The school bus broke down at the lunch / environmental education presentation stop. As the tour attendees awaited a new bus, time passed to stop at the planned active mine site stop. Even after this incident several attendees still enjoyed the tour. The Abandoned Mine Reclamation (AMR) Conference started on Friday, August 3 <sup>rd</sup> and went for a full day. Friday evening was the dinner and Mayfly Awards which went to Bernie McGurl and Bob Eppley. The conference finished up with a half day Saturday, August 4 <sup>th</sup> . Over 120 conference attendees participated and attended over 20 presentations. Proceedings at <a href="http://www.treatminewater.com">www.treatminewater.com</a>	
	<b>Correspondence and Information</b>	
	• Thank You Letters from Kings College and Wilkes U on attending their Social and Public Service Days	Robert
	• Letter for Michael's Nomination for NEPA Env. Partnership Award (PEC)	
	• Letter and Picture from Wolf Den Pack 106, Mt. Top	
	• Letter from NCAC regarding Finalist Status for Environmental Action Award	
	<b>Grants, Conferences, Events, Workshops</b>	
	• <b>ARIPPA Annual Convention</b> August 21-23 Sheraton Harrisburg-Hershey, PA	
	• <b>NCAC Community Awards Program</b> August 30 Lackawanna Radisson, Scranton	Robert
	• <b>2012 NAAMLPA Conference</b> Sep 23 – 26, 2012 Des Moines, IA	
	• <b>CHALK FEST</b> Saturday, Oct 6, 2012 Wilkes-Barre Riverfront Parks	
	• <b>PEC NE Environmental Partnership Awards Dinner</b> October 25, 6pm – 9pm Woodlands Inn & Resort, Wilkes-Barre	
	• <b>OSM National GeoSpatial Data Standards Team Mtg</b> Nov 6 – 8, 2012 Grand Hyatt Hotel, Denver, CO	

**Watershed Reports** - Forgone due to time

All

**8:30PM** **Next Meeting:** *Tentatively* **November 15<sup>th</sup>** @ **5:30pm** and Adjournment

## AMR Program Staff 2nd Quarter Highlights (June 2012 – August 2012)

### Executive Director and General Staff Highlights

- EPCAMR staff constructed 2 solar kilns and allowed students to paint one, discovered and processed a new color of iron oxide pigment, processed the 2 other colors of iron oxide pigment, lead 2 tie dye workshops and 2 solar energy demos for students
- EPCAMR staff participated in 3 AMR Conference Calls, tracked conference registrations as they roll in and planned a tour route for the conference.
- EPCAMR staff attended an ARIPPA Technical Symposium, a Wildlife Diversity Forum and an AMD for Frack Workshop in Ebensburg EPCAMR staff presented at a meeting with Northumberland County reps.
- EPCAMR staff prepared 2 grant proposals and submitted 1 proposal to ARIPPA
- EPCAMR Staff sampled several AMD Treatment Systems throughout the EPCAMR Region as a part of a large sampling sweep of state-wide AMD Treatment Systems with funding provided for the sampling to be covered by Stream Restoration Inc. and input into [www.Datashed.org](http://www.Datashed.org)
- Attended the Exeter Borough Planning Commission Meeting to explain the Hicks Creek Natural Stream Channel Design Project and obtain their approval to move forward with the final design permit applications and approvals before moving to construction.
- Met with Tom Clark-SRBC AMD Coordinator to conduct a field investigation in the Southern Anthracite Coal Fields around the Rausch Creek Mine Pools and other AMD discharges as a part of the Anthracite Region Mine Pool Mapping.
- EPCAMR Staff Meeting with Glenn Rider-PA DEP BCR in Harrisburg to provide input into the PA DEP's prioritization plans for moving forward with future AMD remediation projects, watershed restoration projects, and abandoned mine land reclamation projects throughout PA
- Provided some grant writing assistance to the Huber Breaker Preservation Society for a \$2500 FFA Living2Serve grant from the USDA that we've partnered with the W-B Career & Technology Center on for the Huber Miner's Memorial Park in Ashley on the 3 acre AML Site;
- Assisted with the Coordination of an EPCAMR/WPCAMR/ARIPPA Technical Meeting at Toftrees, State College, PA to serve as a small fundraiser for administrative funds for the Coalitions and hear grant awardees talk about their projects that were funded.

Robert Hughes

*Full Monthly Reports for all staff are [available online](#) for your review*

### Program Manager Highlights

- Completed RAMLIS Version 12 and made a dozen copies for trial distribution.
- Completed Espy Run Treatment System Sampling Report.
- Completed a 3D Model of the Brookside and Markson Mine Pools. Presented information regarding the Hazleton Basin Mine Pools to Pagnotti Enterprises.
- Prepared cost estimates for treatment systems in Catawissa and Hazle Creek Watersheds related to QHUPs.
- Participated in a stream cleanup along the Lackawanna.
- EPCAMR staff sampled 16 boreholes in the Lackawanna Valley, 26 in the Wyoming Valley and measured flow on 6 discharges in both monthly. Updated 2 GIS datasets, created 1 GIS dataset, processed 4 maps for 3D modeling, conducted field verification visit near Rausch Creek and completed a snapshot sampling of 5 treatment systems for Datashed. Researched Sulfates Water Quality Test Kits for possible future purchase.
- Added a registration and program page to [www.treatminewater.com](http://www.treatminewater.com), saved information from [www.datashed.org](http://www.datashed.org), added data to [www.cheasapeakecommons.org](http://www.cheasapeakecommons.org) and updated [www.epcamr.org](http://www.epcamr.org). Administered the EPCAMR facebook page and Google Apps for Nonprofits account.
- AMR conference planning, website work and registrations took a majority of staff time in June and July even though WPCAMR was the lead organization this year. Participated in 3 AMR Conference Calls and tracked conference registrations as they roll in and planned a tour route for the conference.
- Prepared cost estimates for treatment systems in Catawissa, Nanticoke and Hazle Creek Watersheds related to QHUPs.

Michael Hewitt