

Voting Members Present: Mark Gutshall, Mike LaSala/Kent Gardner, John Bingham, DeeDee McGuire, Marylou Barton, Trudy Johnston, Jay R. Snyder,

Non-Voting Members Present: Harry Campbell- CBF, Matt Royer, Matt Kofroth, Kara Kalupson, Michelle Deller, Mike Kyle, Heather Valudes

Guests/Members: Jessica Modlofsky, Kristen Kyler, Jayne Ulrich- Penn State

Minutes recorded by: Angie Sowers

Call to order – Kent Gardner

Approval of minutes from May 2, 2012 – Marylou made a motion to accept minutes as presented. DeeDee seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Budget – Jay Snyder

- Jay provided budget summary by email
- DeeDee made a motion to accept Treasure's report, Trudy seconded, motion passed unanimously

TetraTech Proposal Update – Mark Gutshall

- Mark handed out final Scope of Work
- Reviewed effort committed from TetraTech, Auker
- Held a teleconference on May 29, 2012, the following participated- Marylou, Dennis Auker, Mark, Angie Sowers, and Aileen Molloy (Tetra Tech)
- Discussed utilizing Angie on this effort- Mark made a motion to request Angie's support to help with project management, administration, etc. as needed within hours already allocated (3-5 hours/week originally approved). John seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mark is also looking for additional grant money to support the Summit from Andy Zemba, DEP

NFWF Grant Update – Matt Kofroth

- Implementation, Technical, and Municipal teams are meeting and at work
- Work is progressing for a Kick-off event this Sept for residential and municipal side; ag kick-off in Manor Township in July through Conservation District
- Consortium is now administer of grant- \$40k for administration through grant; Conservancy also written into \$80k of in-kind match over 3 years- Can Consortium take this on?- stormwater committee meetings (commenting on Act 167), Steering Committee meetings would count towards the match and efforts can be retrospective to February 2010 when grant was provided.
 - Matt is requesting whether that is achievable – Group thinks this will not be a problem
 - Matt has not gotten an answer from Conservancy as to whether they will still provide some portion of \$80k
 - Jay identified that Marylou had previously requested matching hours 6 months ago- 1500 hours- at \$50/hour = \$75k
 - Mark said there may be a limit on hourly rate
 - Angie will contact Lindsay to check on hourly rate
 - Angie and Matt are tasked with documenting match funds

Bill Rawlyk - Open Space Institute- unable to attend, will attend in July Marylou Barton provided the following update

- Open Space Institute has been asked to come to Lancaster County and talk with those working on clean water issues by William Penn Foundation; they are scoping for future grant making with intent of writing a report; the effort has the potential to bring funds into County; possibly future matching funds for grants
- Matt Kofroth added that Bill is looking to mainly work in the upper highlands region, prioritizing some small watersheds for implementation; not necessarily county-wide; potential to link implementation work with easements
- Marylou identified need to avoid territorial disputes, negative discussion between groups

Watershed groups are struggling – how can the CWC assist- All

- Kent has been attending meetings of watershed groups
 - Sees the potential for Consortium to organize a quarterly meeting in the future of all watershed groups- potential to facilitate one watershed group helping another with work
 - Mike raised idea of Consortium providing administrative support across the County for groups- Jay identified that Matt does this with his website, and people can only do so much
 - Should Consortium look to develop money for a staff person to do this
 - Matt said it would be beneficial, but may not be sustainable
 - Matt suggested a better framework may be that the groups become attached to municipalities such as Environmental Advisory Councils (EACs)- complicated by watershed boundaries extending across multiple municipalities
 - John B identified that Sierra Club will provide volunteers to help with manpower
 - Harry Campbell identified that there is a disconnect in PA- watershed groups do not have close relationship with municipalities
 - Structure elsewhere works better- professional staff on watershed groups- Michigan is example provided- in early 2000's with MS4s- they assigned public participation and education to watershed groups along with funding
 - Matt raised issue going on in Hammer Creek
- Marylou suggested this be tabled to draw in input from watershed groups to better understand their needs
 - Matt said that we do have a lot of experience in room that understands needs
 - One of goals of Consortium was to have a professional staff person that could provide assistance to watershed groups
- Kent identified need to get watershed groups to not view other groups as competitors
- Matt Royer spoke for his role in Conewago group- there is a need for administrative capacity; had to cancel meetings; need for outreach strategy to get information out to papers, membership and leadership recruitment- they have no problem getting people out for volunteer plantings; need to find a new president- assistance with this

