Warren County Conservation Council (WCCC)

Minutes September 7, 2023

Present:

- 1. Dan Ladd President
- 2. Natasha Gadway Secretary
- 3. Jim Lieberum
- 4. Benjamin Gadway
- 5. Mike Maglio
- 6. Abe Gadway
- 7. Ken Hammond
- 8. Erika Patton

Meeting called to Order – 6:18 p.m. (at the Warren County Soil and Water Building, Warrensburg, NY)

Pledge of Allegiance.

Treasurer's Report – No John Bowe – No report.

Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2023 – 1st Abe Gadway; 2nd Ben Gadway – All in favor, approved.

CLUB REPORTS

<u>Dunham's Bay Fish and Game Club</u> – Dan Ladd – there will be three meetings this month and they are hopeful for the approval of the new range; archery is going well.

<u>Johnsburg Fish and Game Club</u> – No meetings; memberships are coming in; YHEC scheduled for Saturday September 9th.

<u>Chestertown</u> – Ken Hammond spoke with Mike Paccard (President) and says that Mike will try to be at the next WCCC meeting.

Hague Fish and Game Club – No Report.

Luzerne – No Report.

Stony Creek – We may be getting information soon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

<u>Sportsman's Outdoor Flea Market</u> scheduled for March 30, 2024; and the Kid's Fishing Derby is scheduled for April 27, 2024

<u>Legislation</u> – Biden Administration – cut back funding programs in schools that use guns & bows; Ammunition – the \$2.50 ammunition fee and will begin on September 13, 2023; Contest ban on coyotes hasn't been passed yet.

Warren County Soil and Water – Jim Lieberum

1.) There is a Community Conservation Grant Program (see attached). (WCCC would like to see what or how we can use or benefit from this grant money, any ideas are welcome);

- 2.) Annual Woods Walk and Picnic will be on September 23, 2023, at Kurt & Kristie Edwards, 411 Beech Street, Mayfield, NY (see attached);
- 3.) 411 on dirt will be on October 5, 2023, at Warren County Soil and Water (see attached). -Jim should be at the next meeting if you'd like more information.

OLD BUSINESS

<u>Warren County Funding</u> – Odds are good that we will be getting it again. Dan will write a letter to ask for the funding and may need to do this yearly.

<u>Fish & Wildlife Management Board (FWMB)</u> – no news, usually a meeting at the end of September.

<u>WCCC Social Event</u> – still need to decide when and where if we do have one. Possibly Lizzie Keyes or George Henry's in Warrensburg, need to get info. Maybe December?

<u>Kids Fishing Derby</u> – need to add information to the flyer "if your child needs instruction, please notify someone when you arrive that morning".

<u>Sportsman's Flea Market</u> – need to add information to the flyer – 'Make checks payable to WCCC'.

(Including this from old minutes: WCCC as a group should try to come up with ideas of possible projects that the Pittman Robertson Fund money can be used for, i.e. Educational Programs for conservation councils and organizations?)

NEW BUSINESS

King George Fishing Derby (Run by Fish307) – September 16 and 17, 2023. No weigh stations, entries being done by photos of fish with length.

Next meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Warrensburg Cornell Cooperative Extension Building, 377 Schroon River Rd., Warrensburg, NY 12885; There will be a Zoom link available provided by John Bowe for those who are unable to attend in-person.

Motion to adjourn 1st Abe Gadway; 2nd Ben Gadway. Adjourned – 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted.

Natasha Gadway
Secretary, WCCC