

Location: Farm & Home Center Training Room

Voting Members Present: Kent Gardner/Mike LaSala, Trudy Johnston, Scott Hain, Cory Rathman, Mark Gutshall, Jay Snyder, Mark Johnson, DeeDee McGuire, Marylou Barton, Jeanne Sonntag, John Bingham, Dennis Groff

Non-Voting Members Present: Matt Kofroth, Mary Gattis, Kara Kalupson, Tom Simpson, Mike Kyle, Don McNutt, Matt Royer, Charlotte Katzenmoyer, Gary Willier

Guests/Members: Ross Gordon (AECOM), Ralph Eschborn (AECOM), Scott Sheely, Michele Deller, Mike McCaskey (Energy Works)

Minutes recorded by: Angie Sowers

Approval of Minutes- Jeanne moved to accept the January 4, 2012 minutes as presented, seconded by Marylou, motion pass unanimously

AGENDA ITEMS

Scott Sheely- Ag Council Update

1. Training Funds

- Scott has \$10k of funds to provide to Consortium, but needs matching funds from employer
- Funds are focused on training
- Funds are available to Lancaster and Berks County residents
- Michele Deller can handle administrative end
- Funds must be used by 30 June 2012
- Mary Gattis- suggested there may be some opportunities with Chapter 102 and inspection training- group thought this was good idea
- Mary Gattis suggested this be assigned to education committee and to work with a few additional people- Michele Deller, someone from storm water committee (Matt Kofroth), Mark Johnson, people for Center of Excellence
 - Education committee will present a solid plan at March meeting- if no plans pulled together by then, Consortium will tell Scott that we cannot use funds
- If other committees have training ideas, bring them to Education meeting
- Scott needs Consortium to move out on this and quickly work on plans; he cannot be left with unspent funds at end of June; if Consortium cannot use funds, they will be offered to others
- Offering credits will bring people out to a training event
- Scott has also discussed this opportunity with Green Building Council

2. Workforce Update

- Workforce is still available for flood clean-up- contact Michele

3. Manure Solutions Summit

- Requested confirmation from Consortium on whether they want to be sponsor- no funding tied to this- looking to be a premier event in area
- Jay made motion to allow Consortium name to be added to flyer, Jeanne seconded, motion passed unanimously
- Angie will post updated flyer to Consortium website

LID Design Competition- Ross Gordon

- There have been multiple competitions in US and some are planned on East Coast in near future
- Pros- visibility for Consortium, education for participants, innovation from participating engineers- lead to breaking down of barriers for new methods, collaboration and better understanding of issues
- Ross made a recommendation that a new committee form to focus on competition

- Critical to involve private sector, government, etc.- multi-disciplinary committee to push this forward
- Ross provided a White Paper that identifies key consideration
 - Recommends 2 projects- one focused on ag, another on stormwater
 - Important to get high profile judges involved
 - Consortium needs to find partners, too big an effort for just Consortium- suggest DEP, professional societies, LCCD, etc.
 - Find some real world projects that are interesting and desirable, but have been difficult to resolve
 - Tom S asked if projects are real or hypothetical- Ross said it can be both, but helps if there is the incentive that it could be implemented
- Cory acknowledged Ross for the thorough white paper he compiled and again reinforced Ross's recommendation to assign this to a new committee and find new partners to achieve contest
 - Ralph also thinks there is a need to have one committee completely focused on the contest
- Trudy and Jay both stated this is very important and recognizing that it will take Consortium some time to do it, but that the Contest is a must for the area- Trudy suggested starting with a core group to get some ideas organized and then try to bring in other partners
- Kent suggested also including colleges
 - Ross said that is a good point- Houston competition had a professional category as well as a student (could be college or high school levels)
- Matt Royer- there are opportunities to partner and fit in with PSU's storm water research grant, they align well but grant is just getting off the ground so schedules aren't coordinated at this time- a couple months from getting started
 - Trudy invited Matt to participate in Contest committee
 - Ross offered to chair committee
 - Other interested participants- Kent Gardner, Jay Snyder
- Mike LaSala suggested a project- Belmont (Myer Farm) across from Red Rose Commons
- Jay asked if it could be a watershed project- Ross said it could be, but have to consider effort you are asking participants to invest; usually keep it to a more manageable project
- Trudy made a motion to pursue a committee headed by Ross; Cory seconded, motion passed unanimously

Budget- Jay Snyder

- Consortium has \$10k of funds available under Foundation
- By email, Jay provided budget- 3 items- 2011, January 2012, and proposed 2012
 - Jay got input from committee for 2012 proposal (met prior to SC meeting), no additions
 - Jay will provide updated 2012 proposal to SC
- In January, spent \$400 more than monies taken in

