

**Minutes**  
**Educational Advisory Committee (EAC)**  
**20 May 2019 - 1:30 - 3:30 pm**

**In Attendance:**

**Willie Lantz**, Agriculture  
**Bruce Taliaferro**, Education  
**Gary Shafer**, Property Owner  
**Bob Sutton**, Property Owner  
**Gary Aronhalt**, Watershed Coordinator  
**Julie Bortz**, Administrative Council  
**Jim George**, Administrative Council (via phone)

**Absent:**

**Lauren McCann**, Business  
**Ken Fisher**, Forestry  
**Sarah Duck**, Marketing  
**Richard Matlick**, Property Owner  
**Greg Rouse**, Recreation

**Welcome /Opening Remarks:**

**Gary Aronhalt** announced that **Ken Fisher**, **Lauren McCann**, and **Greg Rouse** had reported that they would not be present for the meeting.

**Administrative Council Update**

**Gary Aronhalt** announced that Garrett County and MDE were agreeable to using their logos on the survey. DNR is waiting on approval from their OCM. **Gary** announced that Garrett County would provide a slide advertising the Water-Wise Garrett County Program at the theater. **Gary** also announced that DNR would look for funding for education next year. **Jim George** was available via web conference and **Julie Bortz** was in attendance.

**Aquatic Invasive Species:**

**Julie Bortz** presented the AIS brochure. The EAC suggested using the brochure as a slide at the theater. The EAC suggested asking for funding from the Deep Creek Watershed Foundation and including “Promoted by the Educational Advisory Committee and the Deep Creek Watershed Foundation” to the slide. The EAC suggested running slides in June, July, and August during the boating season. **Julie** said that she would prepare a slide with the information as soon as possible. **Julie** also mentioned that the zebra mussel report was available on the Eyes on the Lake website. **Julie** reviewed the history of water quality sampling and submerged aquatic vegetation monitoring at Deep

Creek Lake. **Julie** said that hydrilla treatment would begin on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. It was proposed to educate fishermen about bait disposal procedures at the point-of-sale.

**State Lakes Fund:**

**Julie** stated that DNR would be looking at three projects (Hydrilla Control, Shoreline Erosion Incentives, and Fish Habitat) as probable project areas for the State Lakes Fund. She said that DNR was still working on the details. The fish habitat project would focus on deep water habitat improvements. **Gary Shafer** asked if the \$200,000.00 for hydrilla treatment was high. **Julie** stated that it was the actual cost of treatment. **Bob Sutton** asked if there were any developments in public concerns over the State Lakes Fund. **Julie** stated that she was not sure.

**Meeting Conclusion:**

The EAC had some discussion on the length of meetings and the schedule. With several absent, the committee will require further discussion regarding the meeting format and schedule.

The meeting was adjourned.

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