

Location: Farm & Home Center

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

Non-Voting Steering Committee Members Present: Kent Bitting, Ruth Anne Hocker, Fritz Schroeder

Approval of Minutes- A motion was made to approve November minutes with a change to the month on the header to November by Mark Johnson. Kent Gardner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes recorded by: Kent Bitting

AGENDA ITEMS

Budget Committee- Jay Snyder

- There is currently \$29,198.41 in the checking account.

Outreach and Education

- Newsletter Articles – Joellyn – looking for articles
- Trainings and Workshops
 - MS4 DEP/EPA Webinar wrap-up - Joellyn
 - 60 people attended
 - ARRO Consulting Group presented
 - Kara & Charlie discussed their audits
 - MS4 Education for Elected Officials - Joellyn
 - Basic information is still needed. May need to go back to basics for next workshop.
 - Mark Gutshall stated Mike LaSala would be able to assist.
 - Engineer's Roundtable – Cory
 - No update at this time.

Fundraising- Kent Gardner

- Membership Fee Schedule – Heather – Joellyn spoke to Heather
 - DEP wants to see municipalities to have more skin in the game
 - Need to review fee schedule
 - What should watershed associations pay?
 - There was a discussion regarding how the LIMC fee was determined.
 - The membership letters will be sent in March.
- Membership Advertisement to Meet MCM Public Education and Outreach - Joellyn
 - Similar to ad that Capital Region COG published in Patriot News
 - Looking to publish in Lancaster newspaper in January
 - Will assist municipalities in meeting MS4 education and outreach

Water Quality/Compliance

- Chiques Creek Reenvisioned NFWF Grant - Joellyn
 - Attended first meeting in December.

- LCCWC was awarded \$76,000 as part of the grant for BMPs.
- SRBC Chiques Watershed – Kent G
 - Received approval for Water Quality Facility at Leiderkranz.
 - Hoping to have another meeting in January.
- Watershed Action Plans/DEP Meeting – Joellyn
 - DEP wants to see municipalities to have more skin in the game
 - Need to further develop link between LCCWC, municipalities and proof of investment
- Small grant similar to WREN grant for members - Joellyn
 - Consortium currently has \$30,000 in operations budget.
 - Would like to start the small grant (\$3,000-5,000) which would include a matching fund requirement.
 - Need a committee to work on details.

Workforce Development

- Looking to create a workgroup to develop program.
- How can we partner with institutions for clean water intern?
- Heather has provided contacts at Thaddeus Stevens and Scott Sheely, PDA
- Need to talk to business entities
- Invite Thaddeus Stevens to meeting for discussion of their program and ways to partner

LCCWC Application for Governor's Award

- Deadline needs to be determined.
- A description is needed and could focus on the various mapping tools available
- By general consensus, a December submission was acceptable if the deadline is prior to the next meeting

Email list

- Currently being worked on.

NEW BUSINESS

- Keeping our Water at Home Initiative – Mark G.
 - There was a meeting held in June with EPA concerning a Public/Private Partnership for funding stormwater projects headed by venture capital groups
 - Would tie into the Chiques Creek Watershed Pilot Program
 - A meeting was held with Secretaries Quigley and Redding
 - Spoke with Matt Royer and SRBC
 - LCCWC would be facilitator
 - Mark G. will provide updates as necessary.
- Kleinschmidt Grant Presentation
 - Kleinschmidt needs to present the outcomes of their constructed wetland grant.
 - A presentation at the Consortium's February Meeting is acceptable.
- Additional Film Screening
 - Mark G. contacted Jenna Mitchell about additional film screenings and Jenna is open to the idea.
 - The Conservancy is agreeable to assist Jenna.

Meeting adjourned 5:10 pm