

Location: Farm & Home Center Training Room

Voting Members Present: John Bingham, DeeDee McGuire, Jay Snyder, Kent Gardner, Marylou Barton

Non-Voting Members Present: Heather Valudes, Michele Deller, Jay Parrish, Mary Gattis, Don McNutt, Don Robinson, Matt Kofroth, Kara Kalupson, Matt Royer, Charlotte Katzenmoyer, Mark Johnson, Kathy Schreiber;

Guests/Members: Andy Gavin (SRBC), Scott Shealy, Susan Ranck (Kellogg)

Minutes recorded by: Angie Sowers

Approval of Minutes- DeeDee moved to accept the February 1, 2012 minutes as presented, seconded by Marylou, motion pass unanimously

AGENDA ITEMS

Budget- Jay Snyder

- Jay provided budget prior to meeting
- Marylou moved to approve the budget, DeeDee seconded, motion passed unanimously

Mark Johnson raised issues of stop gaps and impending mandates from EPA for storm water

- Kent Gardner discussed coordination LIMC is doing with EPA Regions 3- manual has been prepared for maintenance garages and planning a training for construction activities
- Mark doesn't see how Consortium activities are addressing EPA efforts; thinks increased focus needs to be on things that we receive credit for and can report to EPA
 - Marylou discussed relationship with PADEP/EPA; now have TMDL reduction numbers and are working to develop programs/projects to meet those numbers; TetraTech proposal will do much to move efforts along
 - DeeDee explained that the issue is so big and so many things need to get done that the challenge is to identify priorities and what Consortium should focus upon
 - Mark's concern is that a good reporting system is set up so that County gets credit for projects/plans that are implemented
 - Group does agree that Consortium needs to understand and keep focused on regulatory mandates and that a subcommittee should be formed to address this issue- Mark will talk with Scott/Cory of the storm water group to see if they can take up this issue
 - Don McNutt reminded group that Feb 15 EPA letter criticized PA not Lancaster, and Lancaster is way ahead of the curve, Don will be representing Lancaster efforts at the White House (Jay Parrish will be presenting at NASA HQ); March 30 8 am GIS Grant and mapping efforts will be showcased at Farm and Home Center; with respect to 'recordable bean'- EPA and DEP don't even agree; Don's concern is that backstops are not county specific

Tetra Tech Proposal Update- Marylou Barton presented in Mark Gutshall's absence

- 750 hours approved from TetraTech- Marylou valued this at \$1M
- Mark is waiting from notice from TetraTech to begin
- Proposal developed by Mark Gutshall, Dennis Auker, and Angie Sowers
- Goal is a strategic plan for BMP implementation
- EPA will be involved with guidance of work- TetraTech through past work, knows what EPA wants
- Plan will be devised based on stream segments

- Matt Royer stated that SRBC Project Tracking Tool may have some utility in Phase I of the TetraTech work
 - Inventory of current projects- what has been credited for in model and what have not been accounted for yet
- Mary asked what the demands of the Consortium volunteer time are for working with TetraTech- Marylou said that this should be answered once Mark returns and meets with TetraTech
 - Andy Gavin expressed the view from his experience that in order to get a strong project, there will likely need to be focused effort from this group
- Kent Gardner is going to request time on the County-wide Township's meeting for Consortium to present anticipated efforts in acquiring input on existing BMPs; won't capture Boroughs

Andy Gavin- SRBC monitoring

- Discussed SRBC's activities in county
- Provided handout summarizing SRBC work and discussed highlights
 1. TMDLs- In past SRBC has helped develop local TMDLs for State impaired waters in County (these are different than Bay TMDL) – now active with Octoraro and Conestoga to acquire data to develop TMDLs
 - Design monitoring to try to tease out real-world loads from different land use activities
 2. Source Water Protection
 - In Octoraro are pairing TMDL effort with source water protection efforts to develop comprehensive solutions
 3. Development of project tracking tool- multiple benefits- prevent duplication, coordinate efforts, leverage resources, partner identification- tool near completion

Kent Gardner asked how all the mapping efforts (LMIC/Millersville, Conservation District, SRBC, etc.) could be pulled together; also requested if LIMC can have access to SRBC data- Andy said that all you have to do is request data through him; by end of year, SRBC will have a data portal on website

Charlotte asked for some additional explanation on the types of data SRBC collects; Andy discussed nutrient criteria development for streams- every stream is so diverse and it is difficult to pinpoint one set of numbers that apply to all streams

Ag Council Training Funds Plan- Dennis Groff (Education Committee)- absent, but Michele Deller discussed