Demonstration of Lancaster County Conservation District Geo-spatial Software – Matt Kofroth

- Next Demo July 31 from 9-10 am at Shady Maple- Consortium is invited
- Could a demo be included in an educational seminar Matt will discuss with Don
- Mike LaSala said there is a potential for circuit rider to add Suburban/Urban BMPs
 - Alliance of Bay has \$4M NFWF grant and circuit rider could be a piece of this- could provide a staff person
 - NFWF has picked up responsibility for circuit rider from EPA

Committee Updates

Technical Committee- Trudy Johnston

- Provided June 1 conference call notes
- Decided to focus on Manure treatment- will reach out to Don McNutt for his input
 - Want to lay out problem; where are excess nutrients; what technologies are available; costs
 - PA WIP says there will be 40 regional digesters- unsure if this will remain in WIP
 - Regional concept is not the answer due to need to haul manure across roads
 - Lancaster Co already knows this is not feasible – had contractor analyze this for \$60k
- Mike LaSala discussed Green Harvest program- takes solid and liquid manure- has a good slide on how technology works
- Mark said there may be an opportunity for TetraTech to look into this- requested that Trudy provide a scope with tasks and requested effort- summarized needs request—TetraTech effort is looking to identify the practices that are most cost-effective for implementation in Lancaster Co

Education Committee- Marylou Barton

- Seminars- Theme- What is Clean Water and how do we get it back
- Clean Water 101, 201, 301- source water protection and this means protecting the Bay
- Dates have been set- Sep 13, Oct 11, Nov 8

New Business

NFWF Walk-up Assistance Grant- Kent Gardner

- Potential to receive up to \$40k to move projects forward; standard request is \$10-\$20k
- Kent raised this opportunity and supports pursuing grant
- Mark is uncomfortable due to potential conflict of interest- LandStudies has been pre-selected by NFWF as qualified contractor to provide assistance in 8 areas; only 2 other groups in State have also been selected (PA Environmental Council and Western PA Conservancy)
- Mark left the room at this time to allow the Steering Committee to discuss potential conflict of interest issue and grant
- NFWF has identified areas that typically need funding support- planning and design, facilitation of projects, etc. with a priority toward WIP, TMDL support – work that can get done quick and set stage for future NFWF request and implementation
- Proposals are short- one page, but scope is specific
- As discussed, request would be for assistance with Tetra Tech effort
- DeeDee reviewed procedure for determining Conflict of Interest
 - Trudy suggests arranging a conference call with the Foundation and do ‘due diligence’ to document reasons why having Mark do the work is appropriate
 - Group would like to see money stay within Lancaster County
- Matt Royer, having an understanding of grant program, does think this is a suitable opportunity for LCCWC
 - Request should focus on applying for tasks that do lead to a future implementable project
 - Once funding is received, you have 9 months to complete effort
- Harry Campbell, CBF suggested asking NFWF about project, if they really want implementable projects then we may want to ask for assistance at a future time for implementing WIP
- Trudy asked about time frame and whether this grant opportunity will exist in the future
 - Harry stated that at this point, he was not aware that any deadlines are set, but unsure about how much money is available
- Process going forward- talk with Foundation, NFWF, and then LandStudies- Kent with talk with Don McNutt and Don Robinson (Foundation)- if they think it is appropriate to proceed, Matt Royer will speak with NFWF once he is provided additional details

