

**COOKS CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
January 22, 2026**

In Attendance – Scott, Travis, Jim, Sarah, and Lois. Andrew from Trout Unlimited and Melanie from River Valley School also attended the meeting.

Approval of Minutes – The November 2025, board meeting minutes were approved with a motion by Scott/Sarah; all in favor, 5-0.

Mail- No mail.

Treasurer's Report – No report.

Pay Bills – Lois was reimbursed for the mailing of the newsletters which amounted to \$139.10 for postage.

Committee Reports

Newsletter – Lois –The Winter issue 2026, has an article deadline of February 1. To include April 11 Spring Clean Up; May 2 Springtown Rod and Gun Club, 100th Anniversary; Jim will write on “plastic rain”. Travis previously said he would ask if Saucon Watershed would like to be involved in the Clean Up. Travis will also ask the Palisades High School if they would pick up trash. Andrew offered to help with the road clean up.

Social media – Travis – Travis will post snow pictures and videos from the coming snowstorm.

Membership – Scott – Nothing new to report.

Watershed Coalition of the Lehigh Valley (WCLV)/Lower Delaware Wild & Scenic (LDW&S)– Jim/Lois–Scott will become certified by DEP to officially report on sampled invertebrates. DEP is looking to standardize sampling and biodata identification with those in the WCLV organization. The next WCLV meeting will be a Zoom meeting, next month. LDW&S report from December 4th had nothing new but just updates. Next LDW&S meeting is March 26th.

Environmental Monitoring – Scott –The gauge Monitors have not been downloaded due to the weather. Travis is aiming to do fall sampling of minnows and possibly shocking.

Planning/Ordinances – Scott/Lois- The Durham Planning Commission will hold a public meeting February 17, 2026, at the Springtown Fire Company, on the Durham Spring Proposal (Cascade Lodge). Springfield applied for a \$419,000 grant for Springtown's water and sewer infrastructure. The Springtown Water Authority will most likely be taken over by the Township. The Water Authority may be looking at a sewage plant at the West End of the Township. The Springfield Planning Commission is reviewing warehouses and data centers, especially the water usage of data centers.

Education/ Growing Greener Grant – Travis/Scott - The Growing Greener Grant has yielded no draft report.

Old Business –

Hydrographs – The weather is too cold, and the approaching snowstorm will push the gauge reading out into Spring.

New Business – Out Reach -Melanie from the River Valley School will have some help in getting a Mini Monster presentation to her students; and perhaps Trout in the Classroom (TIC). We at CCWA are reaching out to other organizations such as the River Valley School but also Springfield Elementary and Palisades High School with Trout in the Classroom (TIC). The Palisades Middle School (PALMS) has a Watershed Inclusion Program (WIP) for 7th grade students which we were involved in at its startup. Lois also reached out to the Riegelsville Library where they are trying out a Home School Hangout for homeschooled students. Their programs are set and filled for Jan. 21, Mar. 18 and May 20. They may be interested in a program in October.

Adjourn –

Next Board Meeting will be February 26, 2026, at 6pm, at the Springtown Firehouse.

Respectively submitted by Lois Oleksa.