

The monthly meeting of the Bald Eagle Watershed Association was held February 27, 2008 at the Milesburg Borough Office. Present were: Buzz McCartney, Paul Bartley, Mimi Wutz and Ann Donovan. The meeting was called to order by Buzz McCartney.

The minutes of January 23, 2008 were accepted with a motion by Paul Bartley and a second by Mimi Wutz.

Treasurer's report with a current balance of \$4507.62 was accepted with a motion by Mimi Wutz and a second by Paul Bartley.

Buzz McCartney gave a handout to the members on the Centre County Conservation District annual Tree Seedling and Fruit Tree Sale.

Old Business:

Maps: Nothing new to report.

Cold Water Conservation Grant: In lieu of our regular monthly meeting, we will hold a public meeting on March 26 at the Milesburg Community Center. Presenters will be Ed Perry on the Wallace Run Assessment; Jim Coslo, Centre County Conservation District, on do's and don't around stream banks; Ann Donovan and Beth Futrick, Centre County Conservation District, Power Point presentations on stream restoration and buffers.

Growing Greener Startup Grant: Nothing new to report.

Moose Run: Nothing new to report.

Wallace Run – Gary and Dolly Brown Property: The DEP contractor is on site and work is progressing. Buzz McCartney had talked to Gary Brown and he is pleased so far.

Wallace Run – Columbia Gas: Ann Donovan reported that Larry Brannaka from US Fish and Wildlife has the design plan finished for the Lucas property. DEP needs to permit.

McCoy Dam Breach: Paul Bartley reported that Fish and Boat have been on site and are working on the access road and parking area.

I-99 ERPA Update: Paul Bartley reported that the project is still on schedule with rock being placed in the ERPA and final road construction to begin.

DCED Grant: Paul Bartley reported that Milesburg Boro had received the contract. He and Paula Hall had reviewed, signed and returned it for DCED's action. Ann Donovan reported the meeting was held with the parties involved in the work for the DeWitt Run. It was determined by meeting attendees that our grant money would be better spent further into the head waters rather than at the confluence. Paul Bartley pointed out that when the project was originally presented to BEWA, it was for the confluence and the grant was requested for that purpose. He had attended the Unionville Boro Council meeting and asked for a letter of support for the grant. He also explained to the council

that the project was for the confluence of DeWitt and Bald Eagle Creek within the boundaries of the Boro. Ann took the position that if we insisted on the confluence project, we probably would not accomplish much with our limited funds. It seems that the additional funding that was headed our way had dried up. The position taken by BEWA was that a change of scope was not favored and possibly the grant would be returned.

Watershed Mini Grant Proposal: Paul Bartley reported that we received confirmation that we were approved for a \$1000.00 grant. As a stipulation of the grant, Buzz McCartney will be attending an award ceremony and luncheon near Blairsville.

Keystone Project: Paul Bartley reported that he had received a phone call from Director Lysle Sherwin. He and his people would like to meet and discuss.

New Business:

Nisource Grant – Wallace Run: Ann Donovan prepared and submitted the application in the amount of \$10,000.00. This will be used at the Lucas and Davidson properties.

2008 Chesapeake Bay Small Watershed Grant – The Centre County Conservation District submitted an application for \$200,000.00. BEWA submitted a letter of support on their behalf.

Spring Creek Watershed Community: Paul Bartley reported he had seen a PowerPoint presentation on Riparian Buffer Model Ordinance by Sebastian DeGregorio. This is currently being developed in the Centre Region. Paul feels that with growth starting in the Bald Eagle Valley, this ordinance would be beneficial.

Spring Creek Watershed Commission: Paul Bartley reported that the commission adopted their by-laws and elected officers for 2008.

Good of the Order:

Reminder that 2008 Dues are now due.

New Members – An application was read for Jane McCartney. The application was accepted with a motion by Paul Bartley and a second by Mimi Wutz.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2008 at the Milesburg Community Center

A motion to adjourn was made by Paul Bartley with a second by Mimi Wutz.

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Date _____