

The monthly meeting of the Bald Eagle Watershed Association was held March 25, 2009 at the Milesburg Borough Office. Present were: Buzz McCartney, Paul Bartley, Lysle Sherwin and Ann Donovan. The meeting was called to order by Buzz McCartney.

The minutes of February 25, 2009 were accepted with a motion by Paul Bartley and a second by Buzz McCartney.

Treasurer's report with a current balance of \$8,743.10 was accepted with a motion by Paul Bartley and a second by Buzz McCartney.

Handouts: Current Membership and Officer Lists

Old Business:

Cold Water Conservation Grant: Paul Bartley reported we need to finalize the grant with Deb Nardone. Ann Donovan will get an invoice from the County for copying payment.

Growing Greener Startup Grant: Paul Bartley reported that Milesburg Borough was processing the paperwork for submission to DEP for reimbursement for the digital camera. Ann Donovan and the Keystone group will work on developing the watershed brochure. Ann will also check with the County on possibly printing the brochure.

Moose Run: Nothing new to report. It was agreed to drop this as a regular agenda item.

Wallace Run – Lucas and Davidson Project: Ann Donovan reported that Larry Brannaka has the project on his schedule. PA Fish and Boat will not allow entry into the stream before 5/26.

McCoy Dam Breach: Nothing new to report. It was agreed to drop this as a regular agenda item.

I-99 ERPA Update: Paul Bartley reported the next I-99 Partners meeting is scheduled for March 26.

DCED Grant: Ann Donovan reported that two property owners in the Unionville area along Bald Eagle Creek are interested in planting trees for a buffer.

Keystone Project: Lysle Sherwin reported that 19 surveys were returned to date. They break down with 11 positive for buffers.

Planting for the owner – 5

Discount at a local nursery – 3

Free seedlings – 10

Assisting the owner with planting – 7

After discussion, it was decided that a follow-up letter would be sent letting the interested parties know that due to timing constraints, we will work on a project for 2010. Buzz McCartney will ask Tom Letterman to check with KLR Nursery about joining BEWA as a business member and possibly offer members a discount. Paul Bartley will contact SCI Rockview to see if BEWA qualifies to purchase trees for buffer planting from their

nursery and if BEWA is eligible to utilize the inmate community work detail to assist with tree planting in 2010. Paul will also check on possible DCED grant money for tree purchase.

Nisource Grant –This grant is to be used for the Wallace Run - Lucas and Davidson Project.

New Business:

Ann Donovan reported that the Brookside Wesleyan Church is looking for assistance with stream bank stabilization. The Centre County Conservation District wanted to know if BEWA had any funds available.

Lysle Sherwin and Ann Donovan met with Roy Brooks on site at the un-named tributary along Chestnut Grove Road. Roy is interested in CREP and also plans to talk to his neighbors about stream bank improvements.

Ann Donovan reported on the annual Cleanup Day to be held 4/25. She will contact Mimi Wutz and Claude Confer to see if they plan to help again this year. Paul Bartley will check with Milesburg Borough to see if they will donate a truck and driver again this year.

Ann Donovan reported that BEA school district received \$2000 for a pond study from the Centre County Conservation District. They have also applied for a \$20,000 grant for use at the pond.

Spring Creek Watershed Community: Paul Bartley reported that a group list identifying core and resource was reviewed. BEWA will be invited to be part of the resource group. A Potential Projects List identifying priority order was also reviewed.

Spring Creek Watershed Commission: Paul Bartley reported that representatives from the Spring Creek Watershed Community presented the group listings and potential projects for the Commission's review and comment. They reported that currently in progress is a project to develop a model water well/geothermal bore hold ordinance. There is also a project to update the Spring Creek Watershed Map. Under consideration is a model ordinance for stream buffers, a project to identify sensitive groundwater areas, (critical recharge areas and sinkholes,) and a project to develop reduction of erosion on dirt and gravel roads.

Good of the Order:

Membership applications for Barry W. McKinley and Roy L. Brooks were presented. The two new members were accepted with a motion by Paul Bartley and a second by Buzz McCartney.

2009 dues are now due

The PSU students from the Keystone Project will do their presentation at the next meeting. Due to schedule issues, the next meeting will be scheduled for April 29, 2009 with a motion by Paul Bartley and a second by Buzz McCartney.

A motion to adjourn was made by Paul Bartley with a second by Buzz McCartney.

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Date _____