

Minutes
Warm Springs Watershed Association
December 3, 2014

Attendance: Norman Dean, Jeff Hankey, Betty Harmison, Susan Jones, Kate Lehman, Larry Lower, Rebecca MacLeod, Tim Rowland, Andy Swaim, Bob Wurster. *Also Present:* Jeff Illiff

Secretary's Report: Andy noted that in the Finance Committee report, the tree planting was noted as having taken place on September 26; the correct date was September 27. Also, the spelling of "Sacrete" was corrected. Rebecca moved/Norman seconded that the October 2014 minutes be filed as corrected. The vote was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: The balance at CNB as of October 29, 2014, the balance was \$9950.13. Three debits that had been approved by the board were paid:

- ◆ Kate was reimbursed \$43.95 for a bill for the charrette dinner at Earth Dog on September 29.
- ◆ Kate was reimbursed \$43.69 to cover the snacks purchased at Food Lion for tree planting on September 27.
- ◆ Andy was reimbursed \$58.20 for the purchase of Sacrete at Hunter's Hardware that was used to install the kiosks in the Widmyer Wetlands.
- ◆ Mary Klotz was paid \$50.00 from the Two River Grant funds for the bookmarks made to commemorate the dedication of the Widmyer Wetlands on October 13.

There were two credits:

- ◆ The Two Rivers Giving Circle reimbursed us \$1877.58 for expenses incurred in the creation of the educational kiosks that were installed in the Widmyer Wetlands.
- ◆ We received a quarterly payment of \$125.00 from the Hotel/Motel Tax.

As of this morning, there is \$11,801.37 in the CNB account.

The Treasurer's Report was filed to audit.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee: Andy presented three outstanding bills for payment:

- ◆ There are two bills from the Morgan Messenger, one in the amount of \$21.20 for duplicating the materials passed out at the last meeting regarding possible new logo, and one in the amount of \$25.00 for printing copies of the October/Dec newsletter.
- ◆ There is an invoice from Cacapon Institute \$956.44 for the testing of fecal coliform bacteria in the Run. Kate noted that this amount is more than the \$684.00 allocated in the 2014 Stream Partners grant. Rebecca moved/Bob seconded that we pay the remaining amount out of our unencumbered funds. The vote was unanimous. Kate noted that the \$272.44 can be counted toward the 20% in-kind contribution required by the Stream Partners grant.

Kate noted that Scott Crunkleton, the General Manager of the WSPSD, volunteered to collect and test samples taken in the Run at a lower cost than even the discounted rate charged by CI. There was consensus to engage CI to do any further testing, in part because of the quality of the report issued by them. Given that we have used all of the grant funds available to us, and that the source of fecal coliform bacteria contamination is still not known, there was discussion of looking for additional funding to pay for testing.

To Do: Jeff will put together an outline that can be used to seek online funding.

It was also proposed that we should become part of an effort to have a WV or Morgan County law passed requiring that septic systems be pumped on a regular basis.

Program: Susan reported that Suzy Lucas and Heather Ishman Duncan have looked at the Memorandum of Understanding we presented to the Eastern Panhandle Conservation District Board regarding our business initiative. The item has been placed on the EPCD agenda for their December meeting, and we should know more by January.

There were no further committee reports.

Unfinished Business

There was discussion of the **report issued by Cacapon Institute** on the results of testing done for fecal coliform bacteria in the Run. The report was discussed, accepted and filed.

There was no consensus on an image to be used as a **new logo**. Bob moved/Rebecca second that we pay Mary for the work done, but note that we will not continue to use her services. The vote was unanimous.

Andy reported on the latest update on the October 17th **fuel oil spill into the Run**. The cost of cleaning up the spill is estimated to be in the range of \$70,000. A point of discussion is who will pay the bill.

New Business

WSWA was awarded a 2015 Stream Partners grant for \$5,000. Alana Hartman plans to attend the next meeting to present the check to us as well as to have board members sign required documents.

To Do: Kate will invite a reporter from the Morgan Messenger to attend our January meeting.

There was discussion on the inconclusive results on the presence of fecal coliform bacteria in the Run. Given the possibility that the levels of contamination seen on a periodic basis could be the result of animal waste in the watershed, it was suggested that WSWA mount an educational campaign on the importance of pet owners cleaning up after their animals. It was also suggested that we post signs in areas where there are more consistently high levels of FC bacteria.

To Do: Kate and Tim will create a press release addressing the issue.

Norman, Rebecca and Tim agreed to be part of an **ad hoc auditing committee** to look at the financial records from 2014.

It was suggested that we roll out our business program at our Annual Meeting, which will take place on April 15.

To Do: Kate will secure the Board Room at the Board of Education headquarters.
Susan and Rebecca will work on the program.

Other

Larry gave a report on the **Town of Bath Green Infrastructure program**. A grant has been received and the program has been started. Due to the fact that WV signed onto Chesapeake Bay program, money has started to flow into the state to deal with these kinds of issues. Streetscapes is currently working on a project with two stormwater improvement components.

- ◆ New sidewalks will be installed along Washington Street when the water line is replaced this Spring. While the area is torn up, green infrastructure stormwater BMPs will also be installed.
- ◆ The State Park has agreed to a second component on the west side of the bridge over Warm Springs Run. Currently there is no drainage system to carry water that overflows from trucks that collect water. As part of Streetscapes and companion road construction, the state has agreed to replace the old pavers with new pavers on a foundation with proper storm drainage.

Thrasher Engineering is under contract to do a study that will identify future sites in the watershed where green infrastructure BMPs can be installed.

Susan moved/Andy seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:44.

The next meeting will take place at 6:00 on Wednesday, January 28th at Earth Dog Café. Those who wish to eat before the meeting can arrive any time after 5:00.