- Group is working on a proposal for construction run-off training
- EPA coordination is ongoing to make sure credentials are in place
- Scott stated that the money has been approved, and just need to wrap up the final ends

LCCWC Logo- Marylou Barton

- \$750 proposal for logo from Sharon Martin (Lanc. Co. native)
- Tabled until money available in budget

Hiring of an executive director- DeeDee McGuire and Marylou Barton

- Consortium will not be ready to discuss this to Foundation Board at next meeting
- Don will suggest some dialogue at Foundation meeting on this topic
- Consortium did receive notice that Capacity Building Grant has been received from Chesapeake Bay Funding Network- more information to follow in April
 - Appears to be training for the group to grow its organization
 - DeeDee said that maybe through this process a goal can be set
 - Don discussed options for future- become independent of Foundation, a 501c, etc.

RFP from Non-Profit Resource- Marylou Barton

- Marylou handed out RFP and it is well-done, but Consortium does not have money to move further with effort
- No money will be committed (\$250) because RFP will not be sent out

Lancaster Conservation District Updates- Don McNutt

- GIS work- some counties in PA and possibly MD- may use same software consultant
- Provide Don schedule- once it is developed- for seminars when they develop so that he can coordinate/plan for District clerical work

Development of Tool Inventory- John Bingham

- EPA does have a list of resources
- Could Consortium facilitate development of a tool list- discussion then moved to GIS data inventory
- Mary said County is working on a Water Resource Atlas- intention is for it to be web-based
 - Also will be an effort to keep water resource information up to date and readily available
 - Limitation may be need to have ArcView software to utilize data
- Angie communicated that a GIS data inventory is planned to be included in the TetraTech effort

Membership Committee- Heather Valudes

- DeeDee will track down membership renewal letter for Heather
- Membership form needs one correction- need to request original form from Trudy
- Membership committee will meet March 14 from 1-3 pm at Chamber of Commerce

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- Stormwater Pollution Issue Briefing- focused on businesses in Lancaster City- sponsored by Chamber of Commerce and Lancaster City- open to all- call Chamber office to register- April 3, 3:30-5 pm at City Council Chambers
- March 12- Monday conference call for design competition- 3:45

Environmental Finance Grant- Marylou Barton

- Marylou handed out information
- Each municipality will receive approximately \$60k of forensic audits on their storm water finances through a storm water feasibility study- this will bring ~\$400k into county from EPA
- E. Hempfield, E. Donegal, Lititz Borough, Warwick, East Cocalico, W. Lampeter, and possibly Manheim Twp
- DeeDee said Cory/Scott did a great job presenting to her supervisors
- Kent suggested that next time present opportunity to the LIMC

Save It- Charlotte Katzenmoyer

- City of Lancaster and LIVE Green have partnered for a new program- 'Save It, focused on water conservation; Charlotte provided a flyer

Lancaster County Center for Excellence and Renewable Energy- Mary Gattis

- Meeting this Friday, March 9
- April 7 – Quarterly Breakfast and Bus Tour- Nutrient Solutions and Clean Water- LCCWC is mentioned as a collaborator- Mary offered to provide any input back to this group; this may be an issue for Center also because there has been discussion in that group to stay focused on renewable energy rather than water

- Not sure who targeted audience is
- The group requested that Consortium sponsorship requested for each event individually- possibly through email
- Jay made a motion that Consortium by email make a decision whether the Consortium name should be associated with Breakfast/Bus Tour, DeeDee seconded, motion passed unanimously
- Mary will provide information back to Consortium following Friday's meeting

Internship notices- Matt Royer

Matt reminded group that he can post internship notices

Meeting adjourned 4:50

Action Items

1. DeeDee will track down membership renewal letter for Heather
2. Don McNutt will suggest some dialogue at Foundation meeting on LCCWC's need for an executive director
3. When it is set, Steering Committee owes Don McNutt seminar schedule so he can coordinate/plan for District clerical work
4. Mary Gattis to provide Steering Committee update following Lancaster County Center for Excellence and Renewable Energy meeting on March 9, 2012
4. Consortium by email needs to make a decision whether the Consortium name should be associated with Breakfast/Bus Tour- Facilitator not identified
5. Provide any intership opportunities to Matt Royer for posting

Handouts

Proposed Future Agenda Items

1. Stormwater BMP Tracking and Recording

Calendar of Future Events

2012

April 3- Stormwater Pollution Issue Briefing- focused on businesses in Lancaster City- 3:30-5 pm at City Council Chambers

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