

**COOKS CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
March 26, 2026**

In Attendance – Scott, Travis, Jim, Sarah, and Lois.

Approval of Minutes – The February 2026, board meeting minutes were approved with a motion by Sarah/Jim; all in favor, 5-0.

Mail- No mail.

Treasurer's Report – No March treasurer's report. The format for the treasurer's report will be simplified and done in Excel. Jim will bring the treasurer's report in Excel next month.

Pay Bills – Silhouettes printing and postage for the mailing of newsletters had been paid.

Committee Reports

Newsletter – Lois –The deadline for articles for the Spring issue of the newsletter will be due May 1, 2026. Scott will include hydrographs? A “mini monster mayhem” ad will be included. Travis will draft up a half page flyer with upcoming events – River Valley's mini monsters on May 18, Passer Farmer's Market dates, the first one is May 20, 4-7 pm and any other dates. Please, send pictures of the cleanup and other interesting pictures for the newsletter.

Social media – Travis – Travis will post minnow pictures and Scott may get a picture of the Louisiana Warbler.

Membership – Scott – Several members have paid their dues. The membership numbers are going up.

Watershed Coalition of the Lehigh Valley (WCLV)/Lower Delaware Wild & Scenic (LDW&S)– Jim/Lois–The WCLV report is as follows. 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. Scott will be hosting a KICK sampling event. WCLV held a seminar on “attracting volunteers” which Scott and Travis attended. We are looking for a membership chair and have received membership from Janis Hadley who is interested in volunteering. Sarah will contact her and ask her to attend a meeting.

LDW&S report of March 26th is as follows. LDWS had a discussion on the “goals” whether they are okay after 25 years. Bucks County Parks is reviewing their Comprehensive Plan and looking to improve their parks as per ADA rules, landscaping, maintenance and signage. LDWS announced Mini grant awardees. The Junior Ranger booklet is being finished and updates to the LDWS website are in the works. The representative from the DRBC spoke about the 20 inches of snow in the basin and how, being so cold, there was little snow melting until the warmth came in and the snow melted all at once causing the river to be subject to run off. The DRBC also ran a spill exercise in the Easton/Philipsburg region. Updates on ongoing matters and issues with no updates are mentioned.

Environmental Monitoring – Scott –The gauge monitors are downloaded. Scott will collect the data and produce hydrographs.

Planning/Ordinances – Scott/Lois- The Springfield Planning Commission is reviewing the Comprehensive Plan and addressing noise, events, scenic views and warehouses and data centers, especially the water usage of data centers. All is quiet right now.

Education/ Growing Greener Grant – Travis/Scott - The Growing Greener Grant has yielded a draft Report. The invoice to DEP was rejected because the Report does not have implementation or specific projects. Scott talked with Megan Rogalis who is now okay after talking with Scott about the projects which were studied in the past. We have 3 projects in mind, the mill in Pleasant Valley, the firehouse parking area, and the Ringos project. All these 3 projects are completed on paper and will be used. Please read the Report. We will have a public meeting in April or May with Princeton Hydro (PH) presenting their Report. PH will address comments at the public meeting and then the finalized Report will be issued.

The River Valley school wants to do Trout in the Classroom (TIC) with Molly, not Melanie. Perhaps, our newsletters will be given to their students.

Palisades Middle School has a Watershed Inclusion Program, which CCWA helped start; Travis will find out how it fares.

And, Palisades High School has done the TIC program and will release the trout in May at Ralph Stover Park.

Old Business –

Clean Up -April 11 – 9-4 – All board members will make chili. Jim will get coffee and donuts.

New Business –

Rod and Gun Club – May 2 – 100 Year Anniversary - The Rod and Gun Club is having a “100-year celebration” on May 2. We will participate. The Rod and Gun Club is also having a **BBQ on July13**, where Scott will give a talk.

Passer Community Farmer’s Market – 4-7pm-May 20, June 10, July 8, and August 12 -CCWA will appear at the Passer Community Center for the Summer Farmer’s Markets. Dates of our participation include Wednesdays, May 20, June 10, July 8, and August 12.

Fall Dinner, October 3 - will have a guest speaker. A bat presentation with Allison Brokow is being considered.

Round Up at Kimberton – Travis will try for another “round up at the register” this year; the deadline to apply is May 30.

Adjourn –

Next Board Meeting will be April 23, 2026, at 6:30 pm, at the Springtown Firehouse.

THIS IS the ANNUAL MEETING.

Respectively submitted by Lois Oleksa.