

**Minutes**  
**Warm Springs Watershed Association Board Meeting**  
**Morgan County Extension Office**  
**August 22, 2018**

**Attendance:** Kate, Andy, Norman, Jeff, Bob, and Rebecca  
Excused: Mike, Betty, and Holly  
Guests: Jim Michaels< EPCD

**Announcements and Reports**

Free Cacapon Institute River Float on September 8, 2018 – 8:00AM-4:00PM.  
WVDEP Short Film of our hugelkultur structures on September 11  
Two Rivers Luncheon – August 29 at the Purple Iris at Hartwood Mansion, in Martinsburg

**Guest:** Jim Michaels described the background of the WSR dams and the small watershed grants program. There was discussion of the flood control dams and the current flooding issues we recently experienced. Rebecca mentioned she would like to see a number of smaller projects that would improve surface flooding issues. Motion: Rebecca moved that we put together a letter to the EPDCD to seek funds for a food control study to determine the cumulative effect of stormwater and flood management over the various projects were are considering. Seconded by Jeff. Passed unanimously.

Jim is looking for volunteer monitors to check the eight flood control dams. He filled several of the slots from the board members present.

**Secretary's Report**

Date for the 'When Trees Were Old' presentation is incorrect; needs to be changed to the 19<sup>th</sup>. Minutes were approved with that correction.

**Treasurer's Report**

Andy reported a balance of 19,993.57 as of the last meeting. Since then, we have had two debits, totaling \$678.80. One credit - donations for the Hartmann education fund - \$320. Balance is \$19,634.77, as of today's date. The Treasurer's report will be filed to audit.

**Committee Reports**

Finance Committee – Bills - \$111.25 for Morgan Messenger; reimbursement to Kate for stream kit chemicals - \$28.20. Motion by Bob, and seconded by Rebecca, to accept the report – Passed unanimously.

Advocacy – Jeff reported there was a success – stopping the Eastern Pipeline.

Membership Report – 50 members as of this date.

Program Committee - Publicity for *When Trees Were Old* – Sleepy Creek and Cacapon Watershed Associations have been approached to participate in funding an add in the paper informing people about the presentation. Motion to spend up to \$60 for the ad – Jeff moved and Norman seconded; passed unanimously.

Stream Monitoring – Sunday, August 26 at 8:30, Board of Education, and Saturday, September 1 at 8:30, at Fairview Drive.

Webmaster’s Report – Mike not here to report.

### **Unfinished Business**

Cacapon Institute BMP project – progress is being made.

Hugelkultur Project – Rebecca has to do a paragraph for Cindy at the Extension Office. The Master Gardners are going to be involved, so we should have plenty of volunteers. Discussion about what needs to be brought by volunteers, etc.

Polo Shirts for Board Members – Kate passed the info to Jeff.

Purple Loosestrife Control follow-up – We found fairly consistent amounts as before but perhaps a little less than last year. Need to go back to Mount Moss to follow-up.

Wetlands follow-up – talked about this already.

Watershed Celebration Day – we can apply for scholarships. Jeff has said he will go.

### **New Business**

Fecal coliform testing above and below the North Berkeley location – There are currently at least four pigs – Concern that it is not cost effective, considering the estimate we received from CI. We agreed we should check the publically available data from the treatment plant first.

Green Business Initiative -

2019 Stream Partners Grant -

Rain Garden Maintenance prior to 9/11 event – Kate weeded about 2/3 of the garden yesterday and found lots of mile-a-minute plants, noting we have to do something soon. Mary Youngblood will weed the grasses. Norman will try to find out what could be done to treat the plants, if anything.

Adopt-a-Highway – September 6 and October 9 set as dates for these cleanups.

**Adjournment – 7:30 PM**

**Next Meeting: Wed, September 26.**

Respectfully submitted,

Stan Oaks  
Acting Secretary