

**Location:** Farm & Home Center

**Voting Members Present:** John Bingham, Mark Johnson, Jay Snyder, Joellyn Warren, Mike LaSala, Kent Gardner, Heather Valudes, Cory Rathman

**Non-Voting Steering Committee Members Present:** Kent Bitting, Renee Reber (CBF), Fritz Schroeder, Matt Kofroth, Mark Huber, Kristen Kyler, Tyler Kreider (Kleinschmidt), Jim Caldwell (Rettew), Sarah Gibson (Little Chiques Watershed Alliance/Rapho Twp), Chris Thompson

**Minutes recorded by:** Angie Sowers

**Approval of Minutes-** A motion was made by Kent Gardner to approve January minutes. John Bingham seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### ***AGENDA ITEMS***

#### **Budget Committee- Jay Snyder**

- Jay provided budget report via email. There were 3 transactions in January.

#### **Kleinschmidt Constructed Wetland Growing Greener Grant – Tyler Kreider**

- Final project update
- 2013 Growing Greener Grant; construction started Oct 2013; Planted April 2014
- Retrofit of a detention basin into an artificial wetland
- 7 ac watershed drains to site
- Benefits- aesthetics, wildlife habitat, borough education, contribute to MS4, public outreach and education, evapotranspiration
- Tyler.Kreider@KleinschmidtGroup.com
- Came in under budget ~\$30k total cost
  - Lessons learned 1. Bring contractor into the process as soon as possible
  - 2. Watch weather – lost resources when heavy rains came after seeding

#### **Outreach and Education**

- Newspaper article/advertisement
  - Provide municipalities an opportunity to participate in advertisement/newspaper article focused on residential practices to manage stormwater – municipalities can take credit for this in MS4
  - Cost for LNP anticipated to be \$500-\$1000 which is why the idea has changed to soliciting an article
  - Timing seems appropriate given EPA's release of funds and DEP re-boot
  - ACTION ITEM: Heather will investigate costs
- Trainings and Workshops/ MS4 Education for Elected Officials – Joellyn
  - Many municipalities are feeling unprepared for a DEP audit and are requesting Kara Kalupson to give them presentations on the topic
  - Membership benefits – free webinar, education credits as well as expanded knowledge
  - ACTION ITEM - Advertise through Les Houck and APWA – Joellyn and Mark H. will advertise on County website

- East Lampeter Twp has offered to host a ‘Back to Basics’ workshop focused on the essential elements of a stormwater plan for LCCWC members, with a registration fee for non-members; possibility of two follow-up trainings
  - March 3 has been proposed in the morning, with a March 10 snow date
  - ELA has offered to sponsor
  - Target audience is public works personnel and managers
- Other ideas for training needs – BMP inventory and maintenance tracking
- Engineer’s roundtable – Cory
  - Next meeting being scheduled – in April
  - Cory will request topics for discussion from participants
  - Kent B- talked with building manager here at Farm and Home- if meeting is held on the same day as a LCCWC or Foundation meeting, there will be no charge

### **Fundraising/Administrative**

- 2016 Goals
  - Joellyn updated first draft based on discussion at January’s meetings, ACTION ITEM: provide comments to Joellyn
- Steering Committee membership
  - Foundation recognizes that LCCWC is doing great work and is considering relaxing the requirement to have a majority of Steering Committee as Foundation members
  - Foundation has requested a proposal for our general make-up
    - Group discussed benefits of drawing in a broader stakeholder group as voting members of the SC
    - Mark J. moved that we change the voting member number to 9 with a minimum of 3 Foundation members and a quorum of 5. Cory seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
    - LCCWC will request Foundation approval at Foundation’s April meeting with enactment and LCCWC re-organization in May.
    - By-laws will need to be revised to reflect this change.
    - ACTION ITEM: Provide Joellyn any suggestions for organizations to consider for voting membership
- Administrative staff
  - Assistance to Matt and watershed staff- waiting to hear about DCD grant that will support 50% of a position for two years

### **Water Quality/Compliance**

- Chiques Creek Reenvisioned NFWF grant – Kristen Kyler
  - Goal is to bring stakeholders together to work on WQ issues in Chiques Creek watershed
  - Workgroups are starting to meet
  - \$75,000 in grant for project implementation
- Keystone Economic Ecology Project (KEEP) Proposal Discussion – Joellyn/Mike LaSala
  - Focused on developing a Private-Public Partnership pilot project
  - LandStudies has requested if LCCWC could serve as a conduit (either as a 501(c)3 or a steering committee) for establishing the PP3- letter request was provided to group for review

- Investment capitalists have the idea that there is financial gain to be made by investing in regional projects – pilot project is focused on determining mechanism for doing this and the profit potential – general idea is a BMP credit/trading/banking program
- Next step- partners to provide a presentation and better flush out idea after the LIMC business meeting on March 9 – in W. Lampeter Municipal Building at 8:30 am – invite all Consortium members (ACTION ITEM)
- Stormwater Mini grant (~\$10,000) – Joellyn
  - Focused on leveraging funds and promoting inter-municipal co-operation
  - How do we make this sustainable past 3 years (currently LCCWC has ~\$30,000 in budget)
  - Joellyn provided by email a draft grant application – want it to be simple
  - Sub-committee formed to develop/review application materials – Matt Kofroth, Fritz Schroeder and Heather Valudes
  - Target is to release in April

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Kristen Kyler – PSU is conducting a farm survey to try to capture voluntary BMPs with the ultimate goal to report to EPA for inclusion in Bay Model accounting – Kristen can provide materials soliciting input to anyone that could help spread the word
- Joellyn- Restoring the Education and Development of Youth (READY) Program – focused on 18-24 years and getting them into Green Infrastructure jobs
  - Ches Bay Alliance is leading the effort – idea is to provide job training to youth which will provide a work force for cost-efficient BMP construction – benefit to members
  - Maybe connection to Thaddeus Stevens trade school
  - Challenge is question about the long-term stability of employment

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Heather will investigate costs of newspaper article for municipalities
2. Advertise ‘Back to Basics’ Training through Les Houck and APWA – Joellyn and Mark H. will advertise on County website
3. Provide comments on 2016 Goals to Joellyn
4. Provide Joellyn any suggestions for organizations to consider for voting membership
5. Angie will send out an email invite to Consortium members to the KEEP presentation on March 9

**Meeting adjourned 4:55 pm**