

EPCAMR 2020 1st Quarter Board Meeting

Minutes – February 20th

Nescopeck State Park

10:30AM	Strategic Planning – EPCAMR staff and board participated in the SWOT and nominal process activities to identify goals, objectives & action steps	Mike, Leigh Ann
	Discussion and Correspondence	
Info. Portion of Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduced to new staff, intern and board members• Updated board on US House “Coal Package”: SMCRA Reauthorization (HR 4248), RECLAIM Act (HR 2156) & several other bills• Update on Coal Refuse Energy Tax Credit (HR 4435) Letters of Support	Robert, Mike
1:00PM	Call to Order Business Meeting: Attendance – Dr. Joe Simons III, Christine Haldeman, Cheryl Brobst, Christy Sweeney, Ed Wytovich, Tim Ference, John Levitsky (Quorum), Bernie McGurl, Leigh Ann Henry, Gloria Norcross, Gary Leander, Kendra Craig, Angela Meck, Dr. Andrea Nerozzi, Robert Hughes, Michael Hewitt, Shawnese Taylor, Laura Rinehimer, Steve Cornia, Denise Hernandez, & Frank Dombrowski.	President
Begin Business Portion of Meeting	Minutes from Last Mgt. (November 20th): File for Audit (Tim, Cristy & All)	Secretary
	Treasurer’s Report	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• See Balance Sheet, Open Sales Orders, Jobs List and Grant Prospects• File for Audit: Checking & PA Invest Account Balances (Bernie, John & All)	Treasurer
	AMR Program Reports (3 minutes each; Anticipated work on opposite side)	Staff
	Committee Reports	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Personnel Committee: retroactive approval of personnel wage adjustments (raises for Robert and Mike) as approved in annual budget. (Tim, Bernie & All)• AdHoc Communications: Reclaiming PA Trailer shown over lunch. Alaina stepped up to chair committee.• Nominating Committee: approved nomination of Dr. Ken Klemow to the board (Bernie, John & All)	Respective Comm. Chairs
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Moved to approve committee decisions (see motions above)• Moved to approve and sign new 319 grant contract (Bernie, John & All)• Motion to adjourn business portion of the meeting (Bernie, Cristy & All)	President
2:00PM	Next Meeting: <i>Tentatively</i> February 20th, 2020 11:00AM (with lunch, bring \$5) Tentative for 2020: May 21 st , August 20 th , November 19 th , 2020	President
Info. Portion of Meeting	Grants, Conferences, Events, Workshops	Robert
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keystone Coldwater Conference Feb. 28-29, Ramada Inn State College• CCWC Capitol Hill Education Day March 3-4, Washington DC• PA DCNR Riparian Buffer Conference, March 11-12, Blair Co. Conv. Ctr.• PAEE & PRPS Conf., March 17-20, 7 Springs Resort, Champion, PA• Stanley Cooper Ch. TU Banquet, March 28, East Mountain Inn, W-B, PA• Centralia Apple Tree Seedling Planting Event, April 4• ARIPPA Tech Convention June 16th at the Crowne Plaza Harrisburg, PA• 2020 PA Abandoned Mine Reclamation Conference: A Clear Future for Reclamation, June 24-25th 2020, Ramada Inn in State College, PA	
	Watershed Reports - Forgone due to time	President

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 24-25th 2020, Ramada Inn in State College, PA with **AMR Conference Committee**. Maintain 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 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

- Complete EPCAMR Annual Reports and post to [GuideStar.org](https://www.guidestar.org).
- Continue to work with **EPCAMR Board** to increase Quarterly Board Mtg. efficiency.