

MINUTES
CONEWANGO CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING
February 10, 2009

PRESENT:

Directors: Dan Steward, Liz Dropp, Steve Kimball, and Chris Humphrey.
Watershed Curator: Kim Sherwood
Watershed Specialist: Jean Gomory
Cooperators: JoAnn Kurtis

Dan called the meeting to order at the South & Center Sewer District, Celoron at 9:15am without a quorum.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: none

MINUTES: There was a correction to the January minutes. Under Correspondence, the Jamestown newsletter shows *our* talk, not *out* talk. Adoption will be postponed until next month.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Liz submitted the account statements showing the checking balance at \$2423.24 and the savings as \$1343.81. She noted that the Penn Soil check arrived but was deposited on the 4th of February.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Chris submitted a letter from the S&C Sewer Districts, read by Dan, requesting a letter of support for the 5 projects they submitted to Senator Schumer's office under the upcoming Federal Economic Stimulus Bill. Chris explained the projects as 1) funds to upgrade equipment at the Plant, 2) funds to make needed repairs to aging collection lines, 3) funds for a SCADA package and a back-up generator for one of their pump stations, 4) funds to sewer Ashville, and 5) funds to sewer the Southwest side of the Lake. Steve made a recommendation that we send enthusiastic letters of support and this was seconded by Liz. Since there is not a quorum, it was agreed to ask for an electronic vote due to time constrictions. Chris will transmit and record votes.

- Liz received letters from Cattaraugus and Chautauqua Counties again asking for support of their Envirothons. Liz made a motion we give each of the 3 Counties \$50 again this year. Steve seconded. This too will be sent out for an electronic vote.

- Jean received a call from a Jack Robson, Regional Administrator for Brochure Distribution along NYS's Interstates wondering if we would like to place our brochures along Rte. 90. After discussion, the group decided to look into placing our brochures at the I- 86 Chautauqua Lake rest stop. Kim offered to call the Visitor's Bureau.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Election of Officers – postponed.
- Curator's Report – Kim gave the highlights of his submitted (attached) report.

JoAnn described a Carbon Trading in Ag Seminar to be offered by Seneca Trails on March 26th at the Randolph Fire Hall. Cost is \$10 and the meeting is from 10:00 – 2:00.

- WEMO – Kim said he has two presentations scheduled – the Frewsburg Lions and the Rural Landowner’s workshop in Yorkshire on March 7th.
- Audubon Lecture – Kim and Liz said it went well with about 25 people in attendance who asked questions after the presentation. The Audubon staff asked them if we would like to set up our display at the Alleghany Pilgrimage, a weekend gathering at the State Park for all local Audubon groups in May.
- RWA – JoAnn says the project is complete and they have received the final payment. The Curator contract is due to expire in May and they will be reapplying for funding from Senator Cathy Young and are seeking letters of support to Greg McKurth, Council President. Liz made a motion to send a letter of support that the Council renews the Watershed Curator’s position for another year. Steve seconded. This motion will be sent out for an electronic vote.
- Marcellus Shale – Kim noted that the DEC published yesterday that they have finished their Final Scope for the Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement (SGEIS) on the Oil, Gas and Solution Mining Regulatory Program.
- Warren County Stormwater Plan – Jean brought up that her work with the engineering firm on actual site plans left her feeling they might not be thorough enough. Kim expressed that this visit may have been preliminary until the firm sees which of the various sites the County would like to proceed with actual on the ground work.
- Warren County Ag Day – is Saturday, March 28th. We will be displaying and Liz is asking for people to volunteer an hour or two. Please sign up. Jean suggested reaching out to involve our membership so that they can be called upon for events like these. She suggested setting up a picnic in each of the 3 counties to meet and talk about ourselves.
- Computer Equipment – There was further discussion about what types of computer equipment to look for Kim to use. JoAnn offered the laptop and projector they bought out of the curator grant. Liz will go ahead with purchasing Arc View.

NEW BUSINESS:

- T Shirts – Liz showed Earth Days t shirts being offered and asked if the Board would like to have a shirt. It would make good sense when we are at a function such as the Mall or a planting. The group would like to investigate the cost of a plain shirt with just our logo on it. Liz, Jean and Chris will investigate.
- Audit – Liz asked for an audit of her books. Finance Committee will meet at 8:30 on March 10th at the Sewer Districts.
- Membership – Liz asked to form a Membership Committee. She will post this to the website.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, March 10th at 9:00 am at the Sewer District.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Humphrey