

Location: Farm & Home Center

Voting Members Present: Cory Rathman, Scott Hain, Logan Myers, Kent Gardner, Joellyn Warren, Mark Johnson, John Bingham, Mike LaSala, Jay Snyder

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

Guests/non-SC Members: none

Approval of Minutes- A motion was made to approve August, September, and October's minutes by Joellyn. Logan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes recorded by: Angie Sowers

AGENDA ITEMS

Budget Committee- Jay Snyder

William's Pipeline- Funding for Mitigation and Minimization- Joellyn Warren

- Williams is working with Conservation Fund on mitigation measures. Conservation Fund is holding a meeting on Nov 18 for environmental groups to discuss potential projects.
- Williams has established Community Grant Program- \$10k twice a year
- Joellyn has requested to attend Nov 18 meeting for LCCWC- for other projects not covered by Community Grant Programs
- Last Monday there was a meeting to coordinate requests to benefit the County with the Conservancy and Farmland Trust- want to avoid unnecessary competition and project selection by outside group (Conservation Fund)
 - Decided to request a pot of money collectively (Stewardship Fund)- potentially \$30-50M- for restoration projects and land acquisition, that a yet to be named group would administer locally
- Logan pointed out that even though LCCWC may not be taking a position, by accepting funding LCCWC will by default be aligned with Williams- want to avoid being viewed as being bought off
 - Joellyn stated that some think having local control over fund would avoid the perception of being bought off by outside money
- Kent- LCCWC falls under CFLC so we will have to follow CFLC guidelines- this will be a topic of discussion at tonight's Board meeting
 - Chris T- thinks this is a good proactive approach for Lancaster County, but should have project list ready
- What are LCCWC projects to be presented?
 - Joellyn- we don't have projects at this point, but District does
 - Kent- we can say though that we have administered grant money and have other projects that could be prepared for funding

PA MAGIC and Universal Data Gathering on GIS Mapping- Kent Gardner

- MAGIC is a data collection program
- Met with County GIS- when County gets BMP data from municipalities throughout County the data is very inconsistent
 - LCCWC work with MU has automated PADEP data form for consistent data collection
 - Could be a good project for LCCWC to lead an effort to develop universal data gathering
 - Including uniform coding of piping, uniform calculation of infiltration quantities, pollutant reduction loads, etc.

- Funding would be needed for model/tool development, funding for monitoring and collecting available data, and funding for implementation across County
 - Similar in effort to the WorldView project, the LIMC is trying to get funded, but effort Kent has envisioned would be an expansion
- Cory asked how this would benefit our membership
 - Logistics is an issue
 - Could fill data gaps for municipalities, and combine municipality data for specific watersheds (most watersheds are covered by multiple municipalities)
- Jay discussed cooperative effort going on in Cocalico Creek watershed between 10 municipalities of watershed- signed MOU and contributed funds to do mapping and data analysis with LandStudies
- Kent is trying to pull a meeting together to discuss with municipalities
 - Group decided to allow LMIC/WorldView process to play out further and to revisit in the new year
- Matt suggested having a data or monitoring summit
- This effort is focused on assisting with MS4 reporting and TMDL/BMP reporting to PADEP and EPA

Golf Tournament Fundraiser- Kent Gardner

- Kent got tentative approval from Foundation to explore holding a golf tournament for a fundraiser
- Conestoga Country Club would be a prime spot because of recent projects
- Could partner with Little Conestoga Watershed Alliance
- Foundation is worried about liability and ‘what could we lose’
- Money is raised by hole sponsorship; could make \$5-10k if do OK and up to \$40k for good turnout
 - Invite supervisors, engineers, etc.
- Group was concerned with the audience draw, but doesn’t hurt to explore; labor intensive to set up for potentially small return
 - Kara suggested adding some sort of educational aspect so that there is the opportunity to receive continuing ed credits- this might be a good added incentive to improve attendance
 - Cory did state that the standards for continuing ed credits is getting more rigorous
- ACTION ITEM: Kent will explore the idea; Mike LaSala will provide information on continuing ed crediting; Cory will pursue continuing ed crediting process

Governor’s Award Application- Kent Gardner

- MU wants to pursue a Governor’s Award with LIMC and LCCWC for cooperative GIS work
- Group thought this was a good idea
- ACTION ITEM: Kent will pursue this

NEW BUSINESS

Andy Zemba

- Dennis Auker has approached EPA about doing some additional consulting for watershed groups
- Andy asked group if they were aware of any current needs for consulting
- Chris asked if there is a way for LCCWC to apply for grant monies on behalf of its membership
 - Andy stated that the Foundation as the 501(c) could apply to a grant to PADEP on behalf of member watersheds organizations
 - Joellyn asked if there are grants for planning and technical assistance? requested that this need be communicated back to PADEP- the message is constantly that we need to get projects in the ground, but without proper planning, projects can’t be prepared, and funding is very limited for planning
 - Pequea and Chiques Creeks were discussed as having planning needs

Follow-up on past Action Items:

- Angie will request that Heather send a membership application to East Hempfield
- Kent will follow-up with Craig Lehman regarding Horst/power ponds
- Workshop ideas- GIS training to municipalities- maybe associated with WorldView (if that effort is completed); General housekeeping for public works departments/EPA audits
 - Chris suggested surveying membership for workshop needs

Streamside Project Grant

- Received 4 of 5 landowners agreements; W. Lampeter is planning on waiting until Spring
- Leiderkranz projects are complete (under budget); Conestoga Country Club has completed their raingarden, planting will be completed in spring (expect to be under budget); Warwick Twp project is in process
- Haven't heard from Lititz Borough yet
- Andy Zemba suggested a press event in the spring when things are greening up

Meeting adjourned 4:45

HANDOUTS

none

ACTION ITEMS

1. Kent will explore the idea of holding a golf tournament; Mike LaSala will provide information on continuing ed crediting; Cory will pursue continuing ed crediting process
2. Kent will pursue Governor's Award Application

Future Agenda Items

1. Development of County-wide map of shovel-ready projects for generating interest in mitigation projects from pipeline construction
2. Workshop ideas/member benefits
3. Lancaster Against Pipeline
4. Revisit Universal Data Gathering/GIS in 2015

Calendar of Future Events

December 7 – LCCWC Steering Committee Meeting, 3-5 pm, Farm and Home Center