

**Minutes**  
**Warm Springs Watershed Association**  
**August 24, 2016**

Attendance: Norman Dean; Betty Harmison; Jeff Iliff; Kate Lehman; Larry Lower; Andy Swaim; Bob Wurster. **Excused Absences:** Michael Brooks, Rebecca MacLeod; Tim Rowland.

Announcements: Thank you to Mary Youngblood and Sylvia Thompson, who finished weeding the path through the wetlands. Thank you to Andy, who took away the bags.

**To Do: Betty will write a thank you note to Mary and Sylvia.**

Secretary's Report: Jeff moved/Bob seconded to accept the minutes of the July meeting as written. The vote to do so was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report:

Andy reported that at our last meeting, on July 27, 2016, the amount in our CNB account was \$13,685.24. Since then there was one debit, which had been approved at the July meeting:

- \$29.92 reimbursement to Kate for stream monitoring chemicals.

There was also one credit:

- \$125.00 for the fourth quarter hotel/motel tax disbursement.

As of this morning, August 24, 2016, there was \$13,780.32 in the CNB account.

Jeff moved/Bob seconded that the treasurer's report be filed to audit.

Committee Reports

**Finance Committee:** Andy submitted one bill for approval. The cost of our annual Directors and Officers' Insurance is \$678.00. This is a line item in our budget, so no motion for approval is required.

**Stream Monitoring:** Norman reported that no stream monitoring has been done in the last month due to inclement weather – rain or extreme heat. There are three more locations to be monitored this year – the Country Inn, Jimstown Road, and Fairview Drive.

Unfinished Business

Jeff reported that he has submitted the form on **hazard mitigation work** WSWA has done in terms of planting trees in the watershed. Frank Rodgers filled out a generic form for all the work being done in the county, especially in terms of tree plantings. There is still time for Larry to report details of the Green Infrastructure project on North Washington Street.

**To Do: Kate will get a blank copy of the form to Larry.**

Jeff also reported that he has finished and electronically submitted our application to **Adopt-a-Highway** in the two-mile area between the Post Office and Winchester Grade Road. We have agreed to pick up this area three times a year, with at least 90-day intervals between cleanups.

Bob brought some samples from the area north of town to show the work being done by the **purple loosestrife eating beetles introduced early in the summer**. While there is some evidence of damage, there are still plenty of healthy plants. Kate reported that there seem to be many fewer plants in the retention pond behind Rankin's Gym, the second location where we released the beetles.

Herb Peddicord has said he would make a visit to recommend how many trees of what varieties would be planted at two locations for the tree plantings in our **2017 Stream Partners grant proposal**. In order to have the grant ready to submit by September 15, we need to have a plan ready to be shared with landowners no later than September 6.

**To Do: If Herb has been unable to get to Morgan County by that time, Larry will create a planting plan.**

Larry moved/Andy seconded that we form an **Advocacy Committee**. The vote was unanimous. Jeff will chair the committee and continue to inform interested persons when there is an issue of concern where letters or calls could make a difference.

Kate reported that a bid has been submitted by GHS (Dennis Schaeffer) for the construction of the **rain garden in Greenway Cemetery**, our 2016 Stream Partners project. There is \$80.00 left over to buy trees. Jaanine Glascock is donating most if not all of the plants needed for the rain garden. We are looking for someone who can create a planting plan at no charge.

### New Business

While the beetles are having an impact on some areas of **purple loosestrife**, there is still a need to do **manual control** in other places. Because of the need to act immediately and difficulty finding a date when we can all meet, people agreed to take on specific areas and to treat that area within the next few days.

The area between Largent's and Rankin: Kate and Andy

The area between Food Lion and behind Skeeters: Jeff

The area between the Courthouse and the Board of Education Headquarters:  
Bob

Make arrangements before Sunday, August 28, to pick up supplies from Kate.

We will all meet on Tuesday, August 30 at the area across from the American Legion to cut and bag the heads of the plants.

**To Do: Kate will contact Nick Millet of the WVDNR to determine if there are any reasons why we shouldn't cut off the flower heads in the area where the beetles have been introduced and are establishing themselves.**

Kate informed people about the **Carla Hardy Memorial Tree Program**, sponsored by Cacapon Institute, in which anyone can apply to receive free trees.

**To Do: Kate will write an article for the Messenger to inform the public about this program.**

The **Policy on Memorial Gifts** was tabled.

Kate reported that she had registered WSWA for the **2016 Watershed Celebration Day**, which will be held on October 21 and 22. She also applied for a \$200.00 scholarship. Jeff plans to attend, and will take care of further details.

At 7:00, Bob moved/Jeff seconded that we adjourn.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 28 at 6:00 at the Extension Office.