

Minutes
Warm Springs Watershed Association Board Meeting
September 27, 2017

Attendance

Present: Betty Harmison, Jeff Iliff, Kate Lehman, Rebecca MacLeod, Brian McCann, Andy Swaim and Bob Wurster. **Excused Absence:** Michael Brooks, Norman Dean and Stan Oaks

Announcements

Stan and Jeff attended **Watershed Celebration Day**. WSWA received a \$100 award (as did every other group that applied.)

Frank Rodgers and Kate made a **presentation to the Berkeley Springs Rotary** on the value of trees. This group has established the goal that each member will plant a tree on his/her place of residence. Members are interested in working with Cacapon Institute in a cost-share program. Members also expressed interested in planting trees at their places of business.

Martina Caretta (PhD), Assistant Professor of Geography in the Department of Geology and Geography at WVU interviewed Kate as part of her research for a paper on women involved in watershed work.

Holly May also met with Kate. Holly is the new watershed forester for the Chesapeake Bay Alliance.

Secretary's Report

Jeff moved/Rebecca seconded that the minutes from the July meeting be accepted as written; the vote to do so was unanimous. There was no August meeting since so many board members were out of town to witness the solar eclipse.

Treasurer's Report

Andy reported that at our last meeting, which was held on 7/26/17, there was \$20,213.85 in our CNB account. Since that time there have been four debits, all of which were previously approved by the Board:

- \$1199.94 to reimburse Jeff for the purchase of six additional pet waste stations
- \$26.00 to the Tree Board for 1 yard of mulch used as part of our tree maintenance program at Double T. The bill was mistakenly sent to Town Hall and paid for out of Tree Board funds. Our check was to reimburse the Tree Board.

- \$667.65 to Campbell Risk Management for our Directors and Officers insurance
- \$42.50 to the Morgan Messenger to pay for the posters for the James Dillon presentation on August 12.

Since the last meeting there have been four deposits:

- \$300.00 from Watershed Celebration Day. This includes our \$100 award and \$200 scholarship
- \$125.00 for our 4th quarter Hotel/Motel tax disbursement award
- \$10.00 dues from Holly Hook, our newest member.

As of today, September 27, 2017, there is \$18,712.76 in our CNB account.

The Treasurer's Report was filed to audit.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee: Andy presented the following bills for consideration:

- \$190.65 reimbursement to Jeff for expenses associated with WCD. These expenses are covered by our scholarship from that organization.
- \$138.00 to the Morgan Messenger for a one-time advertisement about James Dillon's August 12 presentation.

Andy reported that Fast Signs has given us an estimate of \$246.53 for the sign that will be installed in Greenway Cemetery to explain the ecological importance of rain gardens. This bill will be paid with 2017 Stream Partners grant funds.

Brian moved/Bob seconded that all bills be paid.

Unfinished Business

Six additional **Pet Waste Stations** have been purchased. At this point it appears that there will be sufficient funds remaining in the 2017 Stream Partners grant to pay for some if not all of the pet waste stations. Alana has approved this change to the grant proposal. "Homes" have been found for four of the six extra stations.

Things are moving along for a timely completion of the **2017 Stream Partners Grant projects**.

We have completed our **Purple Loosetrife control effort** for the year. Holly May mentioned that in her previous job beetles were used to control loosetrife. In the event we are unable to obtain more beetles from WVDNR, Holly has a commercial source we may choose to use.

Our most recent **Adopt-a-Highway** effort was successful.

The path through the Widmyer wetlands has yet to be completed.

New Business

The **2018 Stream Partners Grant application** was submitted prior to the September 15 deadline. Thank you to Rebecca, who provided invaluable information on the details of how to do this project.

It was decided that Rebecca and Kate will make a **presentation at the October 19 WVDEP** hearing on US Silica's permit request to expand their mining operations further south. On October 3, Rebecca and Kate will inform the Town Council about the presentation we will make at the October 10 meeting.

Jeff requested permission to represent WSWA at the Sleepy Creek HarFest as a way of reaching out to people who may be predisposed to have concerns about the environment. People thought this is a good idea.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 25, starting at 6:00PM, at the Extension Office.