

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

PRESENT:

Directors: Liz Dropp, Dan Steward, Tom Osborne, Steve Kimball, Dick Burlingame, Larry Bourne, John Hafner, and Chris Humphrey.

Watershed Curator: Kim Sherwood

Watershed Specialist: Jean Gomory

Cooperators: JoAnne Kurtis

Member: Annette Strasser

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

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: Liz reported paying one bill and making one deposit. The ending checking balance is \$1,614.42, the Business Escrow Savings at \$1,347.59, and the Regular Business Savings is at \$3602.86.

Tom made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report subject to audit. Chris seconded. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: Liz reported receiving requests for Envirothon donations from Warren and Cattaraugus Counties.

UPDATES:

- Curator's Report – Kim said he has lessened his involvement with the various groups as his funding dwindles. He reported that the CLMC's Lake Management Plan is in review and they are wondering how to implement it. Crescent Creek culverts are being repaired. There was a public meeting with NYS DOT and residents asked environmental questions. Kim suggested to the CCWQTF that they invite DOT to one of their meetings to encourage BMP's when making repairs. The CLMC began discussing the lack of a stormwater management plan. The Chautauqua Lake TMDL is in the process with a draft to be released this summer.
- Road & Ditch Inventory – Kim stated the person who was going to help him map the data has left his position and is not available. He is looking to make a connection at SUNY Fredonia.
- Brown Road – John reported that Brian Davis is hopeful that he will be awarded \$6000 through NYS Ag. & Markets to survey the area for remediation.
- Warren County Stormwater Management Plan – no new updates
- Warren County Hazard Mitigation Plan – Chris reported on the Action items in the Plan that listed the CCWA as lead agency or co-lead, and the items where we might get involved. It was explained that being lead does not mean that we have to do the projects. It was also explained that having projects on the list helped with obtaining grant funding and that Town could further their ranking for grants by listing CCWA as a cooperator.
- Conewango Water Trail – Tom reported the meeting with the Chautauqua Co. Parks Commission to link the two trails was cancelled and rescheduled for the 25th of February. He feels there is much interest. Launch sites- The private owner at Akeley agreed to let us use his property for a launch site. Glade Township has agreed to the use of their site. City of Warren City Manager has said no to us using their site. Tom will persist. The Stakeholders' meeting was well attended with everyone enthusiastic. Warren Co. Chamber of Business and Industry is investigating helping us with costs for brochures which Tom estimates at a cost of \$1300 to \$2300. The Boy Scouts are eager to assist with wooden signage and to adopt a launch site. Tom is seeking local organizations and service organizations to adopt and maintain a launch site. Their names will be on the site. Tom said he is scheduled to meet with the Township and City tonight. The next Public Meeting will be in March or April. He submitted a bill for costs for materials for these meetings. Chris made a motion to reimburse Tom for this invoice. Larry seconded. All were in favor.
- Canoe Race – Tom explained that the national annual canoe race on the Allegheny has been moved to a more southern location. Tom is therefore organizing a Conewango race from Russell to Warren to benefit

the Warren United Fund. He is looking at July 24th and would like CCWA to help as a sponsor and as volunteers.

- Conewango Creek Clean-up – Tom has scheduled a meeting for later today to plan this year's event. He is planning on it being the same week as the National River Clean-up. He has gotten the Audubon Club on board so it will be from Riverside Road to Warren ignoring the state line.
- NW PA Nutrient Reduction Project – JoAnn discussed the meeting she had with the other two partners to discuss strategy. They are looking to start a big project in the Upper Alleghany. There has been no news as yet from Wes's grant application.
- Capacity Building Grant – Liz stated she has received the official letter and \$2000 for travel expenses. She has scheduled meeting with the interviewer, Peggy Outten on February 26th and 27th.
- Rain Barrel Fundraiser – Liz is still getting prices on the barrels.
- Rain Garden Project – Jean got someone to help with soil drainage advice. She has not yet heard about the EPA grant.
- RCAP Solutions – Chris read the letter she wrote to Jeff Allio requesting more information. The group accepted and it will be sent tomorrow.
- Curator Update – JoAnn said that Senator Young's local office called her and they are forwarding all letters of support to the Senator's Albany office. The Council is applying for item dollars to the Senator which include the Curator position. The Great Lakes Commission had a grant available for \$10,000 for education. JoAnn wants to submit an application for the Curator's position which would expand the WEMO presentation to the Great Lakes Watershed.
- Chautauqua County Comprehensive Plan – Chris updated the group on the latest about the Plan and read the letter that her group submitted to the consultants which focuses on the Environment/Waste.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Pepsi Grant – Wes submitted a grant application to Pepsi. It is for signage for the Big Bend overlook at Kinzua Dam. Grants are awarded on a popularity scale. Please go online to vote.
- Liz requested an audit of her books. Meeting was set for March 9th at 8:30 at the Sewer District.
- Envirothon – Steve made a motion to give \$50 to each of the counties for their Envirothons. Dick seconded. All were in favor.
- Fund raiser idea – Dick showed a duck decoy he made and offered to donate one for any fundraiser we have. Liz will investigate rules.
- Public Relations – Tom requested we appoint a person to do public relations for the group. Annette volunteered. Motion to appoint Annette as the Public Relations Liaison was made by Tom and seconded by Larry. All were in favor. The suggestion was made to have Annette write a monthly newsletter and post it on our website.

The next meeting is set for Tuesday, March 9th at 9:00 am at the Sewer District in Celoron.

Larry made a motion to adjourn. John seconded. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 11:10am.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Humphrey