

EPCAMR 2023 Annual (3rd Quarter) Board Meeting

Minutes – August 17th

EPCAMR Office / EC Conference Room / [Zoom](#)

11:00AM	Discussion and Correspondence	
Info. Portion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Choose Clean Water Coalition Thank You Note for participation at ForumPlus ConfPA American Water Thank You Letter for participating in the LRCA Annual Water Camp in Peckville, PA along the Lackawanna RiverThank You for EPCAMR’s presentation at the AIPG PA NE, Capitol, Virginias, & Ohio Sections Regional Meeting on May 5, 2023EPCAMR continuing to work on Tetra Tech Hollywood AMLER Rare Earth Elements Resubmission #4 grant due 08/25/23 for 2023 Application Round 2EPCAMR working with Keystone Reclamation, Pagnotti Enterprises, and PA DEP BAMR on Phase II of the former Harry E. Reclamation for future BIF funding in the Fall 2023. Infrastructure Funds Guidance on OSMRE website2024 calendar with AMD and Art from WBSAD students with the Hexagon Project and CAPAA funded by PA AM Water	Executive Director
12:00PM	Call to Order Business Meeting: Attendance: Dr. Joe Simons III, Christine Haldeman, Ed Wytovich. Dr. Andrea Nerozzi, Dr. Ken Klemow, Gary Leander, Mike Sauers (quorum), Vincent Carbone, Chelsea Tarbo, Bobby Hughes, Michael Hewitt, Denise Hernandez, Steve Cornia, Shawnese Taylor, Frank Sindaco, and Laura Rinehimer	President
Begin Business Portion of Meeting	Minutes from Last Mgt. (May 18th): Filed for Audit (Ed, Andrea, & All)	Secretary
	Treasurer’s Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">See Balance Sheet, Open Sales Orders, Jobs List and Grant ProspectsFiled for Audit: Checking & PA Invest Account Balances (Ed, Andrea, & All)	Treasurer
	AMR Program Reports (3 minutes each; PowerPoint ; Staff Reports on website) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Received the Mine Mapping Grant, 20% cut, and discussed the 3 year forecast of work. QA/QC of Southern field mosaics and gap analysis. Baber Cemetery may have UMMs for York Farm Colliery if needed. Lucianna Colliery has no known maps, but is near Randolph Colliery (bank fire). Review of Western Middle Field mosaics and creation of Eastern Middle Mosaics to follow. Complete Northern FieldAlmost complete with Swoyersville Project. Looking to transfer land (7.5 acres) to borough in October. Talking about Phase 2 to take in more.Other potential AML Projects: Black Desert in Exeter and Powderly Cr. WatershedBear Creek Phase 2 treatment system design was updated to a Maelstrom Oxidizer and 5 acres after discussion with landowner. Hydrogen Peroxide tanks were considered too dangerous that close to his home.	Staff
	Committee Reports (a Zoom Pro link can be setup for committee meetings) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Education and Science Committee- new chair Dr. Andrea Nerozzi was selected and will hold a meeting Sept. 19th @7PM. Need to talk about not only traditional EE but also a need to educate municipal staff/engineers. Institutional mining knowledge is leaving the area. Need get this info back into the community. Data science is growing nationally. Putting data online and sharable is key. Students (HS/College) are looking for data to synthesize.Strategic Planning Committee- next meeting scheduled for Sept. 21st @7PM	Respective Comm. Chairs
	Old Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">PA Dept. of Revenue Approved EPCAMR Sales Tax Exemption thru 2028	President

Hotlinks in this document will take you to more info.

New Business

- Nominating Committee: Moved to Nominate Officers (Ed, Gary & All) and Election of Officers (Andrea, Ed, & All)
- Moved to Approve SCRA Quaker Run Wetlands Acquisition Project for ARIPPA/EPCAMR Mini-Grant for 2023 for \$4800 (Ed, Andrea & All)
- Moved to adjourn the business portion of the meeting (Ed, Andrea & All)

Vice President

President

1:00PM

Next Meeting: ~~Tentatively November 16th, 2023~~ 11:00AM postponed to December 14th, 2023

President

Info. Portion of Meeting

Grants, Conferences, Events, Workshops

- [Hexagon Project](#)-Theme for 2023 is Environmental Justice; [Call for Entries](#)
- AMD Passive Treatment Class for CDWS on September 12-14; Training FULL
- [2023 AML Grants Application Round 2 – July 3 thru August 25, 2023](#)
- STEM Camp organized by EPCAMR TBA Saturday in September
- 2023 Just Transition Fund National Convening in DC on October 17-19th
- ARIPPA Conference, Crowne Plaza, Harrisburg-Hershey Hotel-October 3rd
- [25th Anniversary PA AMR Conference](#)-Altoona Grand Hotel-October 23-25
- [NEPADOC Documentary](#) by Dr. Dave Heineman is scheduling screenings to be released in the Summer of 2023; [Trailer](#) (Updated screenings online)
- More in the email sent by Executive Director...

Executive Director

Watershed Reports

Sullivan Co. – Connell B AMDTS is shut down. Connell C AMDTS second pond was drained, but refilled last month. Both are being evaluated by Kleinfelder for redesign. Lewis AMDTS was converted into a limestone drain (compost was removed from top). EPCAMR monitoring and will complete an annual report later this year.

Schuylkill Co. - CO2 helps dissolve limestone in the Pine Forest AMD Treatment System buried limestone bed similar in construction to Oneida #1 and Connell B treatment systems.

All

Other Watershed Reports forgone due to time...