Tetra Tech Proposal Update- Mark Gutshall

- Mark, Angie, and Marylou have been working on revised Tetra Tech proposal; have talked with Aileen at Tetra Tech- needs more detail to scope
 - Other things to figure out- whether subcontractors (Dennis, Angie) could be involved as part of effort
- Tetra Tech has committed 750 hours, schedule undetermined at this point
- Draft Final proposal will be completed by end of week
 - Balance between strategic planning effort and implementation plan; need to satisfy DEP requirements
 - Will go to committee to review- Jeanne, Mary G, Matt K, Marylou, DeeDee- later this week, then to Tetra Tech prior to DEP and EPA

- Mark will provide Tetra Tech proposal to entire SC
- Trudy said Technology committee had ideas for ways to use Tetra Tech, and asked if it would be beneficial to communicate those ideas- under idea that Tetra Tech could provide additional assistance to Consortium
 - Marylou and Mark stated that strategic planning will likely require entire effort being offered
 - Could be opportunities down the road- Marylou suggested we request another round of Tetra Tech support and communicate needs to PADEP
 - Mary Gattis suggested efforts weren't mutually exclusive- could be technology pieces within strategic plan; reminded group that driver for this is Summit
- Matt Royer said they are using Tetra Tech for broad scale watershed planning and some field assessments in Conewago; they will also be doing in some detailed site designs
 - Makes sense to start with implementation planning with Tetra Tech and if it is good, then PADEP will be open to further efforts
- Mary asked what Mark had in mind for dedicated effort from Consortium members- Mark said he doesn't know at this time because unsure of the role Tetra Tech will play. Mary reminded group that Consortium identified this effort as a goal for the year so we need to keep this in mind when discussing other activities so that we don't stretch ourselves too thin

Environmental Finance Center Stormwater Project- Cory Rathman

- Reached out to all municipalities interested- E. Cocalico, Manheim Township, E. Hempfield, W. Lampeter, E. Donegal, Lititz Borough
- On E. Hempfield agenda tonight
- Lititz Borough approved it last night
- EFC will support 6 municipalities and sees no problem with funding
- Looking to have all municipalities on board by end of February and then bring Joanne up in early March to get scopes set and shop around for funding

Grants- Marylou Barton

- Two options to procure grant writing capabilities
 - Non-profit Research Center of Millersville University at Ware Building- for \$250 will write a RFP for what we will need in grant writing abilities- goes to grant consultants
 - Consortium will be provided proposals to review to select grant writers
 - Mark requested that we include grant 'finding' capabilities- Marylou said we would include both writing and finding in RFP
 - Trudy made a motion to contact Non-profit Research Center to prepare a RFP, Marylou seconded, motion passed unanimously
 - Matt K clarified that we may need to run this through Foundation first- group agreed- Trudy will email Don Robinson to notify Foundation of Consortium's intent
 - Jay asked who would develop RFP- Marylou stated we would work with center to do this, but center would write it
 - Southeast Health Services- grant writing group- pay them \$10k a year and they do all grant writing- Consortium decided to not pursue this at this time

Lower Susquehanna Initiative- Matt Royer

- As Conewago work progressed saw there were initiatives focused on land and water stewardship throughout area- spurred development of Center for Land and Water Coalition in Dauphin, Lancaster, and Lebanon Counties
- \$15k provided to develop strategic plan for Coalition with Keystone Conservation Trust

- With PSU, Matt is working to move Conewago efforts further and reach out to regional partners to develop projects; starting to re-engage Steering Committee of Lower Susquehanna Initiative- Initiative is in position to host Coalition in 3 county area and grow it- SC agreed this was a good idea and they should pursue this; working to broaden coalition to county-wide reach in 3 counties
 - Working to develop internship program to take advantage of students at PSU- a service from the Coalition for employers to have a central posting location for internship opportunities tied to land and water conservation- leverage students
 - Working with SRBC to develop project and skills inventory tool for partners to post projects they are looking to implement or looking for funding as well as tools/skills of partners- goal is to match up potential projects with partners
 - Coordinate efforts and share information between partners
 - Community outreach- working in communities to get projects put in the ground
 - Bring PSU faculty research opportunities- possibly institutionalize the center as an actual research center at PSU to bring more opportunity for PSU researchers to get involved with projects that lead to real world implementation
- Requested Consortium formalize the partnership and become a Coalition Member- someone could sit on Steering Committee of Coalition from Consortium or Matt R could serve as liason
- Trudy liked intern idea- asked Matt if it is appropriate to request internship to support committees- e.g. develop inventory; Matt said it is appropriate, because only need is it is related to land and water conservation- opportunities are paid and unpaid- applicants are interested in both
 - Matt R suggested it is the right time now to post internships for the summer
 - Trudy asked if there are other Consortium-related efforts for internships- let Trudy know in 2 weeks
 - Victor DeSantis- director of Millersville University – also has internship opportunities
 - Marylou stated that there is a student from past Millersville University marketing study that would like to be a summer intern for credit- Mary G stated that for credit there are some requirements for supervision and a place to report to work
 - Kent offered space at the LIMC for an internship to use- also idea for an intern to work on getting Water Forum off the ground
 - Ralph thinks the Technology committee could keep an intern busy for the summer
 - Committee chairs communicate internship needs/ideas to Trudy
- Marylou made a motion for the Consortium to become a Coalition member, Dennis seconded, motion passed unanimously

