

**Minutes**  
**Warm Springs Watershed Association Board Meeting**  
**Morgan County Extension Office**  
**February 27, 2019**

**Attendance:** Kate, Andy, Rebecca, Jeff, Stan, Bob, Norman, Holly, Mike  
Excused: Betty Lou; Guest: Zach Norris for Cacapon Inst.

**Announcements and Reports**

Holly passed out the new WSWA poloshirts.

The date for the EPCD watershed meeting has been changed from May 21 to May 23. The date for the Greenway rain garden work has been changed from May 23 to May 21.

The 2018 Stream Partners grant has been closed. We have been requested to pay for goods and services directly through WSWA accounts; personal reimbursements are prohibited.

Kate's presentation at Berkeley Springs International Water Tasting event on Feb 22 was well received. Rebecca made the slides and Jeff did video recording.

**Secretary's Report**

The Jan 23 Minutes were accepted by common consent, noting the EPCD date change to May 23<sup>rd</sup> above.

**Treasurer's Report**

CNB balance reported on last minutes of Jan 23 was \$22,185.84.

Debits:

- The Tennessee nursery has not refunded the duplicate payment of \$123.46.
- Pet waste station bag costs of \$63.95 for Jeff Illif
- Watershed Celebration Day reimbursements to Jeff of \$192.79
- USPS Rental PO Box of \$62
- Stream Partners 2018 Hugulkulture plants for \$233
- Stream Partners 2018 DHS costs of \$500
- PoloShirts payment to KU of \$251.13
- Reading Landscapes, ground cover plants for \$500

Credits:

- Watershed CD deposit for award and scholarship of \$300
- Membership dues of \$325

The CNB Balance as of 2/27/2019 is \$20,884.51.

## **Committee Reports**

### Finance Committee

The only pending debit is the cost of this meetings pizza , \$37.50.

### Advocacy

Jeff has forwarded to us the WV Rivers request for support of water purity EPA standards and a Choose Clean Water request to support funding for Federal related programs.

### Membership Report/Letters of Renewal

We have 11 renewals in February and paid membership is now 37.

### Program Committee/Elizabeth Byers' Program

A wetlands talk will be given in Berkeley Springs by Ms. Byers on Aug 12, cosponsored with Sleepy Creek and PVAS. Time and location tbd. Her group will be in the Eastern Panhandle (Aug 13-15) doing wetland assessment training and it may be possible for volunteers to participate.

### Stream Monitoring

We have four sessions on the schedule: Apr 16, Apr 30, May 7 and May 14.

### Webmaster's Report

The website has been updated with 2018 meeting minutes and stream monitoring reports, and our 2019 calendar dates thru May. It was noted that website activity did not include board members. Holly suggested upgrading our FaceBook site to a business page that will facilitate outreach. Mike and Holly will meet about this. Bob suggested using a common Google calendar.

## **Unfinished Business**

### My BMP Spring Program

Mike gave checks to Cacapon Institute for \$1215 for 45 trees and 5 grasses, going to 13 recipients. Trees will be delivered to Great Cacapon on Mar 26 and help unloading them at noon is requested. Tree pickup and the demonstration planting is Apr 6, afternoon.

Tree Replacement at North Berkeley and BOE.

Four dead trees will be replaced.

The 2019 Spring CommuniTree Grant has been approved and will provide 24 trees for planting at the High School.

February 26 Partners' Meeting regarding EPCD Request.

The meeting with the County Commissioners and Town of Bath went well.

The Hotel/Motel Application has been submitted.

### **New Business**

The discussion of a Rain Garden at Berkeley Springs High School was tabled for a later date.

Zach Norris reviewed the discussion of the existing urban tree canopy plan.

Finalizing a UTC plan will aid in funding for watershed activities. Three questions need answers: 1) should properties not wholly in the watershed be eligible (there are a lot of them), 2) Would we review and highlight items of interest to WSWA in the Town of Bath green infrastructure plan and 3) would we comment on tree coverage for the DOH Rt 522 Bypass planning. We agreed on item 1 that any properties not wholly in the watershed should be eligible in the plan.

Establishment of Wetlands Library

Norman and Kate have purchased books about wetlands. It was suggested that these and other books of common interest be made available to members (not the public) in some type of lending library, the location and borrowing mechanism to be established.

### **Other**

We notified Deb Nash that the polo shirts distributed this evening were very, very nice.

We decided to continue using Galerucella beetles for Purple Loosestrife control with help from Abby Devlin (US Fish&Wildlife), but we will not attempt to cultivate them for other groups to use.

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:05**

**The next meeting will be** Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 6:00PM