

EPCAMR 2023 2nd Quarter Board Meeting

Minutes – May 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 (S. 3957) passed. Set-aside for mine fires, subsidence & AMD'22-'23 HS Reflections Booklet from DCNR Community Connections Pgm.Thank You from the Netherlands Drawing Centre Diepenheim re: Iron oxideNote from Alana Mauger re: donation of sales of her iron oxide jewelry.Western Pocono TU Chapter 203 Letter President Janet M. Schmitt asking EPCAMR to help advocate for funds for the Jeddo Mine TunnelEPCAMR Sales Tax Exemption Renewal Form to PA Dept. of Revenue (No motion needed, but President signed at a notary)	Executive Director
12:00PM	Call to Order Business Meeting: Attendance: Dr. Joe Simons III, Christine Haldeman, Cheryl Brobst, Ed Wytovich. Tim Ference, Bernie McGurl, Peter Haentjens (quorum), Eric Naguski, Beck Chickillo, Leigh Ann Henry, Gabby Zawacki, Angela Meck, Gary Leander, Mike Sauers, Tara Jones, Brenna Schneider, Bobby Hughes, Michael Hewitt, Denise Hernandez, Laura Rinehimer, and Steve Cornia	President
Begin Business Portion of Meeting	Minutes from Last Mgt. (November 18th): Filed for Audit (Cheryl, Tim, & 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 (Gary, Tim, & All)	Treasurer
	AMR Program Reports (3 minutes each; PowerPoint ; Staff Reports on website)	Staff
	Committee Reports (a Zoom Pro link can be setup for committee meetings)	Respective Comm. Chairs
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Education and Science Committee- meeting needs to be scheduled. Ask chair Dr. Ken Klemow or Dr. Andrea Nerozzi.Strategic Planning Committee- meeting needs to be scheduled. Chair Leigh Ann Henry scheduled for June 7th @ 7PM via Zoom. Mike sent invite to committee.	
	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">Motion to approve committee decision(s)?Motion to adjourn business portion of the meeting	President
1:00PM	Next Meeting: <i>Tentatively August 17th, 2023 11:00AM</i>	President
Info. Portion of Meeting	Grants, Conferences, Events, Workshops	Executive Director
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">ARIPPA Reclamation Award Application: up to \$4,300 available in 2023PA DEP BAMR AML Grant next round opens July 3rd and is due August 25th9th Annual PA Renewables Summit-Penn Harris Hotel, Camp Hill-May 22ndChoose Clean Water Coalition Annual Conf.-Hilton Hotel, Harrisburg-May 22-24Solar on Mined Lands Summit-Ramada Conf. Center, State College-July 19th2nd Annual Susq. Valley Wshd. Festival-Briar Cr. Lake Park, Berwick-July 29thARIPPA Conference, Crowne Plaza, Harrisburg-Hershey Hotel-October 3rd25th Anniversary PA AMR Conference-Altoona Grand Hotel-October 23-25More in the email sent by Executive Director...	

Watershed Reports

Northumberland Co.: Shamokin Creek received a CREM (Critical Rare Earth and Minerals) grant from EPA.

Schuylkill Co.: Waiting on grant for Kaska. Randolph & Lucianna discharges treatment and a nearby mine fire combined into one grant. Potential solar with landowner. Otto Treatment System needs seeding, but it has been online since last fall. Firth Docks upper most ca of Schuylkill Canal System, remove coal silt (Port Carbon). Salem Hill mine permit up for renewal by Reading Co. owned by Pagnotti.

Dauphin Co.: Holding pattern with Bear Creek. Skelly and Loy to go over designs with landowner. Former Watershed Specialist, Rob transferred water quality to Skelly and Loy. New Watershed Specialist, Beck Chickillo.

Columbia Co.: Working toward a Watershed Festival in July. Continue gathering donations and agreements with landowners to get public access on Catawissa Creek. Working on a new access road for Audenreid Tunnel Discharge from Humboldt (around DCNR planned ATV park). Unfortunately, Blue Knob Rod and Gun Club will not allow access thru their property for construction of the new treatment system. The new road is going to be expensive.

Luzerne Co.: Roadside cleanup (12 people 2 hours and 42 trash bags) along the Black Creek. Kent Jackson from the Standard Speaker wrote up stories on the Nescopeck Creek and Jeddo Tunnel which doubled Friends of the Nescopeck meeting attendance. Some events like tree plantings vernal pool and macro sampling to keep them involved. Approximately 20 people including 2 state senators, 2 local reps, township supervisors, Tetra Tech on a tour to the Jeddo Tunnel. Newspapers mistakenly said “copper” was in the water instead of aluminum. Huge flows with 4” rain that fell. The color was laundry detergent blue because of the dissolved metals. Potable water treatment system was discussed by EMARR. Depends on how much they would like to use. Could potentially treat 15 MGD to 8 MGD. Hazleton Water Authority currently pulls 5 MGD from the Lehigh River.

Trout Unlimited: 30th Anniversary dinner was a success. EPCAMR brought the trout puppets. Surpassed 1K subscriptions in YouTube for Wild Troutman. Nature in NEPA will feature Wild Troutman.

Lackawanna Co.: Tara Jones was hired as Executive Assistant at LRCA. Bernie is pleased to have her on board. Forest City Yucca Flats reclamation project to remove 100 acres of mine spoils along the Lackawanna River. Carbondale industrial warehouse project at Meredith Street. Midvalley Industrial Park mine fire being extinguished. Pagnotti Enterprises to build warehouses there. Sterry and Eddy Creeks need to be addressed. Pagnotti Silt Pile “contained” by gabion baskets still flushes into stream. Acquiring land below TNC Hale’s Preserve. Game commission to allow access to state game lands. AML site with “bat hotels” on site. O&W Railroad plan and refurbishing Delaware & Hudson Canal Co building at trailhead to house non-profit organizations. Duryea Borough to obtain Duryea Swamps but the related hydropower project is not going to happen as per Medico. BAMR wants to siphon and treat the Duryea Breech Discharge under the river to the swamps via the Marcy Shaft.