- Marylou mentioned that we should also look at how LCCD and Foundation select contractors
- John Bingham has experience with W PA Conservancy- probably most organized conservancy in State; PEC is good with strategic planning
- Mark returned to room for remainder
- Mark clarified his vision for how grant could be used- Summit (secondary) and project management (primary purpose)- coordination/facilitation between Auker/TetraTech; funds would support LandStudies staff and potentially Angie
- Goal is to make a decision by the next Steering Committee meeting
- Mark will prepare a brief Scope of Work with some details on tasks
- Jay suggested putting effort out for bid, but process can be cumbersome
- Not a legal issue, but ethic- all signed a conflict of interest that we would not benefit from participation in Consortium, unless properly disclosed

Trudy identified need for a media person- someone to help with public outreach and communication

Trudy- DEP push for Manure management plans and Erosion and Sediment Control Plan

- Brochure provided
- Potential future agenda item
- Enforcement will impact activities in Lancaster Co- can put less manure on ground
- Don –EPA decision-poultry manure burner under 2.5 M BTU/hr output will not require air emissions permit- per burner, not additive on farms with more than one burner
- May EPA letter discussed- ag compliance, manure to energy
 - EPA will be back throughout summer for farm visits
- Marylou asked about conflict of interest between Ag Council and those getting poultry burner contracts- Don explained that they initially put out a request to farmers in Lanc Co who might be interested in burner through Lancaster farmer publication for CIG (Conservation Initiative Grant- for developing technologies) grant (NRCS to NFWF to a management team)- selected farmer was on the Ag Council and Conservation Board- signed a conflict of interest form previously, everything was in the open, ad was put in the paper
 - Don recently participated in ethics meeting and doesn't think they would have done anything differently
 - Right now a good percentage of poultry litter goes to Mushroom growers in Chester Co- if mushroom growers move to Mexico- and already know some have bought land there- there will be a large void to fill

Mike LaSala

- **MS4 enforcement will be a focus in future**
- Construction permits- PA made it harder- SWP for construction divided into 3 parts. One problem is E&S is sealed prior to permit being provided, no contractor input- does not allow contractor to make changes to solve problems without violating contract
 - Don- pre-application meeting provides an opportunity to evaluate construction sequence and determine that problems won't occur
 - Just recently limit moved from 5 ac to 1 ac to trigger permit

Mark raised need to put Mike LaSala on all agendas for LIMC updates- group agreed

Matt Royer- Farmer Mapping Workshop at PSU

- Harrisburg- July 21- Online tool to enable farmers to develop farm maps that are required for nutrient management plans
- hands-on workshop in computer lab
- farmers can leave with maps in hand

Next Meeting – July 11, 2012- A CHANGE FROM JULY 5- Location Change- Pennfield Room (Multipurpose Room) at the rear of the Farm and Home Center lobby

Adjournment 4:50

Action Items:

1. Trudy requested Heather Valudes check if Material Matters was sent a membership renewal. She has not received one.
2. Trudy to provide request for assistance to help with defining manure problem from TetraTech to Mark
3. Kent with talk with Don McNutt and Don Robinson (Foundation) regarding NFWF Walk-up Assistance Grant and potential conflict of interest issue with LandStudies; if outcome of discussion is that Consortium should proceed, Matt Royer will discuss with NFWF; should also consider how LCCD and Foundation select contractors
 - a. At appropriate time, Mark will prepare a brief Scope of Work with some details on tasks

Future Agenda Items:

1. Need for a media person
2. Increased enforcement of compliance and impacts
3. LIMC Updates from Mike LaSala- 5-10 minutes
4. Open Space Institute
5. Water Resources Education Network
6. Further discussion of how Consortium can assist watershed groups

Handouts

1. Tetra Tech Scope
2. Technology Committee June 1 conference notes
3. Manure Management pamphlet