

EPCAMR 2022 Annual (3rd Quarter) Board Meeting

Minutes – August 18th

EPCAMR Office / EC Conference Room

11:00AM	Discussion and Correspondence	
Info. Portion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill Guidance available OSMRE websiteSTREAM Act (HR 7283); Passed the House [391-9]; Introduced by Senator Casey (S. 3957) sent to Energy & Natural Resources CommitteeKnouse Foods-Adams Co. Apple Orchard hydrated lime brick: 5 available at EPCAMR office to test. Lots more where those came from. Advertise for landowners and potentially ground up for land application.AMD Treat 6.0 came out from OSMRE. Looking for beta testers.	Robert
12:00PM	Call to Order Business Meeting: Attendance: Dr. Joe Simons III, Christine Haldeman, Cristy Sweeney, Bernie McGurl. Eric Naguski, John Levitsky, Tim Ference (quorum), Gary Leander, Ed Wytovich, Angela Meck, Mike Korb, Cheryl Brobst, Andrea Nerozzi, Eric Cavazza, John Mack, Kimberly Porsche, Tom Gray, Bobby Hughes, Michael Hewitt, Denise Hernandez, Shawnese Taylor, Laura Rinehimer, Steve Cornia, and Frank Sindaco	President
Begin Business Portion of Meeting	Minutes from Last Mgt. (May 19th): File for Audit (Cristy, Cheryl and All)	Secretary
	Treasurer's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">See Balance Sheet, Open Sales Orders, Jobs List and Grant ProspectsFile for Audit: Checking & PA Invest Account Balances (John, Cheryl and All)	Treasurer
	AMR Program Reports (3 minutes each; PowerPoint Presentation) Played "Brookie Braves a Storm" EE Video over lunch, recently viewed at WBASD elementary schools for pre and post assessment. Can make it available to public soon	Staff
	Committee Reports (a Zoom Pro link can be setup for committee meetings) <ul style="list-style-type: none">none	Respective Comm. Chairs
	Old Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">none	President
Hotlinks in this document will take you to more info.	New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">Nominating Committee: Motion to Nominate and Elect Officers: President -Joe Simons, Vice President and Treasurer - Cristy Sweeney, Secretary - Christine Haldeman (John L., Cheryl and All)Moved to sign Commonwealth of PA Mine Operator's License Authorization Renewal Application (Bernie, John and All)Virtual Presentation by Kim Porsche and other Tetra Tech employees present at meeting on potential resubmission of a revised AMLER Rare Earth Elements Hollywood Treatment Plant grant proposal. Discussion on line of credit from bank. Board moved to re-apply to AMLER grant for this project. (Bernie, Cheryl and All)Moved to adjourn business portion of the meeting (Cristy, John and All)	President Vice Pres. President
1:00PM	Next Meeting: <i>Tentatively November 17th, 2022 11:00AM</i>	President
Info. Portion of Meeting	Grants, Conferences, Events, Workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none">Environmental Justice Advisory Board (EJAB) Meeting: Johnstown Aug. 18PA DEP BAMR Grant Round to possibly open in the Fall - Winter 2022Just Transition Fund Convening of Grantees: Washington DC, Sept. 20-22EPCAMR Iron Oxide Video Filming with Reiner Productions: Sept. 29-Oct 1Environmental Justice Advisory Board (EJAB) Meeting: October 20EPCAMR 4th Quarter Meeting (In-Person): November 17, 2022	Robert

Watershed Reports

Schuylkill: Otto construction to get slop out of cells. Having no rain helped. Christine
Showed several photos. Waiting on landowners or grants for other projects.

Luzerne: Discussion about AMD mitigation. EC did a study years ago when John L.
Mike Dziak was still CEO with thermal imaging to find fractures in Nanticoke
Headwaters, but it was too fractured, and nothing could be determined. Christine
mentioned West Branch Schuylkill sealing projects using natural stream channel
design lined with geotextile and clay combination, some places require pressure
grouting. GPR to find water loss areas. Done when there's less vegetation (fall,
winter, spring). NFWF study in process. Plainsville project on the backburner.
Potential for horizontal drilling to get rid of the newly found Packer Shaft
discharge to Gardner Creek. Need more than 1 watershed specialist in Luzerne
County.

Lackawanna: LRCA Riverfest coming up. No paddling in river, but enough flow Bernie
for the duck race. Large energy project at Old Forge/Duryea. Trails projects: one
announced in the fall regarding a junkyard cleanup. Potential purchase of an old
Delaware and Hudson Canal Co building. Thanked Robert and Steve for coming
to the PA American Water Camp.

Catawissa: Columbia County Watershed Festival was a success. Thanked Ed
Robert and Mike for attending. Planning it again. Butler Tract was purchased
finally by DCNR. Meeting with Todd Wood at BAMR next week about the new
Audenreid Tunnel treatment system.

EMARR: Tying to get an audience with Hazleton Water Authority to use AMD Peter
treatment to potable water. Finding new water in the area is coming to a crisis
point as reported in the paper.
Explanation of the 3 grant sources related to AML: Regular Title IV AML fee
reclamation program, AMLER (aka AML Pilot) program and new Bipartisan
Infrastructure Law funding. Non-profits will submit one proposal to the DEP
Grants Center. BAMR will decide where it fits.

Wyoming Sem.: Highschool research and posters on science related to Andrea
AMD/AML issues. 3 examples shown.

ARIPPA: OSM study on revegetating AML. It was a Provision under Bipartisan Cristy
Infrastructure Law. ARIPPA submitted comments. Mentioned cover with
grassland is not the best. HB668 adding ARIPPA Representative to MRAB did
pass in the House unanimously in November. RGGI on hold and arguments
planned in the fall.

Dauphin: Bear Creek project update in the AMR Program Reports. Eric N.