

# EPCAMR 2019 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Board Meeting

Tentative Agenda – November 20<sup>th</sup>

## EPCAMR Office

11:00AM  
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Meeting

### Discussion and Correspondence

- Handouts: Minutes, Treasurer's Report and corresponding documents Robert
- Update on [SMCRA Reauthorization](#) (HR 4248) Testimony to HNRC
- Update on [RECLAIM Act](#) (HR 2156) & several other "coal" bills (handout)
- Update on [Coal Refuse Energy Tax Credit](#) (HR 4435) Letters of Support Cristy

12:00PM

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

### Minutes from Last Mgt. (August 15<sup>th</sup>): File for Audit Secretary

### Treasurer's Report Treasurer

- See Balance Sheet, Open Sales Orders, Jobs List and Grant Prospects
- File for Audit: Checking & PA Invest Account Balances
- Review EPCAMR 2018 990 Tax Return Filed

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

### Committee Reports

- Budget and Finance Committee: Review Draft EPCAMR Budget for 2020 Respective
- Personnel Committee: Outcome of Meeting Personnel Policy and Staff Eval. Comm. Chairs
- AdHoc Communications: Update on Reclaiming PA Trailer
- Strategic Planning: Schedule retreat to Nescopeck State Park February 2020

### Old Business

- President

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more info.

### New Business

- Motion to approve committee decision(s) President
- Motion to approve EPCAMR Budget for 2020
- Motion to adjourn business portion of the meeting

1:00PM

### Next Meeting: *Tentatively* February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 11:00AM (with lunch, bring \$5)

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

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### Grants, Conferences, Events, Workshops

- [Growing Greener Plus Grants](#) Program Applications Due December 20
- [2019 AML Economic and Community Development Pilot](#) (AML Pilot) Program Open Application Period November 1, 2019 – January 31, 2020
- PA DEP [Environmental Education Grant](#) program webinar Nov. 18 @ 1PM
- [Temper of the Times Foundation Inc.](#) due by December 15th
- [PA DCNR Grants](#)
- [2020 PA Abandoned Mine Reclamation Conference](#): A Clear Future for Reclamation, June 24-25<sup>th</sup> 2020, Ramada Inn in State College, PA

### Watershed Reports

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

**General Staff**

- Scanned & cataloged 764, georeferenced 62, & 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**
- 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 remainder of 2019 funding & \$38K **Inquiring Systems Inc.** Develop a curriculum & work with schools to implement.
- 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. Writing report which is due by the end of the year.
- Begin "Keeping Communities Flowing" cleanups using \$20K from **American Water Charitable Foundation**
- Continue education program with disadvantaged youth with remainder of \$10K from **Luzerne Foundation**.
- Continue **Huntsville Creek** Cold Water Heritage Plan \$4.75K funding from **PA TU**.
- Finish **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**.
- Continue **RECLAIM** Act outreach and make maps w/ \$3K **Appalachian Voices** grant.
- Plan for the 2020 AMR Conference in June 24-25<sup>th</sup> 2020, Ramada Inn in State College, PA with **AMR Conference Committee**. Maintain [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.
- 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.
- Harvest, dry, process, package, and inventory Iron Oxide products to sell online.

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