

LJRA Board Meeting
February 20, 2025

The LJRA Directors met for their annual meeting at Marzonis Restaurant on February 20, 2025 at 6:00 pm. Directors present were: Bill Anderson, President, Dennis Johnson, Angie Spagnoli, Bill King, Ron Kuntz, Logan Stanger, Joe Reese, Gary Miller, Scott Kavanaugh, Carl Reed and Lee Pryor.

Scott Kavanaugh gave the Treasurer's Report. With the generous donations from our members and corporate sponsors, we were able to cover our expenses for 2024 and maintain enough of a balance to help fund future projects. We decided that we should on a yearly basis let the larger contributors know what their money was used for.

THE VISION OF THE LJRA

Bill presented our mission and listed ways to create a clear vision of how we should accomplish these goals. This information will be available at the next regular meeting of the LJRA.

LJRA Vice President

The open position of vice president was presented to LJRA Director , Angie Spagnoli. After a discussion of her role, Angie accepted pending approval at the March meeting of the LJRA . Angie will serve primarily as the VP of grant applications and environmental projects. She and Bill Anerson, LJRA President, will work together to determine other duties.

ALTOONA WATER AUTHORITY'S STUDY ON THE COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOWS

The AWA was directed by DEP to do a study to evaluate the impact on the river of the release of raw sewage after a heavy rainfall from the combined system. It's been approximately 5 years and the data should now be available. A representative from Gwin Dobson Engineers will be contacted to present their findings as soon as possible at one of our meetings. Chelsey Weyant, Blair County Conservation District, will also be doing testing and is looking for volunteers to sample water at various locations. The parameters they will check are Ph, dissolved oxygen, and conductivity but not E. coli. If anyone would like to volunteer the training dates are the last Saturday in May and the last Saturday in June.

UPDATE ON PFEP

Bill had a conversation with Penny Ayers who is in charge of all the fishing easement projects. She is going to call Dave Morrow and describe the easement program to him. Bill is also going to make a date with her to meet to meet with George Bonsell to tour the Bonsell property. That property is downstream from the Tipton project to Thomastown, Bill also discussed with Penny the Jacobus property, Betty Jacobus died and we at this time do

not know what her heirs want to do as far as an easement is concerned, If anyone wants to go on this tour Bill will let us know when it is.

The Antis Township Project

The money, permit, and the stone are there. The start date will probably be the middle of June. It was noted that there are other opportunities for projects in this area such as a riparian buffer installation farther upstream. Bill and Angie will meet with John Frederick concerning sites for possible projects. Angie will check her schedule and let Bill know when she will be available.

Plan for Clean-up

The clean-up will be on April 12 at 9:00 a.m. Bill will ask for volunteers to be group leaders at the March meeting.

Committee for the Banquet

Angie and Joe have agreed to again be the committee for arranging for the banquet.

Election of Officers

Once a year according to our by-laws we are required to have an election of officers. All officers currently serving agreed to continue on for 2025.

Projects for Consideration

Joe suggested that we could perhaps piggy-back on a project of another organization that is already in place and has machinery set up. We would put some of our money towards extending or enlarging that existing job.

Bill King suggested that we could revisit the Paper Mill Dam Project and put some more money towards that to get it started again.

Logan asked what would be our highest priority for 2025. Bill stated that the easements for the George Bonsell and Morrow properties would be high on the list. The Bells Gap project is also important.

Logan distributed some information concerning the Loncher and Yoder properties on Elk Run. Stream restoration on these two properties could result in almost a million pounds of sediment reduction. Bill and Logan decided to talk to the property owners about this matter. Logan said it would take two to three years to get everything in place to start this project.

With no other business to be discussed, a motion for adjournment was made and approved by unanimous consent. The meeting ended at 8:30 p.m.

Lee Pryor
Secretary