

Location: Farm & Home Center

Voting Members Present: Mark Johnson, Cory Rathman, Jay Snyder, Kent Gardner, John Bingham, Mark Gutshall, Heather Valudes, Joellyn Warren, Scott Hain

Non-Voting Steering Committee Members Present: Kent Bitting, Don McNutt, Matt Kofroth, Kara Kalupson, Kristen Kyler

Guests/Members: none

Approval of Minutes- Jay made a motion to accept minutes from minutes. John seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes recorded by: Angie Sowers

AGENDA ITEMS

Budget Committee- Jay Snyder

- Jay provided budget report via email. There was no discussion.

Motion to provide Consortium funding to support 50% of the cost for the Foundation audit and 990 financials- Don McNutt

- \$1625 had been set aside in budget to contribute to Foundation audit
- Jay made a motion to move the money budgeted for this purpose from the Consortium to the Foundation. Cory seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Landowner Agreement for \$85,000 in funding through DEP- Kara K.

- Kara provided draft Landowner Agreement (Handout)
 - Duplicate of agreement from Conewago amended to Lancaster County for Streamside Grant Program
- Joellyn asked if this agreement has any ‘teeth’. Discussion ensued about who and how to enforce.
 - Municipal stormwater agreement will serve the need for some projects, but not all.
- Could have this document recorded with the property so that it will then stay with the property.
 - Landowner would have the responsibility to record the agreement.
 - This may not be attractive to some property owners, but group agreed that a clause should be added that states that the agreement when deemed necessary at the discretion of the Consortium is recorded- for projects that are higher in cost (~>\$5k or 10k)
- Purpose of agreement is to ensure that the project is implemented correctly and maintained.
- The time that the agreement is in effect for (bullet #12) was discussed. Jay suggested leaving it blank and setting the timeframe based on the lifespan of the BMP as specified by the contractor.
- Mark J. suggested that there may need to be some blanks (flexibility) built in for amortization for larger grants so that BMPs with longer lifespans would only pay back a portion.
- Want to be careful- too many requirements will scare potential participants away.
- ACTION: Provide comments on agreement to Matt/Kara by May 20.

Potential Future Guest Speaker- Kent Gardner

- Sales rep for company that sells permeable pavement, matting, etc. wants to provide the group a short presentation
- Group was open to this. ACTION: Kent will set this up.

Use of remaining NFWF funds by LCCWC- Matt Kofroth

- Could provide funds to Little Conestoga Watershed Alliance to do a reassessment of their 2002 watershed assessment.
 - This could mesh with potential follow-up TetraTech work
- Don M. mentioned work by Jim Shortle of Penn State- he has done an analysis where he divided up WIP allocations across all watersheds equally to target BMPs at multiple scales; evaluates efficiency and cost-effectiveness
 - Kristen will contact Shortle
 - PADEP is going to have more funding for ag BMPs or stormwater BMPs through municipalities so we need to not let this fall to wayside
 - Conservationtracker will be used to log all BMPs
 - ACTION: Don M. will check to see if Andy Hake (LCCD) can provide a presentation to group on the tool
- ACTION: Angie will meet with Kelly Gutshall to discuss if TetraTech and Little Conestoga reassessment can be meshed into a project

Follow-up on pull-up sign costs- Heather Valudes

- \$285 for pull-up banner; \$65 for set up costs; full color
- Can be set up on a table or at full height
- ACTION: Kent G will provide Heather V electronic LCCWC logo files

NEW BUSINESS

- May 10 will be announcement of next round of Growing Greener
- Mark G- Big Spring Run report has been completed- 5 year monitoring study- Mark suggested that a presentation should be provided to the group in the future
 - ACTION: Angie will provide report to group

LCCWC attendee at WREN meeting (June 10-11)

- Joellyn will attend
- A number of presentations have been mentioned during meeting. Group discussed the idea of scheduling them all for one evening/late afternoon and inviting a broader audience.
 - Kent G. suggested spending some funds to provide a light dinner. This would cover outreach/education for MS4 municipalities in membership
- Kent discussed a very efficient device that he used to plant trees- made in Brickerville (Lanc Co), Kent asked if we thought we should have one to provide to watershed groups to use
 - Matt K stated that LCCD does have an auger available for their use
- Lancaster Lakes follow-up- Don M. met with Joe Heller, but does not think that there is anything for LCCWC to pursue at this time
- PADEP is looking to focus on Chiques Creek, a more concerted effort for TMDL- similar to Conewago, but will be more government driven as opposed to non-profits
- Kent announced that first application for Streamside Grant Program has been received from Warwick Twp for \$20k for work in Santo Domingo

Meeting adjourned 4:30

HANDOUTS

1. Draft Landowner agreement

ACTION ITEMS

1. Kara K. will provide landowner agreement to Angie to distribute
2. Provide comments on agreement to Matt/Kara by May 20
3. Kent G. will set a time for sales rep to present to group.
4. Angie will meet with Kelly Gutshall to discuss if TetraTech and Little Conestoga reassessment can be meshed into a project
5. Don M. will check to see if Andy Hake (LCCD) can provide a presentation to group on the conservationtracker tool
6. Angie will provide Big Spring Report to group
7. Kent G will provide Heather V electronic LCCWC logo files

Future Agenda Items

Calendar of Future Events

June 4 – LCCWC Steering Committee Meeting, 3-5 pm, Farm and Home Center
July 2 – LCCWC Steering Committee Meeting, 3-5 pm, Farm and Home Center
August 6 – LCCWC Steering Committee Meeting, 3-5 pm, Farm and Home Center
September 3 – LCCWC Steering Committee Meeting, 3-5 pm, Farm and Home Center
October 1 – LCCWC Steering Committee Meeting, 3-5 pm, Farm and Home Center
November 5 – LCCWC Steering Committee Meeting, 3-5 pm, Farm and Home Center
December 7 – LCCWC Steering Committee Meeting, 3-5 pm, Farm and Home Center