

May 15th 2018
NRGTA Board meeting
Summers County meeting at the Summers County Memorial Building

Board members present:

Bill Wells

Jeff Evans

Kevin Rock

Andrew Forron

Andy Steel (NPS for Claire)

Guests: Billy Strasser, Sam Chaber and Jack David Woodrum (Summers County Commissioner)

Bill Wells called the meeting to order (we didn't have a quorum so this not a official meeting) around 4:35 pm.

Minutes: The Greenbrier County meeting was not an official meeting (did not have a quorum) and we could not approve the Nicholas County minutes. We did not have a quorum at Summers County meeting so we couldn't approve the Nicholas County minutes. The minuets will have to be approved by email or at the Raleigh County meeting.

Treasurer's report: Kevin Rock gave the Treasurer's report. We have a Balance of \$15,435.00 in two separate accounts. There was \$1082.00 in dues collected. The grants funds were \$34,401.28 for a total of \$35,438.28. Jeff presented \$700.00 in checks from Mountain-Plex (a corporate sponsor located in Summers County).

Ray Moeller has resigned as the Nicholas County representative. Adam Hodges and Bill Wells will now sign checks for the NRGTA.

Membership Web Site: Phil wasn't present.

The Bechtel Reserve agreement still needs a draft of the agreement put together.

Social media:

ARC Grant Billy Strasser reports:

The NRGTA Flexi grant was denied.

We're applying for a Coal Heritage Grant to do a historic study of Wolf Creek

The Arc Grant will be a step two-step project. It will be completely built by 2019.

The in-kind hours for the ARC Grant need to be voted on and approved by the NRGTA Board to be paid.

The MOU still needs to be signed by the WV DOT. Although the WV DOT will get the approval from the DOT to proceed without the MOU signed. They'll start working on getting right of ways from property owners immediately.

Maintenance program:

Sam reports all the trees from the Nicholas County trails have been cleared.

Loews has donated \$100.00 for tools for the NRGTA. We still need a trailer to store and transport the tools with.

Insurance update, Bill Wells: Although the Board had approved purchasing liability insurance at a previous meeting to protect the organization and the contract employees we learnt that liability insurance would not cover our Contract Employees. The NRGTA needs to do more research to determine what our options are to insure our Contract

Employees.

NPS Trail Priority: We discussed the list of proposed trails and their priorities with Andy Steel with the NPS (subbing for Claire in her absence). It was decided to table prioritizing the list till the NRGTA meets again with the NPS.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Submitted by

Jeff Evans

Recording Secretary

Public Meeting:

There were no public participates so we adjourned the meeting at 5:45.

Next meeting: The July Board meeting of the NRGTA will be held on July 25th, 2018 at Beckley City Hall. The Board Meeting will begin at 4:30 PM and the public meeting will start at 6:00 PM. We will have a social hour after the public meeting at a place to be determined.

Email votes after the Summers County meeting:

- α Bill Wells sent out an email vote to approve representatives from Town of Rainelle, Town of White Sulfur Springs and the Greenbrier Valley Bicycle Club. The NRGTA Board approved all.
- α Bill Wells sent out an email vote to elect a Grant Committee representative for Fayette County. Gene Kistler was elected to the Grant Committee to represent Fayette County.
- α Bill Wells sent out an email vote to approve the following issues.
 - Issue #1** – The board needs to approve the volunteer hours that were submitted to Region 4 as in-kind donations for the ARC grant for March and April.
 - Issue #2** – NRGTA applied for Coal Heritage Grant for \$10,000 to create a historic resource study on Wolf Creek Park with a goal of eventually constructing wayside exhibits explaining the history of the area inside the park boundaries. This would include some old mining structures that are adjacent to the proposed trails through the property. The grant includes up to \$10,000 to pay for the historical study and up to \$10,000 in kind match of labor from Billy Strasser as grant manager and Bill Wells for grant oversight. The wayside exhibits would be funded by a future grant. The Coal Heritage Foundation has requested that the board approve an authorization for me to enter into a contract on behalf of NRGTA for the study.

Both issues were approved.

Final

July 23, 2018