

**Minutes**  
**Warm Springs Watershed Association**  
**January 27, 2016**

Attendance

**Board Members:** Jeff Iliff, Kate Lehman, Larry Lower, Rebecca MacLeod, Tim Rowland, Andy Swaim, and Bob Wurster. **Guest:** Alana Hartman. **Excused Absences:** Michael Brooks, Norman Dean and Betty Harmison

Announcements and Reports

Kate, Tim and Andy attended WSWA participation in Morgan County Day in Charleston. While Andy “manned” our table, which drew attention to issues of stormwater runoff, Tim and Kate spoke to the heads of the Judiciary and Finance Committees about legislation WSWA is interested in proposing. If passed, a small percentage (.05-1%) of all state funds for infrastructure projects would be used to install green stormwater management practices during the process of construction. WSWA is working with WV Rivers Coalition to provide a draft of proposed legislation. Larry noted the importance of connecting with the Morgan County Planning Commission as we move ahead with this project.

Alana announced that there will be a public hearing in May to discuss the proposed Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for Warm Springs Run that the state has been working on for the past two years. This hearing is the next to last step before the TMDL is finalized.

Secretary’s Report: Bob moved/Jeff seconded that the October minutes be accepted as written. The vote to do so was unanimous. Larry moved/Jeff seconded that the December minutes be approved as written. The vote to do so was unanimous.

Treasurer’s Report: Andy reported that on December 4<sup>th</sup> there was \$12,817.37 in our CNB account. The following bills, which were approved at the last meeting, have been paid out of general funds:

- ◆ \$70 to Earth Dog for food and gratuity at our goal-setting retreat;
- ◆ \$200 to Cacapon Institute to provide a scholarship for a young person interested in attending their summer program;
- ◆ \$17.50 to the Messenger for printing newsletters;
- ◆ \$43.34 for snacks for the Communi-Tree planting.

There were also four debits paid using funds from the 2015 Stream Partner grant:

- ◆ \$127.06 to Dawson’s for soaker hoses;
- ◆ \$140 to the Eastern Panhandle Conservation District for 4 rain barrels;
- ◆ \$3700 to GHS for excavation work to install swales, trench drains, and berm removal in Greenway Cemetery;
- ◆ \$30 to Southern Exposure Seed Exchange for Mini Clover, a low-grow ground cover that will be planted over the newly created swales.

There was one credit:

- ♦ \$95 for membership dues, which were due January 1, 2016

As of this afternoon, there is \$8,583.57 in our CNB account.

The report was filed to audit.

### Committee Reports

**Finance:** Andy submitted one bill for approval:

- ♦ \$60.00 to the US Post Office to rent our postal box for the coming year.

This expense is a line item in our budget. Rebecca moved/Tim seconded that the bill be paid. The vote to do so was unanimous.

**Membership:** In Michael's absence, Andy reported that 15 people have paid their 2016

5 people renewed for three year terms

2 people renewed for one year

15 people paid up at this point.

### Unfinished Business

Kate reported that the **2015 Stream Partners Final Report** had been submitted.

No progress has yet been made in finding a student interested in attending the **Cacapon Institute Summer Program for Youth**.

There was general consensus that we should purchase books to auction off at the **Master Gardener Plant Fair**. The theme this year is native plants, and we will look for books on the subject.

### New Business

Alana was there to talk about the state guidelines required in order to accept the **2016 Stream Partners Grant**. Those board members who were present signed the necessary agreements, and the check was given to WSWA.

Larry moved/Jeff seconded that we submit an application for the **Spring CommuniTree grant**. The vote to do so was unanimous. If awarded the grant, we will plant 24 trees at the First United Methodist property on Fearnow Road. The tentative date for the planting is April 16.

There was consensus that we should apply for the 2016 **Hotel/Motel Tax Application**; we will request \$750.00. The application must be submitted by February 29.

We will once again participate in the **Make-it-Shine** event. When there is no snow on the ground, we will check out the area on Sugar Hollow Road as well as the area from "Moss Mountain" to Jimstown Road. The application deadline is February 28.

A sub-committee made up of Betty Lou, Kate and Bob will look at the notes from the **long-term goal** setting meeting and establish goals that are SMART, which is to say Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Results-focused, and Time-bound.

Andy moved/Larry seconded that Mike Brooks be nominated as our candidate for the Volunteer Recognition Event. The vote was unanimous.

Other:

Jeff reported on the progress he's made on the "Poopy Project."

It was recommended that the report Bob wrote on constructing the water diverters be put on the website.

Betty Lou and Kate were appointed to serve on the Nominating Committee.

Adjournment: At 7:15, Rebecca moved/Larry seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 24 at 6:00 at the Extension Office