

WATERSHED ALLIANCE OF YORK
Board of Directors Meeting of January 13, 2021; 7:00 p.m.
Virtual - Zoom

Agenda

Call to Order (7:00 P.M.)

1. Election of Directors & Officers (President)
 - a. Election ballot for new/renewing Directors
 - b. Election ballot for new/renewing Officers
2. Approval of the minutes of the October 14th, 2020 meeting (President)
3. Treasurer's report & approval of bills (Treasurer)
4. Secretary's report & communications (Secretary)
5. Committee reports on current and future activities
 - a. Executive (President) – State of the Alliance
 - b. Education and Outreach
 - i. Master Watershed Stewards Program (Jodi, Duane)
 - c. Facilitation
 - i. York County – Countywide Action Plan (YC-CAP) Implementation (Rachel)
 1. Education & Outreach Team (Emily)
 2. Data Management Team (Gary & Ted)
 3. Project Implementation (Jodi)
 - d. Technical Assistance (Emily)
 - i. WQM Network
 1. LSRK Citizen Volunteers (Ted)
 2. York County's CRT-WQM (Emily & Gary)
6. Business
 - a. Expenses
 - b. Grants
 - i. Talus Energy vs. LSRK settlement \$100,000 (Ted) – Stream Restoration Projects (2)
 - ii. S.H.A.R.E. Grant
 - c. Fundraising
 - i. 2021 Give Local York
7. New Business
 - a. WAY and YCC4CW Consolidation
 - b. Non-Discrimination Policy and Statement (Give Local York)
 - c. CCWA Dissolution
 - d. Announcements
 - e. Networking (All)
8. Next Meeting – April 7, 2021; 7:00 p.m. Location: York County Bldg., Pleasant Valley Road (PVR)
9. Adjourn (9:00 P.M.)

WATERSHED ALLIANCE OF YORK
Board of Directors Meeting of October 14, 2020; 7:00 p.m.
York County PVR, Rm. 151, York, PA

Minutes

Attendance: Diane (via conference call), Matt A., Jack, Ted, Jeff, Gary, and Emily

Guest: Alyssa Swartz

Gary called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

1. Approval of the minutes of the July 8th, 2020 meeting (President). **Gary asked the board members present to review the minutes of the July meeting, and for a motion to approve the minutes. Diane mentioned the correction of Fred's name. Jack made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Ted seconded his motion. Motion was carried unanimously by all the board members present.**
2. Treasurer's report & approval of bills (Treasurer).

Jack reported on the Talon Settlement Account –SEP cash flow. Total of \$100,204.94. The current interest rate is 0.10%. No expenditures to date.

Jack reported on WAY's cash flow statement from July 1 through September 30, 2020. Beginning balance of the General Fund (checking) was \$2,015.77. Revenue for the quarter totaled \$1,075.00. Total expenses during the same period were \$254.40. The ending balance for the 3rd quarter was \$2,836.37 and net cash flow \$820.60. \$432.69 is what is left in the WAY funds. **No action was taken on the Treasurer's Report.**
3. Secretary's report & communications (Secretary). Emily provided the board with a summary of important correspondence received and correspondence sent. **No action was taken on the Secretary's Report.**
4. Committee reports on current and future activities
 - a. Executive (President) – State of the Alliance
 - i. Gary reiterated the need of funding going forward.
 - ii. He stated his decision to step down from the board and the presidency next year.
 - iii. Three vacancies exist on the board. Forward nominations to Emily and Duane. Elections will be held during the January meeting.
 - b. Education and Outreach – Diane gave an update on the MWS program. There was a MWS tree planting in Jackson Twp. A rain garden is planned in Fairview Twp. Looking for MWS to go out to previously installed rain gardens to help maintain them. Working on a guide for municipalities and other on maintenance of rain gardens. Penn State is still primarily virtual and will be so for the foreseeable future. MWS are helping with Greener Codorus. They had a successful tree sale and rain barrel sale. MWS are volunteering for the First Annual Great Plastic Purge and are working with Ted for stream training.
 - c. Facilitation
 - i. York County – Countywide Action Plan (YC-CAP) Implementation. A written report provided before the meeting from Rachel gave an update on the Revenue and Programmatic and Legislative Changes Action Teams. The Revenue Action Team is trying to create a funding map for BMPs – including O&M, design, and construction. They want to determine when money will be needed for each stage, but also want to determine the most cost-effective practices. The Legislative Action Team is working on a watershed-wide permit. There have been meetings with DEP, Lancaster, and York. DEP is pushing to use existing resources before they consider the approval of a watershed-wide permit. The bi-monthly Re-CAP newsletter has been created to keep everyone informed about the CAP progress. The Team will try to work with DEP on the upcoming MS4 permit revisions. Two firms were interviewed to develop a messaging and marketing strategy for the CAP. The next YCC4CW meeting is November 20th at 1pm. Looking for volunteers to serve on committees.
 1. Education & Outreach Team (Emily). Emily gave an update on the Education & Outreach Team. NFWF grant; Central York RFB; York City rain garden planting.
 2. Data Management Team (Gary & Ted). Gary gave an update on the Data Management Team. Completed three months of FieldDoc training. The latest version is a significant improvement over the original version. Primary purpose of FieldDocs is reporting unreported or unregulated stormwater BMPs. When Data Management team inputs data, FieldDoc will be updated monthly and showing progress. Gary cautioned not to expect dramatic results overnight, as it will take a lot of projects to show progress. Data Management needs to shift toward outreach to get data to report. The public will be able to view it, but not make any changes.
 3. Project Implementation (Jodi).

