

EPCAMR 2018 4th Quarter Board Meeting

Minutes – November 15th

EPCAMR Office

11:00AM
Info.
Portion of
Meeting

Discussion and Correspondence

- Handouts: Minutes, Treasurer's Report and corresponding documents Staff
- Update on Swoyersville Culm Pile Removal AML PILOT Project update; access road to go in soon; waiting on E&S for processing and removal; state and contractor following feedback from residents at info meetings.
- Update on Keep PA Beautiful Surveillance Camera Program (Centralia); after years of paperwork with the landowner (state) the program was approved.
- Update on Tim Schaeffer appointed as the PA FBC Exec. Director

Hotlinks in
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will take
you to
more info.

Grants, Conferences, Events, Workshops

- 2019 PA Coldwater Heritage Partnership Grants due December 15 Staff
- PA DEP EE Grants (\$3K=No Match; \$25K=20% Match) due Jan. 11
- Anthracite Photographers @ Anthracite Heritage Museum Nov. 29, 6p
- [EC Workforce Development Training Program](#)-taking applications
 - November 15 - 3-4pm PA CareerLink Lackawanna County
 - November 29 - 3-4pm PA CareerLink at Wilkes-Barre
- POWR Statewide Watershed Conference, State College - Feb. 24-25
- NAAMLPA/PA AMR/NASLR Joint Conf., Pittsburgh, PA Sept. 8-11, 2019
- 250th Anniversary of Anthracite Industry (1768 Obadiah Gore) events to happen throughout 2018; contact Scott Herring for a calendar.

Watershed Reports (forgone due to impending storm)

All

12:00PM

Call to Order Business Meeting: Attendance - Bernie McGurl, Cheryl Brobst, Christine Haldeman, Ed Wytovich, Dr. Joe Simons, Christy Doyle, Tim Ference (Quorum), John Levitsky, Dan Taroli, Nancy Corbin, Corey Bower, Robert Hughes, Michael Hewitt, Denise Hernandez, Gavin Pellitteri, Rachael Grube, Shawnese Taylor & Laura Rinehimer

President

Begin
Business
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Meeting

Minutes from Last Mgt. (August 16th): [File for Audit](#) (John, Ed & All)

Secretary

Treasurer's Report

- Reviewed 2019 Draft Budget for benefit of new board members
- Filed for Audit: Checking & PA Invest Account Balances (Dan, Joe & All)
- Filed EPCAMR 2017 990 taxes; paid Kovalchik & Kollar; (Ed, John & All)
 - no accountant's review report, but staff will ask
- See "Jobs List" and "Grants Applied For" memos for more info (handout)

Treasurer

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

Staff

- Patagonia grant - Looking for volunteers to be trained for Aquatic Organism Passage culvert assessments www.streamcontinuity.org
- MSI Program - Finding gap areas for mine maps. Check Tamaqua Then and Now group. Fun Fact: Reading Anthracite maintained over 2000 miles of tunnels. Wonder what that is for the entire Anthracite Region?

Committee Reports

- Budget & Finance: Finalize 2019 Draft Budget
- Personnel: Results of Staff Evaluations - executive memo will be forthcoming.
- Ad Hoc Communications: Update on Reclaiming PA series; filmed on Saturday with youth actors and a narrator at Solomon Creek Boreholes.

Respective
Comm. Chairs

Old Business (none)

New Business

- Motion to accept 2019 EPCAMR Budget (Dan, Ed & All)
- Motion to approve staff merit raises (Ed, Joe & All)
- Motion to approve work on a personnel policy addition for anonymous “reverse evaluation” (bottom up) process (John, Ed & All)
- Motion to adjourn business portion of the meeting (Ed, John & All)

President

1:00PM **Next Meeting:** *Tentatively* **February 21st, 2019 11:00AM (with lunch, bring \$5)**
Tentative for 2019: February 21st, May 16th, August 15th, November 21st, 2019

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

General Staff

- Scanned & cataloged 204, georeferenced 286, & created Wilkes-Barre West 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 our 14TB local server.
- Give back **Hicks Creek** Natural Stream Channel Design Project (**Exeter Boro., Luzerne Co.**). Landowner stopped the project because construction would be too loud for the nursing home.
- Begin a \$4M AML Pilot project to reclaim waste coal piles at the former Harry E. Colliery in **Swoyersville, PA** with **Keystone Reclamation** and **PA DEP BAMR**.
- Continue a \$12K contract with **Luzerne County Rail Corp.** to scan, georeference and digitize railroad maps in **Luzerne and Lackawanna Counties**.
- Continue an aquatic organism passage (AOP) study on creeks in the **Wilkes-Barre Area** 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 drill and monitor boreholes / discharges with **AES**.
- Continue “City Streets to Valley Streams” education program with disadvantaged youth using \$10K from **First Federal Charitable Foundation**.
- Continue building a curriculum and informational videos related to **GROASIS GrowBoxx PG**
- Complete **Abraham’s Creek** Coldwater Heritage Plan with \$5K funding from **PA TU**.
- Continue **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** under ~\$5K contract with **Earth Conservancy**.
- Administer the \$2.5K **ARIPPA** AMD/AML Reclamation Awards for **EPCAMR Region**.
- Bill-down and reimburse for projects and services (quarterly) to maintain cash-flow.
- Waiting on approval of grants; Continue to seek funding to further our mission.
- 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**.
- Continue to provide technical & outreach assistance to **EPCAMR partners** dealing with AML issues, as needed.
- Plan for the joint **NAAML/PA AMR** joint via conference call with **PA DEP** and the **AMR Conference Committee**. EPCAMR will run registration. The conference will be September 8-11, 2019 in Pittsburgh. Maintain www.NAAML2019.com and treatminewater.com websites.
- Continue to provide AMD Field Tours and participate Environmental Outreach events.
- Harvest, dry, process, package, and inventory Iron Oxide products to sell online.
- Complete EPCAMR Annual Reports and post to GuideStar.org.
- Completed another update of **RAMLIS** for 2019 with updated information from the **Pennsylvania Spatial Data Access (PASDA) Server**.
- 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.
- Still waiting on an agreement with **SMS,LLC** to install transducers and monitor water levels in several boreholes in the mine pool related to the Old Forge Borehole AMD Remediation Project on the **Lackawanna River**.
- 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.

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