

## Washington County Watershed Alliance – Annual Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2023 – In-person and Zoom Meeting

### Board members present:

- Sam Carroll (At Large)
- BCWA – Ken Maglietta
- RC/IC – Vicki Michaels
- UWCWA -
- Vicki Bryan (At Large)
- CCWA – Kitty Gardner
- TMWA – Kathleen Martincic
- WCCD – Jennifer Dann
- Jason Fillhart (At Large)
- PCWA -
- UCCWA – Carrilee Hemington

**Others present:** Planning Consultant Kimberlie Gridley of Earth Integration; Alexis Blake, WCCD Watershed Specialist; Betsie Trew, Washington County Community Foundation; and Bob Smith, Lower Chartiers Creek Watershed Association. A total of about 29 were present.

- I. **Call to Order** – Sam called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and welcomed everyone. The meeting was held in person and by Zoom. Light refreshments were offered.
- II. **Annual Meeting**
  - Celebrating 25 years of WCWA – Sam narrated a power point presentation of the history of the creation of the Alliance highlighting significant accomplishments and activities through the years and culminating with thanks to all our volunteers.
  - Election of At Large Board Members – Sam recognized and thanked Vicki Bryan for her 8 years of service on the Board as she is stepping down. Vicki then conducted the election. She presented the slate of at large board members for 2023: Sam Carroll, Jason Fillhart and Terri Gladus. There being no nominations from the floor, Vicki declared the nominations closed and made a motion to elect the slate of nominees. Laurie Maglietta seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
  - Overview of 2022 – Jennifer presented an overview of 2022 and with slides highlighting the achievements of the Alliance and watershed associations and their plans for 2023.
  - Strategic Plan Highlights and Future of WCWA – In 2022, WCWA received a capacity building grant from the Washington County Community Foundation from the Alvin W. & Carol L. Berthold Fund, John R. Duskey Fund, and the Roy R. Gillespie Fund. WCWA hired Kimberlie Gridley as a planning consultant to assist us in developing a strategic plan. Kimberlie presented an outline of the strategic planning process that the WCWA Executive Committee has followed under her guidance. Then Sam presented a summary of the committee’s work so far including the main issues facing the organization, possible solutions and the final question, “What’s the ideal Alliance we’re working towards?” It is expected that the strategic plan will be completed by the end of April.
- III. **Award Presentation**
  - Sam presented wooden plaque to Jennifer Dann recognizing her outstanding service to WCWA as Watershed Specialist of the Washington County Conservation District. The plaque will be placed in a suitable location with other plaques awarded by WCWA. Jennifer was congratulated on her promotion to District Manager of WCCD.
- IV. **Raffle Drawing & Informal Social**
  - The formal meeting was followed by drawings for raffle items donated by members and an informal social time.
- V. **Adjournment** – Sam declared the meeting adjourned.
- VI. **Next Meeting** – Tuesday, April 4 at 7:00pm at Washington County Conservation District and by Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carrilee L Hemington