

**Spring Creek Watershed Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2023 at 7:00 PM
Hybrid Meeting: Zoom and in-person at
College Township Municipal Building
— DRAFT MINUTES —**

CALL TO ORDER

Dustin Best called the meeting to order at 7:00pm on Wednesday, March 15, 2023.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

VOTING MEMBERS:

Dustin Best - Chair (in person) College Township
Jim Lanning - Secretary (in person) - Benner Township Alt
Kevin Abbey - Treasurer (in person) - Ferguson Township Alt
Bob Igo (in person) - Harris Township Alt
Doug Mason (zoom) - Patton Township Alt
Jasmine Field (zoom) - State College Borough Alt
Don Franson (in person) - Walker Township Alt
Art Gover (zoom) - Potter Township Alt
Rany Brachbill (zoom) - Bellefonte Borough (arrived at 8:11pm)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Izen Lingenfelter (in person) - Communication Coordinator SCWC
Erin Letavic (zoom) - Guest Speaker from HRG
Deb Nardone (zoom) - Clearwater Conservancy
John Arway (zoom)
Bob Barcline (zoom) - Atlas Project
Lee Murphy
Tom Eby (in person) - Benner Township Water Authority
Kent Baker (in person)
Lauren McPhillips (zoom)
Jon Eaton (zoom)
Paul Takac (zoom)
Dorothy Blair (zoom)

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Written Correspondence:

Lee Murphy ([email correspondence can be found here](#)) Lee recapped that he feels the SCWC Phase III is on the right track.

John Arway commented that he is in support of the Phase III plan and gave some suggestions for the committee moving forward in respect to the watershed.

Dorothy Blair commented that she is very thankful that the SCWC is around and moving forward with their tasks with the One Water Plan.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept the January 2023 meeting minutes and the February 2023 special meeting minutes by Bob Igo, second by Jim Lanning. All in favor. Passed unanimously.

NEW AGENDA ITEMS

No additional agenda items at this time.

EDUCATIONAL TOPIC

Introduction by Doug Mason, Education Committee

Presenter: Erin Letavic, PE, Senior Project Manager, HRG, Inc.;

Topic: Update on Centre County CAP (Countywide Action Plan) for clean water goals

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

A) Executive Committee: Presenter - Dustin Best: Chair

Met twice since the February special meeting.

- February 24th - Met with Clearwater conservancy to better understand the relationship between the organizations and reviewed items such as history, financial responsibilities, obligations of SCWC and action items for both organizations. Reviewed the new by-laws along with the policy and procedures that are in place.
- March 6th - Had a meeting to synchronize the SCWC leadership and review items from the February 24th meeting with Clearwater Conservancy. Officer updates which included the following draft vision statement:

To re-establish the trust, faith, and confidence in the Spring Creek Watershed Commission from all participating member municipalities and will do this by the following three lines of efforts:

- Going to create a stable and transparent organization
- have compliance of obligations that is set forth in the articles of agreement
- stay true to our mission by executing upon said mission

Also reviewed financial updates by Kevin and committee topics including Phase III updates by Bob Igo. Established a schedule of executive meeting dates to better prepare items for the regularly scheduled SCWC meeting.

The executive meetings are scheduled for the 4th Monday of each month at 11:00 am to 12:30pm.

B) Officer reports: No report at this time

C) Phase 3 Coordinating Committee: Presenter, Bob Igo

Bob gave a review of Phase III. Slides from presentation attached ([CLICK HERE](#))

D) Atlas: Bob Carline

Have an Atlas meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 16th. Going to focus on future articles for the website and have a few articles that should be posted soon.

OLD BUSINESS

Review of Adopted By-laws: *For those that were not present at February special meeting*

Dustin gave a brief overview of the revised by-laws that were voted on at the February 2023 special meeting. By-Law Document can be viewed [HERE](#)

NEW BUSINESS

Summary of Executive Committee meeting with Clearwater Conservancy

Purpose: Understand past and existing relationship

Dustin gave an overview of the meeting that took place with Clearfield Conservancy.

Document can be found [HERE](#)

FINANCIALS

Presented by Kevin Abbey - Treasurer

Kevin gave an update from his various meetings with Clearwater to better understand the Financial records of SCWC. Will have a full written report for the May meeting. Clearwater has been doing an incredible job on maintaining the financial records for SCWC. Will have a 2023 follow up report that will go out in the intermunicipal agreement that will go out in July 2023.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

No bills for approval at this time

ONCE AROUND THE WATERSHED

State College Borough: Jasmine spoke about some community programs that are coming up including an Earth Day program and Watershed Clean Up day which is scheduled April 22nd

Benner Township: Jim gave highlights on current issues including PFAS issues and working with DEP.

Harris Township: Bob mentioned that they are losing their current township manager.

Bellefonte Borough: Randy just wanted to give a shout out to Dustin on the SCWC vision statement.

MATTERS OF RECORD

Remaining meetings for 2023:

May 17, 2023

July 19, 2023

September 20, 2023

November 15, 2023

Groundwater Symposium will be virtual and scheduled for May 9th. Registration due no later than May 5th. You can register [HERE](#).

ADJOURNMENT

Bob Igo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Jim Lanning .
Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39pm on Wednesday, March 15, 2023.

The March 15, 2023 SCWC is sponsored for airing on C-NET by the Centre County Government. It will air on CGTV (Xfinity Channel 7) at the following times:

Wednesday, March 29 - 5:30 p.m

Thursday, March 30 - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 1 - noon

Monday, April 3 - 6:00 a.m.

Tuesday, April 4 - 12:00 a.m.

As always, it will also be available to watch online within 72 hours at www.cnet1.org.