

Guardians of the West Fork Watershed Zoom Meeting Oct. 19, 2022 6:30 PM

Attending: Martin Christ, Randy Kesling, Jason Filhart, Julie Yearego, Mike Murphy, Sally Egan, Al Cox, John Ciesla

John Ciesla gave the financial report: Regular account - \$3,503.20, Water Trail - \$9,186.16, Money Market - \$82,735.16, OSM General Fund - \$2,489.25

Jason Filhart's Report: Regarding Site 4, Jason met with Mike and Pat Oldaker's aunt who informed Jason that Jamey Allen owns the Site 4 property. She agreed to culvert and piping through her property to Jamey's land. Jason will resubmit in the next two weeks and have an engineering firm do a survey first. There are new ponds across from Site 5. Martin Christ and Jason attended a recent conference and were told of an idea to have a gently sloped stack of big rocks with a smaller sized stone base to address acid mine drainage. This might be an idea for Site 1. 319 funding for Site 7 has been achieved for \$148,500.

John Ciesla reported on W-CAP. He stated that it's not looking good. There has been an entity change and new case numbers can't be assigned yet. John is waiting for an email. There may be a "last second" submission. Bennett's Run and Simpson Creek will benefit from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Act.

Martin Christ will be getting VISTA volunteers to be assigned to one or two watersheds. John Ciesla was contacted by an Americorps VISTA volunteer working in White Sulphur Springs who was surveying stream crossings.

Float the Fork will be held on June 6, 2023. Julie Yearego stated that she will help with boat rentals and promotion. Julie's website is under the Dept of Tourism's Flatwater Paddling site. Julie did a write-up for the Tygart and West Fork Rivers.

WV Rivers is doing a workshop on "How to Use Social Media." This is the 50th Anniversary of the Clean Water Act.

The next meeting will be held on Nov. 16, 2022 at 6:30 via Zoom. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Egan, Recording Secretary