

Location: Farm & Home Center

Voting Members Present: Mark Johnson, Joellyn Warren, Kent Gardner, Mark Gutshall, Cory Rathman, Logan Myers, Jay Snyder, Heather Valudes

Non-Voting Steering Committee Members Present: Matt Kofroth, Kristen Kyler, Chris Thompson; Hillary Yarger; Ruth Hocker

Guests/non-SC Members: Sarah Gibson

Approval of Minutes- A motion was made to approve July minutes by Kent G. Logan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes recorded by: Angie Sowers

AGENDA ITEMS

Budget Committee- Jay Snyder

- Consortium has a balance of slightly over \$30k for future efforts

Outreach and Education

- Trainings and Workshops
 - Right of Way maintenance workshop by Penn State Ag and Environment Center – Kristen Kyler
 - August 28; credits being provided for various categories; lunch provided; \$25, LCCWC members get \$5 discount; all profits go to LCCWC
 - Focus will be on managing ROW and buffers, or pipeline pathways, etc. to prevent pesticides from getting into waterways as well as to promote native vegetation
 - SC provided Kristen recommendations for groups to which to distribute invite
 - Engineer's Training – Cory Rathman
 - Riparian Buffer Workshop-- Focus will be on riparian buffers- how to incorporate into ordinance so that they will become effective; maintenance; and as a component of MS4 and Ches Bay TMDL
 - 2 hour session
 - Geared to municipalities with a focus on having buffers incorporated into WIPs
 - October targeted at Home and Farm Center
 - Chris Johnson offered that Stroud would be willing to present on benefits and increased benefits with width
 - Mark G suggested incorporating a real-life example to discuss challenges and implementation
 - Logan suggested a site at Millport Conservancy and that they could host
 - LCPC speakers series – Mark Huber (Joellyn presented in his absence)
 - Mark is working on official brochure; should be prepared for next week
 - LCPC office, 1st floor
 - September 11-December 4; 10:30-12 pm
 - Mini-audits/DEP Training – Joellyn
 - Audience is public works and administrators; provided recommendations to municipalities for practices to include in MS4; past ones were led by Kara Kalupson
 - Looking to do 4 more mini-audits within next 12 months; LCATS is lead (Les Houck)

- \$200 per participant- 2 benefits- credit for education in MS4 as well as recommended practices to implement
- Model MS4/Mapping- Joellyn
 - DEP is working with West Lampeter Township and Ches Bay Watershed Alliance to provide a model map for municipalities to use as part of their MS4 submittals
 - Expected to be complete in September
 - May be a good product to communicate to engineers at October Riparian Buffer training
- CS Davidson would like to present their software to map stormwater network at September LCCWC meeting – software will be offered to LCCWC members at a discount if SC supports LCCWC endorsement
 - Compatible with PADEP worksheets, MU work, and County network
- Newsletter/Blog/Website – Kristen/Joellyn
 - Kristen provided newsletter template and requested comments from SC (ACTION)
 - Seasonal distribution
 - Targeting to get out next week
 - Angie will provide Kristen the log-in information for the email system to distribute to membership
 - Joellyn asked if LCCWC should set up a Facebook page to be able to communicate on a more frequent basis- for future discussion

Fundraising- Kent Gardner

- Membership Update – Heather
 - Heather provided an update as to memberships received and those that are expected
 - Expect that we will exceed the renewed total
- Signage – Heather
 - Sign is at printers- H&H Group – provided a substantial discount
 - Heather will request invoice and Chris Johnson will coordinate a check to be prepared because payment is due on delivery - \$265
 - Expect to house it at Home and Farm Center
- Golf – Kent G
 - Golf outing was a success; \$7,600 was received; \$5,100.16 in expenses; \$2,399.84 was raised for LCCWC/LCWA; Kent is going to work out with LCWA how this will be divided between LCCWC and LCWA
 - Mark thanked Kent for all the effort that he put in to make this happen
 - Kent G. said that there was about \$600 in expenses for supplies that could be used next year
- Rainbarrel Grant – Joellyn
 - Not funded by Community Foundation but Fritz Schroeder is still planning to do a rainbarrel program
 - Jay stated that they have barrels and will contact Fritz

Water Quality/Compliance

- Little Conestoga NFWF Update – Matt Kofroth
 - Grant ended on July 31; last 10% of grant won't be provided until final report is submitted and approved by NFWF

- There are invoices for contractors that are due; Matt requested to use ~\$12k of LCCWC funds to pay contractors for the work they have done and then once final funding is provided, LCCWC will be reimbursed. Matt expects final payment in October.
- Jay made a motion to provide no greater than \$13k of LCCWC to Matt to pay contractors with LCCWC to be reimbursed no later than October. Kent G. seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Streamside Grants – Chris Johnson
 - Kent has submitted receipts to DEP and they are being processed
- Watershed Action Plans – Joellyn
 - Group met with PADEP Deputy Secretary to discuss Lancaster County being used as a model; PADEP is having difficulty reconciling ag and suburban/urban
 - Plan to present Little Conestoga Action Plan and process to PADEP/Kelly Heffner in next few weeks
 - LCCWC is positioned to facilitate efforts with EPA and PADEP
- DEP sub-committee work groups – Joellyn
 - PADEP is attempting to solicit comments from groups external to PADEP on meeting milestones

NEW BUSINESS

- SRBC's Chiques Watershed meeting – Kent G/Mark G
 - Chiques is going to be a demo for an alternative TMDL
 - SRBC is trying to identify interested stakeholders – LCCWC has an interest to be included in effort
 - SRBC is sub-contractor to DEP because of SRBC's monitoring experience
- Joellyn asked if we should reach out to members to thank them and request input on tools or training they would like to see offered- group decided to provide an opportunity to attendees as seminars/trainings for input
- Sarah Gibson invited LCCWC to any of the Chiques Creek Watershed Alliance meetings/activities –
 - Land Studies is going to develop a Watershed Action Plan for Chiques – Action Plan workshop is Aug 19 at 7:30 am at Manheim Farm Show Building
 - Creek Stomp is Aug 19 at 6 pm
 - Logan Park – funded through NFWF and Growing Greener – floodplain restoration project currently under construction within an active recreation area
- Matt Royer submitted a funding request

Meeting adjourned 4:30 pm

September Agenda Items:

1. CS Davidson stormwater network mapping software

Action Items:

1. Provide Kristen input on newsletter