

MINUTES  
CONEWANGO CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING  
March 9, 2010

PRESENT:

Directors: Liz Dropp, Dan Steward, Steve Kimball, Dick Burlingame, Larry Bourne, John Haffner, Tom Osborne, and Chris Humphrey.  
Watershed Curator: Kim Sherwood Watershed Specialist: Jean Gomory  
Cooperators: Wes Ramsey  
Members: Annette Strasser, John Gallagher

Dan opened the meeting at the South & Center Sewer District, Celoron, at 9:08am with a quorum. Introductions were made.

MINUTES: Larry made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. John seconded. All were in favor

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Liz submitted Profit and Loss statement for the year 2009. This showed a net income of \$2782.22. The monthly statement showed a \$2000 deposit from the Capacity Building Grant for expenses. This left a balance of \$3659.57. Both saving accounts only showed interest income. The grand total is \$8610.59.  
*9:15 Tom and Jean arrived.*

Motion to accept the 2009 report was made by Chris and seconded by Steve. All were in favor. Dan reported that the Audit Committee met earlier and examined the books. No inconsistencies were found. Dick made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Larry seconded. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: Liz reported that she and Tom received a note from Chautauqua County Executive Greg Edwards commending the work on the Conewango Creek Clean-up. Additionally, the Warren County Conservation District printed an article on the subject in their newsletter.

UPDATES:

- Curator's Report – Kim gave highlights from his report.
- Road & Ditch Inventory –Kim explained he is pursuing two different avenues: both the Sewer District and SUNY Fredonia are converting the data into a GIS Internet layer. Kim had talked with Southern Tier West who has received money to conduct a road inventory. There may be some potential for cooperation.
- Curator's position – the latest information is that the request for another year's funding is in Senator's Young's office.
- Warren County Stormwater Plan – There is a meeting scheduled for Tuesday March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm at the courthouse to review the draft plan. Kim and Liz will try to attend. Kim discussed some of the issues he sees with the draft as submitted.
- Warren County Hazard Mitigation Plan – no new developments.
- Conewango Water Trail –Tom reported they have had all the required public meetings. He also offered that the Council for Tourism in Warren has offered to print the brochures at no cost to us but they have a May deadline. Previous cost estimates came in at \$1300 - \$2800 for 5000 to 10,000 brochures from a local printer. After much discussion, a committee was formed comprised of Tom, Annette, Liz, Dick, John G. and Chris to design a format under our standards. It was also decided that the two local schools should compete in a logo design contest. Jean offered to take the specs to the schools. It was also reported that lumber for the signs was donated and sixteen signs have been made. All existing sites have been adopted.
- NW PA Nutrient Reduction Project – Wes reported his team met to review and work on preliminaries. They have a possibility of submitting for grants in both states or for a federal grant.

- Capacity Building Grant – Liz spoke of the work ahead and the work session that is planned for after the meeting.
- Rain Barrel Fundraiser – Liz ordered 54 barrels to be delivered March 20<sup>th</sup>. She is aware that there is a similar drive ongoing in Chautauqua County.
- Rain Garden Project – Jean reported nothing new at this time.
- RCAP Solutions – there has been no new contacts.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Conflict of Interest – Liz has received several different forms and will be reviewing them.
- Trout & Clean Stream Expo – Liz is looking for volunteers to sit with the display on April 10<sup>th</sup>. She will set up at 8:00am. Larry and Dick offered.
- Alleghany Nature Pilgrimage – Looking for a volunteer to be with the display at sessions during the weekend of June 4 – 6.
- Shirts – Chris gave the group information about T shirts with our logo. Everyone agreed we should go forward with purchasing for ourselves at this time to wear at events. A motion was made by Tom and seconded by Dick to purchase one shirt for each Director plus a few others to meet the 25 minimum out of CCWA funds. All were in favor.
- Insurance – Liz requested permission to renew our liability insurance of \$325. Larry made a motion to authorize Liz to pay for the renewal with Tom seconding. All were in favor.
- Coalition of Watershed Groups – Liz and Jean went to one of the meetings and got our name listed with their organization.
- Pepsi Grant – Wes informed us that his grant application has been renewed for voting on the Pepsi website.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am at the Sewer District in Celoron. Larry made a motion to adjourn. John seconded. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 11:15am.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Chris Humphrey*