

Guardians of the West Fork Regular Meeting Dec. 15, 2021

6:30 PM via Zoom

President John Ciesla brought the meeting to order.

Attendees: John Ciesla, Martin Christ, Paula Bomhoff, Rachel Pell, Mike Murphy, Dave Yazvac, Sally Egan, and Randy Kesling.

The October 17, 2021 meeting minutes were approved as written.

MOTION to approve the meeting minutes as read by Sally Egan, SECONDED by Dave Yazvac. The MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Paula Bomhoff presented the Financial report through November 2021.

AMD Remediation

The group discussed Right of Entry (ROE) Agreements for Site 7. Jason Fillhart (WVU Water Research Institute) has been working with the landowners to renew the ROEs. There are some issues to be resolved but Jason is planning to send paperwork for the Barnhart property to be signed this week.

A culvert at Pond 1 at Site 9 was repositioned to allow water to flow to Pond 2. The water has been short circuiting and flowing into an adjacent creek. Thank you, Randy Kesling, Rachel Pell, and Eliza. Guardians and the WVU Water Research Institute working to improve water quality in Lamberts Run.

We need to initiate contact with landowners at Site 2. John did some research and found a potential of 5 property owners who may be involved. John asked if anyone had an introduction letter the group could use to contact the landowners. Rachell Pell reported taking two widely varying samples at Site 2. An October sample was 11 mg/l Fe and a November sample result was 1 mg/l Fe. Rachell will continue sampling to develop a statically accurate number.

Rachel reported sampling upstream and downstream at Site 8. She reported the landowner has been working to shore up both sides of the access road to prevent water from flowing over the road.

John Ciesla reported renewing the Guardians membership/insurance with the ACA Paddle Group at a cost of \$125. The expenditure was not yet reflected in the Financial Report.

The group gave its approval of the 2022 Float The Fork event. Separate Float meetings will be scheduled. The next one is planned for the first week of February.

John Ciesla is to forward an email from MartinChrist requesting feedback for a grant that West Virginia Watershed Network is applying for. Your feedback would be appreciated.

Action List

Description	Responsible	Date	Status
Secure concrete blocks and rope in order to sink one end of a culvert between the first and second ponds at Site 9 (leave materials at Site 7)	Randy	Tuesday, Nov. 23	Complete

Obtain new ROE Agreements for Site 7	Jason, John	Week of 12/13	
Reimbursement for Biomost invoice	Paula	We may have missed deadline to file for reimbursement	Martin to advise.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm.

MOTION to adjourn the meeting by Dave Yavac, SECONDED by Mike Murphy. The MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 19th at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, John Ciesla, President