- ii. 2020 Watershed Week Report. Emily provided an overview of the results of the 18th Annual WSWE. 11 venues participated, with a mix of virtual, self-guided, and in-person events. Film Fest: ~25 participants, \$500 raised; Green Infrastructure Tour: ~40 views; Codorus Creek Cleanup: 30 participants, 830lbs of litter/debris removed; WQM demo: 15 in-person, 464 Facebook views; Dam-Bridge Challenge: 86 participants. WAY's website had 451 views, FB 267 page views and 19 new page likes, and the newly created Instagram account has 55 followers.
 - d. Technical Assistance (Emily)
 - i. WQM Network
 - 1. LSRK Citizen Volunteers (Ted) – Getting another 10 people involved, with an additional eight sites. Training is beginning and participants will start monitoring by end of the year. Should have close to 40 volunteers monitoring 30-35 sites monthly. Putting data into CMC database. Link for the CMC Chesapeake Data Explorer - <https://cmc.vims.edu/#/home>. Ted will also provide a document outlining the York Team's data interpretation procedures.
 - 2. York County's CRT-WQM (Emily & Gary) – The six WQM stations are installed and monitoring 24/7. Gave field visit with USGS to the York County Commissioners during Watershed Week. Finishing up synoptic assessment sampling plan, where Kreutz Creek will be the pilot watershed since there is the most variability in nitrate data in that watershed.
10. Business
- a. Expenses
 - b. Grants
 - i. Talus Energy vs. LSRK settlement \$100,000 (Ted) – Stream Restoration Projects (2). Emily stated that she received signed contracts from WAY, that the board now needed to sign.
 - ii. S.H.A.R.E Grant
 - c. Fundraising
11. New Business
- a. DCNR Lawn Conversion PLUS Program. Multi-county effort with various stakeholders. WAY could be involved with promoting the program.
 - b. CBI Capacity Grant – Potential for WAY to get funding for capacity building. Ted suggested using the money to hire a part-time person to write grants and do public outreach. As part of YCC4CW efforts, it could help the Revenue Team. A staff member funded through the grant could assist member organizations on the WAY board. Gary will touch base with Rachel on how to proceed from here. Ted volunteered to help with grant writing. Alyssa suggested hiring a college intern for August – May for social media posts, marketing, grant writing, etc.
 - c. 1st Annual Great Plastic Purge of the Lower Susquehanna – Oct 31st and Nov 7th 8am – 2pm. Ted is doing scouting trips to determine which locations have the most trash, though the islands seem to be loaded with plastic. The hope is to have paddlers go to the islands or drop off people without boats on the islands. 37 people are signed up for the 31st and 14 people for the 7th. Working on sponsorships – 25 letters have been sent to local businesses. There are also opportunities to pick up trash along the bank between Shanks Mare and the Dam. Water temps will probably be in the 50s. Lake Clarke rescue will be out, and PFBC may provide boats. On 31st tying in Halloween theme – build something out of plastic bottles.
 - d. Announcements
 - e. Networking (All)
 - i. Jeff – Covid-19 impacts on WWTPs
 - ii. Ted – pursuing legal actions for Harrisburg's CSO. Conowingo Dam still waiting on FERC to make settlement agreement.
 - iii. Alyssa – the District is planning to submit three 319 grant proposals to DEP.
12. Next Meeting – January 6, 2020, 7:00 p.m., York County PVR, Room 149
13. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.