

**QUITTAPAHILLA WATERSHED ASSOCIATION**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Via Zoom in consequence of the global pandemic**  
**April 21, 2020**

Present: Mike Schroeder, Karen Feather, Kent Crawford, Joe Connor, Russ Collins, Laurie Crawford

The meeting opened at 7:02 p.m. via Zoom

1. **Minutes.** The minutes of the meetings of 18 February were circulated previously via email and approved by consensus.
2. **Snitz Creek Project 2.** Russ Collins reported that he finally succeeded in getting the reluctant landowner to sign the Landowner-Grantee Agreement, clearing the way for the project to move forward and for Rocky Powell and his contractors to be paid. Russ received a hearty round of thanks and congratulations for his persistence and perseverance.
3. **Snitz Creek Project 3.** Mike reported that Rocky is waiting for EPA comments on the Watershed Implementation Plan of August 2018 (2018 WIP) and this project is stalled until said comments are forthcoming and the WIP is approved.
4. **Snitz Creek Project 4.** No update.
5. **Killinger Creek Project 5.** Kent reported that the funds committed by the Conservation Fund for this project, roughly \$110,000, was insufficient for the project to move forward, and that Russ Collins has applied for a PA-American Water grant of \$10,000 and will be applying for a grant from the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) to bring the total up to approximately \$400,000, which is the amount that will be required for the project. He further reported that Russ is working with Bill Wall of Steckbeck Engineering and Rocky Powell of Clear Creeks Consulting. Kent noted that the NFWF grant program requires a one-third match, and that the deadline is April 28.
6. **Beck Creek Project 6.** Mike reported that Rocky has been in touch with Ned Gible of The Lebanon Valley Conservancy on this stalled project.
7. **Monitoring.** Kent reported that the monitoring program is mostly at a standstill in consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic. Training sessions had been set up but had to be cancelled. He further reported that he is working on a Quality Assurance Program Plan (QAPP) which outlines the monitoring program and its quality control steps, and that he is about 75 percent done with a first draft. He further reported that ongoing conversations with PA-DEP on lab analysis of micro-invertebrates have been encouraging.
8. **Watershed Stewardship Program.** Russ reported that this program, run out of Penn State Extension Services, is looking for suitable projects and that he will follow up.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Schroeder, Secretary Pro Tem