

## **SCRIP Meeting Minutes**

**May 24, 2023 @ 3:08 p.m.**

**Jim & Jimmies**

A SCRIP meeting was held on May 24, 2023 at Jim & Jimmies and called to order at 3:08 pm. The meeting was attended by SCRIP Board Members Adam Cotchen, Len Lichvar, Jim Eckenrode, Melissa Reckner, Joe Gorden, Larry Hutchinson, Dave Leiford, Malcolm Crittenden, Jeff Sarver, and Karlice Makuchan. John Dryzal joined the meeting in progress.

The meeting was also attended by Dave Thomas from DEP; Dave Wright of Mountain Laurel Trout Unlimited; Tom Clark of Kleinfelder; Grace Leiford of the Somerset Conservation District; Nate Yingling and Dina Cable of PA Fish and Boat Commission; and John Wenzel of Conemaugh Valley Conservancy.

Hutchinson/Makuchan made a **MOTION** to accept the March meeting minutes as submitted. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Eckenrode reported that SCRIP has \$3,735.19 in its checking account. Sarver/Reckner made a **MOTION** to accept the report. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **Stonycreek River Progress Report**

Lichvar said the Community Foundation reported that the Oven Run trust fund has \$47,087 in it. Oven Run Site F is offline; needs de-sludged. The District had a conversation with DEP about treating the Lambert's Run discharge at the Flight 93 system. G. Leiford explained her work this summer. Lichvar shared the Benscreek Coldwater Conservation Plan and a summary of the DCNR's proposed Department of Outdoor Recreation.

Eckenrode reported that CWRS will be participating in SRI's Snapshot of AMD treatment systems. He said a recent tour of Oven Run B showed how interesting that site is. It has sondes throughout the system for real-time data.

### **Partner Organizations**

#### ***Center for Watershed Research and Service***

Eckenrode said they've spent some time at Oven Run B and are still involved with Incline Plane discharge. They have two interns who could help with projects this summer.

## **CVC**

Wenzel said 168 sites were sampled in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, and they are expanding their team of volunteers. He said the Blacklick Creek Watershed Association and others are looking into the headwaters of Blacklick and Two Lick Creeks. Eckenrode elaborated on the work in that watershed. Cotchen said WPC is looking at unassessed waters in the Blacklick watershed.

## ***Western PA Conservancy***

Cotchen said the Benscreek Coldwater Conservation Plan is done. They have a design from PFBC to do 2,000 ft of stream habitat work.

## **Shade Creek**

Sarver said the Reitz #1 system has a backed-up pipe, and the watershed group received a Quick Response grant to do some repairs. SCWA submitted a research grant proposal for the Big 4!

## **Little Conemaugh Progress Report**

Dryzal said the Cambria County Conservation District submitted an application for waste coal removal in the headwaters of the South Fork of L. Conemaugh; however, some BAMR staff did not seem excited that the District was submitting that proposal.

DEP no longer wants conservation districts approving GP 105 permits on their own projects to avoid a perceived conflict of interest.

He said the DEP received 29 applications in their 1<sup>st</sup> round of infrastructure grants and are ready to announce 16 awards. Others qualify for what is being called “AMLER purgatory.”

There is no news on L. Conemaugh active plant. Clark heard the design was put in with this second round.

Dryzal said 75% of the Incline Plane design is done.

Dryzal said the **AMR Conference will be October 24-26 in Altoona**. View details at **2023.treatminewater.com**.

There will be an AMD passive treatment training in September.

## **Public Relations**

Makuchan said June 1 is the deadline for the upcoming newsletter and reviewed the articles she has or will have. **Action Item:** Send items to [knmak1019@gmail.com](mailto:knmak1019@gmail.com).

Gorden will inquire about an Intro to Kayaking event in partnership with PFBC.

### **New Business**

Clark said the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of mine drainage treatment grants opens July 2.

Eckenrode asked that, as SCRIP, can we support watershed grants? A discussion followed.

### **Next Meeting Date**

July 24 at 3 PM at Greenhouse Park. **Action item:** Cotchen to invite Brandon Diehl.

Reckner/Hutchinson made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 4:08 pm. All in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes by Reckner.