

**Minutes**  
**Warm Springs Watershed Association**  
**July 14, 2011**

Attendance: Norman Dean; Alana Hartman; Kate Lehman; Jim Price; Denis Scott; Tim Seims; Andy Swaim

Announcements:

Jim Price of the Berkeley Springs Lion's Club announced that the International Director of the Lions Club has made worldwide ecology a top priority for the coming year. One way to realize this goal is to plant a million trees across the globe. The District Governor of this area wants to plant 1000 trees in Lions District 29-I, which includes 61 clubs from Clarksburg to Keyser to Charles town. The local Lion's Club is thus interested in working with Morgan County watershed groups to help achieve this goal.

It is not yet clear whether help involves purchase of trees, or all the pre-event planning and work done to plant the trees.

Alana said that past experience has shown it is better to plant larger trees, which are more likely to survive and grow than are smaller trees.

To Do: Kate will contact Lynn Ryburn, the local Lion Club assistant to the president, about forming a partnership between our two organizations. (Done – Kate will meet with members of the local Lions Club in January of 2012.)

Stream Partners Grant:

Alana handed out paperwork detailing the requirements for fulfilling the conditions by which we accept the 2011 Stream Partners grant. Those persons present signed the agreement, signifying our awareness of and intention to follow these guidelines.

To Do: Kate will secure Mary Youngblood's signature. (Done – the form with the Treasurer's signature has been sent to and received by Alana.)

Discussion of Comprehensive Plan/Watershed Based Plan

Alana suggested that we take the information already gathered in our corridor and watershed assessments and use it in conjunction with the Save Our Streams model to map insults in the watershed. This information can be used when seeking bids from organizations that do the baseline assessment of what needs to be done in what order.

There are several possible sources of funding to pay for the professional work that needs to be done, including the following.

- Chesapeake Bay Implementation Grant (CBIG);
- Chesapeake Bay Regulatory and Accountability Program Grants (CBRAP);

Either of these grants requires that an “Attachment 4” be filled out and submitted to Alana, who will determine whether or not the proposal is of a project type that is within the realm of each of these grants as well as who are potential WVDEP partners for this particular task.

- AGO grants made available occasionally from WV DEP’s Nonpoint Source Pollution Program to implement the Clean Water Act; Section 319.
- Small Watershed Grants are available through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. These grants can be used for planning, design, conservation, or implementation. Different levels of funding for each area are offered annually. There are far more grant requests made than money available. The deadline for this year has passed.

Alana thought that a CBRAP grant may be the best possibility for funds to do the preliminary work involved in establishing a watershed based plan. Once we know what needs to be done and in what order, we can then apply for AGO or Small Watershed grants to implement specific projects. Matching funds in different amounts are required by each granting program.

Alana also shared that it is possible to pay groups such as Down Stream Strategies to do much of the work involved in comprehensive watershed Management Plan. However, discussion indicated an interest in undertaking this effort on our own, at least initially.

To Do: Alana will check with Jennifer Pauer about the availability of funds to do a baseline study for a watershed based plan. (Done – Jennifer thinks WSWA is on the right track.)

Using the corridor and watershed assessments, Kate will make a list of insults to the Run. Kate and Alana will create a brief description of what we want to do as well as a rough budget for the project. (Kate has completed a list of insults to the Run; Alana and Kate are meeting Friday, August 18 at 10:00 at the Museum of the Berkeley Springs to do further planning.)

Using the insults to the Run, Kate will do a rough draft of a presentation for stakeholders.

WSWA members will begin planning for a winter program that brings major stakeholders together. The goal of the program will be to highlight insults to the stream and to bring people on board in the process of putting together a comprehensive watershed management plan.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 20 @ 10.00AM. (otherwise the 13<sup>th</sup>)

Herb collecting tree seeds, acorns, hickory nuts, walnuts....drop off at Nature Niche....

Public burning, can't start until October 1<sup>st</sup>, 5PM ....still need permission