

Lebanon County Clean Water Alliance Meeting
North Lebanon Township Office
Wednesday, March 27, 2013
2:00 pm

Minutes

- I. Welcome/Introductions** – Present: Kris Troup, Steph Harmon, Sheila Wartluft, Mike Booth, Commissioner Jo Ellen Litz, Robin Getz, Cheri Grumbine, Jim Fisher, John Poff, Steve Sherk, Marie Tribioli, Gordon Kirkessner
- II. Meeting Minutes** – The minutes from the January 29, 2013 meeting were approved, as amended. Troup will email the final minutes to LCCWA partners.
- III. Public Education/Outreach Grant** – Steph Harmon reported that the LCCWA advertisement will run in the *Lebanon Daily News* on Sunday, April 21st. Additionally, the LCCWA banner advertisement will run on the *Lebanon Daily News* website from March 31st to April 30th. Once the final invoice is received from the *Lebanon Daily News*, Harmon will provide the amount of money remaining in the education/outreach fund. Sherk reminded the group that the remaining money could be utilized to produce “rack cards” for municipal distribution, or another idea may be to produce some water quality awareness posters, which municipalities could distribute to local schools. The posters would also help to satisfy MS4 permit requirements for education and outreach.

Coleen from the *Lebanon Daily News* contacted Getz and suggested decreasing the size of our paper advertisement in exchange for including the information on the Lebanon Daily News’ Facebook page, which would increase our social media exposure and in essence give us more, “bang for the buck.” This idea will be given consideration for future outreach campaigns.

- IV. NFWF Technical Assistance Grant** – Troup reported that a kick-off meeting for the study was held on February 19, 2013. Troup, Grumbine, Wartluft, Getz, Poff, Sherk and Harmon met with project managers Mike LaSala and Dennis Auker from Land Studies. A copy of the minutes from the February 19th meeting will be included as part of these meeting minutes.

Land Studies is in the process of completing Task 1 of the project scope and has requested the following county-wide information for task 2 of the study: watershed assessments & conservation plans, stream or flood plain restoration plans, greenway initiatives, TMDL watershed implementation plans, watershed or tributary strategies, TMDL plans for MS4 communities, Chesapeake Bay pollution reduction plans for MS4 communities, comprehensive water resources plans and the Conservation District’s strategic plan. Troup and Harmon believe that they can provide most, if not all, of the requested documents.

- V. Lancaster County MS4 Phase II Forum** – Cheri Grumbine, Robin Getz, Sheila Wartluft, Mike Booth, Steve Sherk and Kris Troup all attended the two ½-day sessions at the Lancaster Farm and Home Center. The above participants provided comments regarding the forums. Everyone agreed that these were excellent educational sessions.
- VI. Maryland Storm Water Fee** – Troup reported on two newspaper articles about the state of Maryland enacting storm water fee legislation in 2012. The articles provide interesting information on how an adjacent state is handling the Executive Order to clean up the Chesapeake Bay, and the struggles that they are encountering. The links to the articles are:
http://articles.centermaryland.org/?p=4803&goback=%2Egde_2570106_member_223170321
http://www.baltimoresun.com/features/green/blog/bal-house-votes-to-levy-stormwater-fees-on-state-20130322,0,6557605.story?track=rss&goback=%2Egde_2570106_member_226097668
- VII. Other Business** – Steve Sherk briefly described two storm water management software packages that he has read about. He suggested having one or both of the software companies come to a future LCCWA meeting to provide a demonstration of the product. The group agreed this was a good idea. Kirkessner indicated that he would be interested to see if the City/County GIS department could provide a similar product for municipal use.
- Jim Fisher reported that he contacted John Hickman, the new MS4 Manager at PA DEP. Hickman indicated that DEP is presently processing the MS4 NPDES permits that were submitted in September 2012 and that there should be no issues with lapses in permit coverage if all of the required information was submitted prior to the deadline.
- Troup reported that he was contacted by Jon Prawdzik from PA American Water. Mr. Prawdzik heard about the LCCWA and PA American Water is interested in becoming a participating member of the group.
- Robin Getz mentioned that GP11 Permits are now required from PA DEP for power washing bridges. The reason for the permit is the potential direct contamination of a water tributary. The permit requires a contamination containment plan be submitted.
- Harmon reported that she received her first storm water fee invoice from the Borough of Jonestown for \$70.
- VIII. Next Meeting** – A doodle survey will be sent to the group to assist with scheduling the next meeting.
- IX.** The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:00 pm.