

# EPCAMR 2019 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Board Meeting

Minutes – February 21<sup>st</sup>

## EPCAMR Office

11:00AM  
Info.  
Portion of  
Meeting

### Discussion and Correspondence

- Handouts: Minutes, Treasurer’s Report and corresponding documents
- Welcomed Jessica Winton a student at Kings College as EPCAMR intern
- Decided to sign PA DEP Hold Harmless, Indemnification document for surveillance cameras in Centralia thru Keep Pa Beautiful after review of liability insurance. See if Tom Hynoski could routinely check them for us?
- Compiled a strategic plan update document of a 2017 board member survey, 2016 staff brainstorming and the 2011 strategic plan. Board decided to start an update of the EPCAMR Strategic Plan. Leigh Ann Henry will chair the Strategic Planning Committee. Use Survey Monkey to ask short-term and long-term goals. Incorporate the 319 and other major grant scopes of work. Look at WPCAMR’s strategic plan for structure. Things to consider: What if DEP money goes away or reauthorization fails? Other federal or state bills to look at?
- Discussed the needs of partners in the region. Need a new vision statement, prospectus and marketing plan for professional services. Watch jargon. DCED for a grant to develop a business/marketing plan? Marketable skills to private sector? Began to list them: GIS, AMD, mining, and reclamation knowledge, interpretation of mine and other historic maps, identification of subsidence prone zones for mortgage and insurance companies (online interactive map) ...
- Staff created a draft response to Governor’s plan to cut GG funding. Board recommended circulating the letter and sharing it with constituents as a sign on (Peter, Leigh Ann and All).
- Discussed the PA AML FY19-20 Pilot program. Provided the language from congress. Asked if any partners would want to submit ideas? John asked for RECLAIM Act language.

Staff

12:00PM

**Call to Order Business Meeting:** Attendance - Bernie McGurl, Dr. Joe Simons, Christine Haldeman, Christy Sweeney, Pete Haentjens, Tim Ference, John Levitsky (Quorum), Corey Bower, Leigh Ann Henry, Gary Leander, Robert Hughes, Michael Hewitt, Denise Hernandez, Shawnese Taylor, Laura Rinehimer & Conal Herron

President

Begin  
Business  
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Meeting

**Minutes from Last Mgt. (August 16<sup>th</sup>):** File for Audit (Tim, John & All)

Secretary

### Treasurer’s Report

- File for Audit: Checking & PA Invest Account Balances (Pete, Joe & All)
- See “Jobs List” and “Grants Applied For” memos for more info (handout)

Treasurer

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

- Gavin could not attend but provided a written report; Shawnese summarized.

Staff

### Committee Reports

- Ad Hoc Communications: Update on Reclaiming PA series from staff.

Respective  
Comm. Chairs

### Old Business

- none

President

### New Business

- Motion to approve committee decision(s)
- Motion to adjourn business portion of the meeting (John, All)

President

## Grants, Conferences, Events, Workshops

Staff

- POWR Statewide Watershed Conference, State College - Feb. 24-25
- PCPG Symposium, Grantville - March 6 (Robert making a presentation)
- Luzerne Foundation Non-Profit Forum, March 20-21
- NEPA Green Fair, Nay Aug Park, Scranton, April 27
- [ARIPPA Tech Symposium](#)- Sheraton-Harrisburg/Hershey- June 12-13th
- [NAAMLPA AMR/NASLR Joint Conf.](#), Pittsburgh, PA Sept. 8-11, 2019
- PA American Water Environmental Grant Program, March 29 deadline
- [PA DCNR Grants](#)

Hotlinks in this document will take you to more info

## Watershed Reports

All

- Lackawanna - Old Forge Project moving forward borehole monitoring may not be need, but Technical support related to QHUP specifically related to cost benefit analysis.
- Luzerne – ARIPPA money used to limestone sand dose the Red Brook a tributary to Mehoopany Creek. A lawsuit by a municipality in the Poconos recently decided: we cannot dose directly to a stream or floodplain as per a verbal agreement. Related to a trout club liming a stream which upgraded a high quality to an exceptional value stream and shutting down construction on that stream; angered the municipality. Violates E&S regulations and floodplain regulations... You may land apply. John can explain more. Maybe a waiver?
- Nescopeck – Email distributed a newsletter and membership drive. Another year of water quality sampling with BAMR (for lab sampling) with stream flow. Created a report and exhibit of the 2018 water quality report. Filled glass jars with powdered metals to represent 1 minute of flow. Will be converting to PDF and posting it to their website at [www.freindsofthenescopeck.org](http://www.freindsofthenescopeck.org).
- ARIPPA – Economic and Environmental analysis update will be finished soon. Invited EPCAMR, WPCAMR and affiliates to exhibit at a legislative meet-and-greet as a part of the symposium in June. Another round of AML/AMD awards are being provided to WPCAMR and EPCAMR for this year. Executive Directors to meet and talk about soon how EPCAMR and ARIPPA can collaborate.

1:00PM

**Next Meeting:** *Tentatively May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 11:00AM (with lunch, bring \$5)*

Tentative for 2019: February 21<sup>st</sup>, May 16<sup>th</sup>, August 15<sup>th</sup>, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019

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

**General Staff**

- Scanned & cataloged 346, georeferenced 242, & 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.
- Mobilization complete by **Keystone Reclamation** on the **Swoyersville AML Pilot** project to reclaim waste coal piles at the former Harry E. Colliery
- 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 **Toby Creek 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 monitor boreholes / discharges through April 2019.
- Continue “City Streets to Valley Streams” education program with disadvantaged youth using \$10K from **First Federal Charitable Foundation**.
- Awarded another \$5k to complete the **Huntsville Creek CHP**, Luzerne County.
- 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.
- Working on **RECLAIM** outreach with \$2k grant from **Appalachian Voices**.
- 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 **NAAMLP/NASLR/PA AMR** joint via conference call with **PA DEP** and the **AMR Conference Committee**. The conference will be September 8-11, 2019 in Pittsburgh. Maintain [www.NAAMLP2019.com](http://www.NAAMLP2019.com) and [treatminewater.com](http://treatminewater.com)
- 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](http://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](http://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**.
- Continue to work with **EPCAMR Board** to increase Quarterly Board Mtg. efficiency.
- 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.
- Continue monitoring of **Loyalsock Creek** AMD Treatment Systems through April
- Working with **WVSA** on developing a professional services agreement for AMD portion of the **MS4 Permit**.
- Working with **Wiconisco Creek Restoration Association** to develop a monitoring plan for areas in the **Bear Creek Watershed, SRBC, Dauphin CD & Doc Fritchey TU**.

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

