

EPCAMR 2024 1st Quarter Board Meeting

Minutes – February 15th

EPCAMR Office: EC Conference Room & [Zoom](#)

11:00AM	Discussion and Correspondence	
Info. Portion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">EPCAMR Approved for FREE NAEIR Basic Program for Office suppliesEPCAMR Executive Director Reappointed PA Environmental Justice Advisory Board by PA DEP Acting Secretary, Jessica ShirleyThank You Letter from Rep. Alec J. Ryncavage (119th District) on HB 1467	Executive Director
12:00PM	Call to Order Business Meeting: Attendance: Dr. Joe Simons III, Christine Haldeman, Cristy Sweeney, Ed Wytovich, Cheryl Brobst, Dr. Ken Klemow, Pete Haentjens (quorum), Angela Meck, Brenna Schneider, Jolie Coates, Gary Leander, Duane Feagley, Jeff Painter, Bobby Hughes, Michael Hewitt, Steve Cornia, Shawnese Taylor, and Frank Sindaco	President
Begin Business Portion of Meeting	Minutes from Last Mgt. (December 14th): Filed for Audit (Cheryl, Ed, & 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 (Cheryl, Ed, & All) Question about percent interest on savings? PA Invest fluctuates, but is close to 5% now.Kohanski & Co. CP-CPA completed the 2022 Audit and 2022 990sEngagement with Kohanski & Co. CP for 2023 Audit (if needed) & 2023 990s	Treasurer
	AMR Program Reports (3 minutes each; PowerPoint ; Staff Reports on website)	Staff
	Discussion on different Limestone-based Treatment System and polishing ponds to keep coldwater cold.	
	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- met Dec. 21st minutes & opportunities list Ken to contact Andrea about scheduling the next meeting (if needed)Strategic Planning Committee- last met Sept.21st completed review of goals	
	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">Tabled contract for Community Watershed Organizations/CDs Survey Work with Stream Restoration Incorporated & WPCAMR for POWR. ~\$7,500 split between 3Moved to approve Ignite Business Solutions QB Online Bookkeeping @ \$600/month (Cristy, Christine, & All).Moved to adjourn the business portion of the meeting (Cristy, Christine, & All).	President
1:00PM	Next Meeting: Tentative for 2024: May 16th, August 15th (Annual) & Nov. 21st, 2024	President
Info. Portion of Meeting	Grants, Conferences, Events, Workshops	Executive Director
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Coldwater Heritage Partnership Planning Grant-Open Round Soon; \$7500EJAB & Aggregate Advisory Board Quarterly Mtgs- Feb. 21Catawissa Creek Restoration Association Mtg- Feb. 22 from 6PM-7PMKeystone Coldwater Conference- Feb. 23 & 24; Ramada Inn State CollegeChoose Clean Water Coalition Washington DC-Advocacy Mtgs- Mar 5 & 6ARIPPA AML Reclamation Mini-Grant Program Apps Due Apr 15 up to \$4.8k2024 AML Grants Apps: R1 due Apr 15th, R2 due July 19th, & R3 due Nov 8thWV MDTF Symposium & 15th IMWA Congress-Apr 21-26 Morgantown Event Ctr	

- [Choose Clean Water Coalition Conference](#)-May 20-22 Turf Valley Resort, Ellicott City, MD
- [NEPADOC Documentary](#) by Dr. Dave Heineman; Sign up for notification of screenings; Next March 3 @ 2pm Dietrich Theater, Tunkhannock, PA; See [Trailer](#)
- [PA Abandoned Mine Reclamation Conference](#)-Oct 24-26 Ramada Inn, State College

Watershed Reports

All

Luzerne Co. – Friends of the Nescopeck took County Council on a tour of the Jeddo Tunnel. Jimmy Sabatini initiated. DEP samples at the tunnel including bacterial and some REEs. Larson Design Group reported that Luzerne Conservation District's Stackhouse AML Reclamation project was not funded, but they would like EPCAMR to still complete a Coldwater Heritage Plan of Little Shickshinny, Rocky Run and Paddy Run.

EMARR – Largest discharges Jeddo and Audenried are being taken over by PA DEP BAMR list. CanDo is interested in potable water as they continue to expand. 501c3 can apply for AML funds. Looking to resurrect the 2-3 MGD potable water plant from 2012 which is at 90% design. Trying to access the old water treatment plant.

SCTU – Interested in liming in the Bowmans Creek Watershed (Hightower Run and others) to combat acid deposition.

Other Watershed Reports forgone due to time...