Fundraising Chair Selection- tabled for now

- Marylou made a motion to table this to future meeting, John seconded, motion passed unanimously
- See how grant RFP plays out

LIMC Update- Mike LaSala

- Mike provided update by email and discussed main points at meeting
- Discussed Montgomery County, MD estimate that it will cost \$1.68 B for county to comply with WIP
- Outfall mapping with interns from Millersville University- Mark Stievers will lead training, Millersville University is handling data with County GIS, LIMC is handling administrative side
- Administrative compliance- housekeeping BMP manual – draft by March 2012
- Day at the Hill- March 6- meet with legislators to discuss storm water related legislation
- Working with Mark Goodno
- Brine water- county commissioners getting complaints that wastewater from Marcellus Shale used as a de-icing agent on roads
- Charlotte said House had passed a bill yesterday, but unsure which- Mike will look into it

- Cory asked if Senator Brubaker had asked Consortium to not take a position on legislation, but Trudy thinks this was an old message, at the time Brubaker was not familiar with bill, and Consortium decided to not voice support for any bills that Brubaker was not supporting. Cory raised question that EFC work is actually suggesting storm water authorities so Consortium is taking a defacto position on authorities.

Sierra Club- Charlotte Katzenmoyer

- 6 points in a letter to DEP on Phase 2 WIPs
 - Strengthening local engagement- strategy not explained in Phase 2 WIP, but should be included- explain how local partners are to participate and how local successful initiatives could be replicated
 - Modeling- thought DEP was using lack of scientific verification in model as a reason to not move forward
 - Not enough info about funding mechanism
 - BMPs- no verification on how they will be collected, reductions verified and submitted
 - SWM- no waste load reduction identified- should be quantified
 - Marcellus Shale- impact not addressed
- Sierra Club asked for clean water agencies to endorse letter
- Mary G identified that public comment period is closed, but can still comment to PADEP- many of the points are similar to those submitted by LTPC, and others
 - Likely that EPA will identify similar concerns to PADEP
- Marylou said that Consortium has wanted to provide comments before, but has had no staff to follow through
- Group felt that these comments have been communicated and since public comment period has ended there is no need to endorse letter or provide further comments
 - Mary G- group should continue to stay focused on working productively with PADEP
 - Marylou identified that Andy Zemba of PADEP will be joining Steering Committee
 - Mike clarified- LIMC is focused on administrative compliance of EPA regulations

BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Marylou notified group that Marcellus Shale meeting scheduled for Thursday has been cancelled due to lack of response- CBF asked Consortium to hold it in future, but for now Marylou has decided to not pursue

Meeting adjourned 5:13

Action Items

1. Angie- sign-in sheet
2. Provide Education committee any suggestions for use of Ag Council training funds
3. Scott provide Angie updated flyer- Angie post Manure Solutions Summit Flyer to Consortium website
4. Ross to chair LID Competition committee and initiate planning efforts
5. Trudy to email Don Robinson to notify Foundation of Consortium's intent to pursue grant writing/finding RFP with Non-profit Research Center for \$250
6. Angie (via Trudy) will provide Technology Committee meeting minutes to all to review
7. Coordinate any internship needs/requests with Trudy- committee chairs identify needs
8. Develop list of benefits of Consortium membership to municipalities- unassigned

Handouts

1. LID Competition White Paper
2. Budget- 2011, January 2012, and proposed 2012
3. LIMC Update

Proposed Future Agenda Items

1. Training Plan for Ag Council Funds- Plan for Education Committee

Calendar of Future Events

2012

March 6- Manure Solutions for Smaller Farming Operations, Farm and Home Center, 9 am - 3pm

March 7- LCCWC Steering Committee, 3-5 pm, Farm and Home Center

April 4- LCCWC Steering Committee, 3-5 pm, Farm and Home Center

May 2- LCCWC Steering Committee, 3-5 pm, Farm and Home Center

June 6- LCCWC Steering Committee, 3-5 pm, Farm and Home Center

July 5- LCCWC Steering Committee, 3-5 pm, Farm and Home Center

August 1- LCCWC Steering Committee, 3-5 pm, Farm and Home Center

September 5- LCCWC Steering Committee, 3-5 pm, Farm and Home Center

October 3- LCCWC Steering Committee, 3-5 pm, Farm and Home Center

November 7- LCCWC Steering Committee, 3-5 pm, Farm and Home Center

December 5- LCCWC Steering Committee, 3-5 pm, Farm and Home Center