

**COOKS CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION**  
**MEETING AGENDA**  
**March 27, 2025**

**In Attendance** – Scott, Travis, Jim, Sarah, and Lois. Also, Eric Crustaf, member of CCWA and TU and Rachel Tubelo, teacher at Springfield Elementary.

**Approval of Minutes** –The February Board meeting minutes were approved with a motion by Sarah/Jim; all in favor, 6-0.

**Mail**- No mail.

**Treasurer's Report** –March's Treasurer's report was approved 6-0 with a motion by Travis/Eric.

**Pay Bills** –Lois was reimbursed with a check to cover \$115.14 for postage in mailing out the Winter newsletter.

**Committee Reports**

**Newsletter – Lois** –The Spring 2025 newsletter has a deadline of May 1<sup>st</sup> for articles. Scott will mention the revised hydrographs. Jim is working on an article on “Up and Down Temperatures”, Eric will send a picture of the white sucker, Travis will have something on the “Round up at Kimberton”, and a shortened article – *33,000 Miles Across Pennsylvania*.

**Social media – all** –Travis will post the Cleanup, Springtown Post Office window, and minnows.

**Membership – Scott** –Nothing to report.

**Watershed Coalition of the Lehigh Valley (WCLV)/Lower Delaware Wild & Scenic (LDW&S)– Jim/Lois**–WCLV had live pussy willow stakes to be planted at the firehouse. The TAP talks of WCLV have Scott doing the TAP Talk on “Native Plants” on April 16. The separate expansion study committee meeting (LDESC) will meet next month, April 7. This morning the LDW&S meeting was held. Discussions and the agenda included the DRBC Chloride Grant proposal where the DRBC is looking for road salt replacements and doing a pilot study; overview of the FY25 Council budget – things should remain the same; on going matters and emerging issues like the warehouses being converted to data center which require lots of energy and also water for cooling.

**Environmental Monitoring – Scott** –The gauges have been re-set and they are okay for now.

**Planning/Ordinances – Scott/Lois**- The Springtown Water Authority is exploring their expansion to have development in the Route 309 area.

**Education /Growing Greener grant– Travis/Scott** – Princeton Hydro has got all the data for the Watershed Conservation Plan and now needs to issue a report with conservation recommendations. We then will have a public meeting soliciting comments and will consider areas to fix; so, we are still waiting.

**Old Business –**

**TIC program -Trout in the Classroom** – Trout in the Classroom (TIC) will have Bucks County Trout Unlimited (TU) supply trout eggs to Palisades H.S. in October.

**Peppermint Park Sign** – No update.

**Kimberton** – Our “month of round up” is August and we should plan to set up a poster and offer information on CCWA and joining the Watershed. A trifold pamphlet was suggested. An article should be placed in the May/Spring Newsletter. Visuals for the August month round up: on every weekend CCWA could present the water model and/or a mini monster table.

**Fall Dinner Speaker – October 4** -David Winston will be our speaker. The times have been moved up for the event. The social will be 4-5pm, David will speak at 5pm, and the dinner will be at 6pm.

**Clean Up – April 5 - 9-4PM** –As usual, breakfast of coffee and donuts with a chili lunch. All directors make chili served in crockpots. Durham Historical Society will do their stretch of Durham Road in the afternoon. The Durham EAC will do Route 611 in the morning. Palisades PATCH advertised this event. Travis purchased reflective vests with our logo.

**Minnow survey** -Travis/Eric are documenting a list of species of minnows in Cooks Creek. Are there significant or threatened species? In collecting to document, PADEP approved protocols will be followed. This would be done two times per year at five sample sites. Those sites could include the confluence, Oleksa and Scott properties and near the California Road log cabin. Scott says a permit is not needed but having your fishing license handy is good. Lois will contact Carol Dorey and the Oakeys for permission to survey.

**Christmas Tree Planting** – CCWA has picked up left over trees that can be placed in the Creek banks to attract/protect/provide structure for all water critters. The trees act as brush deflectors protecting the Creek banks where there has been erosion. Some areas to consider are at Scott’s place, Silver Creek, Judy’s and Lois’s places. One deflector could be a morning’s project. A permit is needed.

**River Valley Waldorf School** -Perhaps we will have a table next year at their event?

**TAP Talk (4/16)** - The TAP talks of WCLV have Scott doing the TAP Talk on “Native Plants” on April 16.

### **New Business**

**Live Stakes** – Join Scott this Saturday morning, 9am, at the firehouse, to plant the pussy willows.

**Palisades Mini Monsters (4/22)-9:30-Noon-** Rachel Tubelo will bring Springfield Elem. School children on Earth Day to participate in a Mini Monster session at Scott’s place. Silky dogwoods will be for the kids to plant. *A PA Beautiful* booklet on watersheds will also be given out. Rachel will order some extra booklets for us. Rachel is looking for titles of water books that will be informative for the kid’s classroom. Please help out this morning.

**Sign on as an organization** – Lois will send Scott the information to sign on to the letter by Anne Marie Garti which is a response to the information that the Constitution Pipeline will be resurrected. Will the PennEast Pipeline be also resurrected?

**Adjourn** –

**Next Board Meeting will be on April 24, 6:30 pm, at the Firehouse.  
This is our ANNUAL MEETING.**

Respectively submitted by Lois Oleksa.