

**Location:** Farm & Home Center

**Voting Members Present:** Joellyn Warren, Heather Valudes, Kent Gardner, Jay Snyder, Mark Johnson, John Bingham, Scott Hain

**Non-Voting Steering Committee Members Present:** Matt Kofroth, Fritz Schroeder, Kara Kalupson, Chris Thompson, Mark Huber, Kent Bitting

**Guests/Members:** Jenna Mitchell (ACB), Tyler (PSU intern)

**Approval of Minutes-** Jay made a motion to accept minutes from August. Mark J seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Joellyn abstained given absence from July August meeting.

**Minutes recorded by:** Angie Sowers

### ***AGENDA ITEMS***

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

- Balance is \$16,273.86 for Consortium
- A number of incomes are due to Consortium - \$2410 Golf Tournament sponsorships; \$140 donation from Chiques Creek watershed expo, 1 individual membership

#### **Outreach and Education**

- NFWF Technical Capacity Grant - Jenna Mitchell – Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay
  - Hometown Habitat- 2<sup>nd</sup> film in series at Tellus – September 12
  - Stormwater Technical Capacity Grant from NFWF – up to \$50k – due Sept 30 with decision by November so that work could be done in time to help with next round of MS4 permit applications
    - Potential idea – re-do website, develop updated icon, newsletter template (including how to manage newsletter and contact list), and possibly an updated brochure and banner; possibly work-in some updates to Lancaster Watersheds website
  - Desire to have the website be more of a technical resource
    - What type of member benefits could be included (a special log-in)- **ACTION ITEM:** send any ideas to Jenna Mitchell
  - Include effort to survey and receive input from municipalities to take their input into account
  - Alliance would also like to do 1-2 workshops associated with this work
  - Alliance would be service provider of grant with some contractual work to Chesapeake Environmental Communications Campaign
    - Example of useful websites – Blair County and Cumberland County
  - No match required, but if we provide a match, it strengthens an application
    - Jay made a motion to apply for the grant with the Alliance acting as the service provided and LCCWC providing a 10% match in cash (\$5,000). John B. seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
    - Discussion that LCCWC would provide a letter of participation, additional in-kind services of voting members' time, and any letters of support from members/municipalities.
    - **ACTION ITEM:** review grant proposal once drafted
- Partnering opportunity for workshops with Penn State Agriculture and Environment Center

- They are planning six meetings/workshops from now to February as a part of a grant through our Center for Green Infrastructure and Stormwater Management. Interested in partnering to present to local officials, engineers, etc. Is there an opportunity to present information at upcoming LCCWC workshop or partner on a workshop on research that is complete? Research projects:
  - Socioeconomic evaluation of barriers to instituting green infrastructure
  - Survey to identify ‘favorable’ landscapes and if monetary value or benefits provided change preference
  - Consideration of how watersheds have changed with development
- A couple areas where efforts could be coordinated – READY program, communication of privately-owned stormwater facilities with property sales, NOI training; EPA; Chiques Creek homeowners workshop; workshop highlighting research, Streamside Grant projects, and Stormwater mini-grant projects
- No current LCCWC workshops planned
- P3 Update – Joellyn
  - Meeting being planned for beginning of October – funding partners, DEP, LCCWC – expect decision soon afterwards
  - We are in the grant for \$60k in administrative support
- Partnering- Lancaster Clean Water Forum recap – Joellyn
  - Held 2 weeks ago
  - John Cox (Turkey Hill Dairy), Lisa Riggs, Chris Thompson, Commissioner Leaman, Heather Valudes
  - Focused on how are we organizing all the work that is happening in county
    - Educational, economic, ag breakout groups
  - About 45 attendees included reps from EPA and DEP plus organizations working on clean water in county
    - Held discussion for participants to identify top 3 things that could be done to have the biggest impact in the next 18-24 months
  - Not sure of next steps- looking to create strategic framework around existing organization/efforts; going through input received during and following Forum
  - Planning committee is meeting in 2 weeks, open to anyone wanted to be involved
  - Another related meeting for PA Balance is scheduled for October 12 at Farm Show Arena Complex
  - All 3 commissioners seem interested in the issue are beginning to have an understanding of the value of the topic which is a significant step
  - It was discussed how the Consortium fits into this effort

#### **Fundraising/Administrative**

- Golf Outing - Kent
  - \$2590 raised thus far in sponsorships, 6 foursomes thus far (goal is at least 12 foursomes)
  - A number of awards acquired, but can still use more
  - Working on a TV spot on local news with WGAL
  - Also need help with running the event on that day – contact Kent if you can volunteer
  - Considering opening up the field to Club members at a reduced rate
  - Will send out reminders again

### **Water Quality/Administrative**

- Stormwater Mini-Grant – Joellyn
  - 6 grants received for a total request of \$51,670
  - Requests leveraged a much larger amount of funding
  - Kristen, Mark G., and Joellyn ranked the projects
  - Denver Borough grant was top project by all 3 reviewers - \$10k request for a \$24k project; stormwater rain garden on recycling lot on municipal property; member of Consortium
  - Warwick has been able to work on Streamside Grant project so extra funds from that is likely not going to be available
  - Motion was made to fund Denver Borough project; reach out to Ephrata Township to communicate that LCCWC is working to find additional money to fund their project (\$6700 request)
    - Possibly \$3k remaining from Streamside Grant funding

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Fall Newsletter**
  - Send items to Kristen – Golf outing Stormwater mini-grant, NFWF Technical Capacity Grant – use newsletter to solicit input from members
- **Pequea Creek Mini-Golf Fundraiser – 10-12 on Saturday, October 1 at Village Greens**

**Meeting adjourned 4:40 pm**

### **HANDOUTS**

### **ACTION ITEMS**

1. NFWF Technical Capacity Grant - What type of member benefits could be included (a special log-in) - send any ideas to Jenna Mitchell
2. Review NFWF Capacity grant proposal once drafted
3. Solicit awards and foursomes for golf outing; consider volunteering
4. Send Fall Newsletter ideas to Kristen