

# EPCAMR 2019 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Board Meeting

Tentative Agenda – August 15<sup>th</sup>

## EPCAMR Office

11:00AM  
Info.  
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of  
Meeting

### Discussion and Correspondence

- Handouts: Minutes, Treasurer's Report and corresponding documents Robert
- Update on [RECLAIM Act](#) (HR 2156)
- Update on [SMCRA Reauthorization](#) (Cartwright Draft Vs. S.1193)
- Update on Coal Refuse Energy Tax Credit for ARIPPA Co-Gens Cristy
- [ARIPPA Report on Coal Refuse Reclamation Industry](#)

12:00PM

Begin  
Business  
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Meeting

**Call to Order Business Meeting:** (sign-in sheet) President

**Minutes from Last Mgt. (May 16<sup>th</sup>):** File for Audit Secretary

### Treasurer's Report

- See Balance Sheet, Open Sales Orders, Jobs List and Grant Prospects Treasurer
- File for Audit: Checking & PA Invest Account Balances

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

### Committee Reports

- Nominating Committee: Motion to Nominate and Election of Officers Respective
- Personnel Committee: Need to review Personnel Policy and Discussion Comm. Chairs
- AdHoc Communications: Update on Reclaiming Pa Trailer (Postponed)
- Strategic Planning: Schedule a future board retreat to Nescopeck State Park

### Old Business

- President

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more info.

### New Business

- Motion to approve committee decision(s) President
- Motion to approve 319 Contract Amendment for \$129,310 thru 6/2021
- Motion to adjourn business portion of the meeting

1:00PM

**Next Meeting:** *Tentatively* **November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 11:00AM (with lunch, bring \$5)**

Tentative for 2020: February 20<sup>th</sup>, May 21<sup>st</sup>, August 20<sup>th</sup>, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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### Grants, Conferences, Events, Workshops

- [PA DEP 319 NPS Grant](#) Round- August 9th Deadline
- [NAAMLPA/PA AMR/NASLR Joint Conf.](#), Pittsburgh, PA Sept. 8-11, 2019
- 6th Annual Centralia Cleanup-October 19th, 2019; 9-3PM
- [PA DCNR Grants](#)

### Watershed Reports

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

**General Staff**

- Scanned & cataloged 269, georeferenced 90, & started Nanticoke and Mocanaqua 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 14TB local server.
- Submitted a 2019-2020 proposal to monitor **Loyalsock Creek** & AMD Treatment Systems in **Sullivan County** to the **Loyalsock Creek Watershed Association**.
- Evaluate **Plainsville** AMD pond sludge depth with **Luzerne Conservation District**
- Submitted a GG/319 grant to study the mine pool and develop a treatment system with **SRBC** in the **Bear Creek Watershed** for the **Wiconisco Creek Restoration Association, Dauphin CD & Doc Fritchey TU**.
- Coordinating the removal of waste coal piles at the former Harry E. Colliery with **Keystone Reclamation** for the **Swoyersville AML Pilot** project.
- Waiting for the **Luzerne County Rail Corp** to get GIS to deliver the scanned, georeferenced and digitized railroad maps in **Luzerne and Lackawanna Counties**.
- Continue to work on the GrowBoxx project with **\$25K Inquiring Systems Inc**. Develop a curriculum and work with schools to implement program.
- Continue an aquatic organism passage (AOP) study on creeks in the **Anthracite Region** 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. Need to catch one low precipitation event by fall, hopefully.
- Begin “Keeping Communities Flowing” education program with disadvantaged youth using **\$20K** from **American Water Charitable Foundation** and remainder of **\$10K** from **Luzerne Foundation**.
- Begin on **Huntsville Creek** Cold Water Heritage Plan **\$4.75K** 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** as needed by **Earth Conservancy**.
- Administer the **\$2.5K ARIPPA** AMD/AML Reclamation Awards for **EPCAMR Region**.
- Continue **RECLAIM** Act outreach and make maps w/ **\$3K Appalachian Voices** grant.
- Plan for the joint **NAAML/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.NAAML2019.com](http://www.NAAML2019.com) and [treatminewater.com](http://treatminewater.com)
- 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**.
- Work on hosting **RAMLIS** for 2020 on an interactive website with updated information from the **Pennsylvania Spatial Data Access (PASDA) Server**.
- Waiting on **WVSA** to determine discharges to monitor with PA DEP to develop a professional services agreement for AMD portion of their **MS4 Permit**.
- Coordinate a QHUP for the **Lackawanna River** with **\$5K LRCA** and **SMS, LLC**.
- Contract with **Tetra-Tech** to conduct Rare Earth Metals in AMD sludge research with AML Pilot funds or potentially Department of Defense funding.
- Continue to provide technical & outreach assistance to **EPCAMR partners** dealing with AML issues, as requested.
- Continue to provide AMD Field Tours and participate Environmental Outreach events.
- Bill-down and reimburse for projects and services (quarterly) to maintain cash-flow
- 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.

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