

Location: Farm & Home Center

Voting Members Present: Joellyn Warren, Mark Johnson, John Bingham, Kent Gardner, Jay Snyder

Non-voting Steering Committee Members Present: Kara Kalupson, Matt Kofroth, Kent Bitting, Chris Thompson, Mike Kyle, Kristen Kyler, Matt Royer, Andy Zemba

Guests/non-SC Members: Jim Shortle, Tony Buda

Approval of Minutes: Jay made a motion to approve July 2 minutes. John B. seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes recorded by: Angie Sowers

AGENDA ITEMS

Budget Committee- Jay Snyder

Jay provided Treasurer's report via email. There was no discussion.

Penn State University presentation- Jim Shortle/Matt Royer/Tony Buda- PSU Center for Nutrient Solutions

- multi-yr EPA funded project
- aim is to provide information to help with strategically siting and selecting BMPs
- 4 watersheds with rich data sets (1 in DE, 3 in PA; across physiogeographic provinces- Spring Creek, Mahantango Creek, Conewago Creek, and Manokin River)- starting with small watersheds that they know a lot about to test out ideas, but eventually would like to scale up to places like Lancaster Co.
 - Will scale up twice to larger watersheds with less and less data
 - Lititz Spring and Conestoga suggested by LCCWC as potential candidates
- 21 researchers on projects; various components
- will evaluate economic value of ecosystem services
- how do you evaluate alternatives?
- how do you work with communities?
- will develop a number of scenarios for each watershed and run scenarios through decision support process
- ACTION ITEM-Jay will provide link to WERF's Framework model for them to consider and see if there are similarities
- Heavy on modeling
- Andy Z- scaling up may be timed well with the Phase 3 WIPs in 2017
- August 21, 1-4 pm meeting at PSU-Harrisburg with Community Partners Council
- Website is in development for project

Little Conestoga Action Plan Scope- Matt Kofroth

- Discussion focused on redirecting \$50k from LCCWC salary/benefits from NFWF grant to perform updated assessment and action plan for Little Conestoga Creek watershed
- Matt and Andy (LCCD) may make minor changes regarding LCCD participation/input that may have some impact on final costs
- Matt Royer mentioned that this effort (or something close to it) was included in the original NFWF proposal, but it got cut out because costs were too high
- Andy has some concerns with what proposal states that GIS tool can provide and data that will need to be provided to him (nutrient reduction of various BMPs)

- Another data need- drainage acreage and other efficiencies for ag BMPs
- Worldview would also need to modify system to be able to include data which would likely include additional costs
- Unclear what 'priority focal points' and how these would be determined
- Jay made a motion to redirect \$50k from LCCWC salary/benefits from NFWF grant to perform updated assessment and action plan for Little Conestoga Creek watershed with the understanding that LCCD and LandStudies will work out issues and uncertainties raised by LCCD pertaining to but not limited to GIS tools. Joellyn seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

- Jay asked about status of PADEP Streamside Grant awards
 - Kent Bitting has signed letters and they will be mailed with Landowner Agreements
 - LCCD has submitted first invoice to PADEP, it has been sent to Comptroller, expect receipt of first payment by late August/early September to cover some of audits and Paula's time
 - Expectation is that most of projects will be started by end of year, possibly even completed

New Business

- Kent mentioned the idea of holding a golf tournament to raise LCCWC funds at Conestoga Country Club- will get more information for next meeting
 - Chris mentioned that registration typically covers costs, and sponsorships is where you make money
- Pequea Creek Watershed- having an event on Big Beaver Creek- invertebrate survey and fish shocking- August 16
 - ACTION ITEM- Angie will post flyer to LCCWC website
- Growing Greener Susquehanna- Kristen Kyler- has seedlings available for riparian buffers and forest areas- trees and shrubs- good variety

Meeting adjourned 4:30

HANDOUTS

None

ACTION ITEMS

1. Jay will provide link to WERF's Framework model for them to consider and see if there are similarities
2. Angie will post flyer about upcoming Pequea Creek event to LCCWC website

Calendar of Future Events

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