

# EPCAMR 2021 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Board Meeting

Minutes – May 20<sup>th</sup>

## Zoom Conference Call

11:00AM	<b>Discussion and Correspondence</b>	
Info. Portion of Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Moment of silence for the loss of our good friends and colleagues Louise Dunlap and Ray Clarke.</li></ul>	Robert
12:00PM	<b>Call to Order Business Meeting:</b> Attendance - Joe Simons III, Christine Haldeman, Cristy Sweeney, Bernie McGurl, Ed Wytovich, Leigh Ann Henry, Cheryl Brobst, (quorum), Mike Korb, John Welsh, Alana Mauger, Gary Leander, Carrie Richmond, Dr. Ken Klemow, Dr. Andrea Nerozzi, Bobby Hughes, Michael Hewitt, Steve Cornia, Shawnese Taylor, Laura Rinehimer, Frank Sindaco, and Kyle Argenziano	President
Begin Business Portion of Meeting	<b><u>Minutes from Last Mgt. (February 18<sup>th</sup>):</u></b> <u>Filed for Audit</u> (Bernie, Ed & All)	Secretary
	<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• See Balance Sheet, Open Sales Orders, Jobs List and Grant Prospects</li><li>• <u>Filed for Audit:</u> Checking &amp; PA Invest Account Balances (Bernie, Ed &amp; All)</li><li>• <u>Moved to</u> retain Kohanski &amp; Co. for Accountant's Review (Bernie, Joe &amp; All)</li></ul>	Treasurer
	<b>AMR Program Reports</b> (3 minutes each; see Robert's <a href="#">PowerPoint Presentation</a> )	Staff
	<b>Committee Reports</b> (a Zoom Pro link can be setup for committee meetings)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AdHoc Communications: Report by Chair; suggested a doodle poll to meet</li><li>• Strategic Planning Committee: met 3/31 to finish Action Plan Items; <a href="#">Strategic Plan Updates 2020-2025</a> draft document completed</li><li>• Education Committee: newly formed; suggested a doodle poll to meet</li></ul>	Respective Comm. Chairs
	<b>Old Business</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No old business</li></ul>	President
Hotlinks in this document will take you to more info.	<b>New Business</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Moved to</u> approve committee decision(s)</li><li>• <u>Moved to</u> approve virtual signature of SWIF Exec. Officer Exceptions</li><li>• <u>Moved to</u> approve Gabby Zawacki at Patagonia as an at-large board member (Bernie, Cristy &amp; All)</li><li>• <u>Moved to</u> adjourn business portion of the meeting (Joe, Cristy &amp; All)</li></ul>	President
1:00PM	<b>Next Meeting:</b> <i>Tentatively August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 11:00AM (possibly virtual)</i> Tentative for 2021: August 19 <sup>th</sup> , and November 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	President
Info. Portion of Meeting	<b>Grants, Conferences, Events, Workshops</b>	Robert
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PACA at 2pm on May 13th; EPCAMR Exe. Director to present via Zoom</li><li>• PSU Master Watershed Stewardship Program for Luzerne/Lackawanna County at 8PM on May 19th; EPCAMR Exe. Director to present via Zoom</li><li>• <a href="#">Choose Clean Water Coalition Conference</a> on May 24-26th; Virtual</li><li>• EPCAMR 3rd Quarter Board Meeting on August 19th at 11-1:30pm</li><li>• <a href="#">2021 PA AMR Virtual Conference</a> using WHOVA, October 27-28</li></ul>	

## Watershed Reports

**Sullivan County** – (Carrie) Sullivan County is doing a County Action Plan (CAP) and requested that we added nutrient monitoring to Loyalsock sampling. Wyoming County is except from the CAP program. Their nitrogen and phosphorus load reductions are low enough and further reductions are not needed.

**Wyoming Seminary** – (Dr. Nerozzi ) Advanced Placement Environmental Science (APES) Students working on research topics and want a small group tour of AMD. Interests are related to solar, capture of iron with polyacrylates(?) and metal toxicity to microorganisms.

**EPCAMR Regional** – (Ed) Differential in Community Solar (up to 40 acres) at \$1,500 per year vs. Commercial Solar (more than 40 acres) Project pays about ½ of that to landowner. Following Community Solar Legislation in PA which could change the maps. Is there any university connection to sample iron sludge (Mass Spectrophotometer)? Dr. Klemow will investigate it.

(John W.) Fundraiser for Huber Breaker Preservation Society (HBPS) in the name of Ray Clarke showing videos.

**Wilkes University** – (Dr. Klemow) Monitoring tree growth and survival on Avondale Hill. They seem to be taking off! Drone use potential.

**Luzerne County** – (Mike K.) Asked if we could get with Nanticoke Redevelopment Authority to get a GG or C3P3 grant to make Concrete City into a park? Bernie mentioned Concrete City was a project of the Glen Alden Coal Company back in 1910 to create a model mine worker residential community. It was associated with the tenure of William Truesdale who was president of D.L.& W. RR. He was a major advocate of building with reinforced concrete. But unfortunately, concrete traps moisture and had a black mold problem that forced people out. Also, Glen Alden Coal Company wouldn't put in sewers.

**Bowmans Creek** – (Dr. Simons) Have not moved forward with our limestone diversion well. Looking for approval from DEP.

**Lackawanna Creek** – (Bernie) New fishing and kayak access site on Yucca Flats Linde Enterprises property near Forest City ~90 acres reclamation. Olyphant mine fire being extinguished on Pagnotti and Denaples Properties which are being redeveloped. Wait and see on Landfill expansion and Old Forge project.

**Nescopeck Creek** – (Gary) Friends of the Nescopeck are still holding meetings and monitoring. Recently began sampling Nitrogen and Phosphorous for the CAP program. Continue to estimate stream flow. Dr. Joe has caught wild brown trout on Nescopeck tributaries.

**Schuylkill River** – (Christine) Schuylkill Headwaters Association has Otto Discharge project out for bid, stream cleanup in Port Carbon with Yuengling Brewery employees, tree planting in reclamation area near Kaska. Dr. Joe mentioned cleanup and restoration on the Little Schuylkill is progressing nicely. Christine said there are 2 treatment systems on Wabash Creek and one up near Hometown. Mostly natural attenuation they believe.

### Links from the chat:

Dr. Joe's Wild Troutman Adventures <http://wildtroutman.com/index.html>  
 Favorite Flies for Pennsylvania by Eric Naguski <https://www.amazon.com/Favorite-Flies-Pennsylvania/dp/0811738809>