

WATERSHED ALLIANCE OF YORK  
Board of Directors Meeting of April 22, 2021; 6:00 p.m.  
In-person and Virtual - Zoom

Minutes

Attendance: Diane, Duane, Matt A., Ted, Jeff, Jodi, Lettice, Rachel, and Emily

Rachel called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

1. Approval of the minutes of the January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting (President). **Rachel asked the board members present to review the minutes of the January meeting, and for a motion to approve the minutes. Diane made a motion to approve the minutes. Lettice seconded her motion. Motion was carried unanimously by all the board members present.**
2. Treasurer's report & approval of bills (Treasurer). No Treasurer's Report was given this month.
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. Rachel reviewed the 03/24/21 vote that was approved via email.
    - ii. Discussion occurred regarding the logo sketches provided to WAY by LUMI. Rachel will correspond with LUMI with the recommendations.
    - iii. Rachel asked when the two groups, YCAP Leadership Team and WAY, should begin meeting together. Per WAY board members present, sooner rather than later – May, and if not, then June.
  - b. Education and Outreach
    - i. Master Watershed Stewards Program (Jodi, Duane). Jodi gave an update on the MWS program. There are 9 students in the new MWS class. There might be some attrition with volunteers due to covid. Upcoming tree plantings include Lake Pahagaco and Northeastern (later this fall). Jodi hopes to have E&O involvement in Street-2-Creek this year during York Fest August 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>. Hoping to get sponsorship from York Water.
  - c. Facilitation
    - i. York County – Countywide Action Plan (YC-CAP) Implementation (Rachel). Rachel gave an update on the progress of the CAP implementation.
      1. Overall:
        - a. The 2020 funding is almost spent. Jackson Township phase 2 received the remaining allocation of the 2020 funding. Other 2020 funding went to Horn Farm for their buffer planting. The Penn Township Center Street stream restoration is completed. Barshinger Creek and Pine Run are both under contract. The roof rain garden in Fairview Township will be planted in May. Dover Township bioretention will be under construction in May or June. Stream restoration in Springettsbury Township is slated to be constructed this fall.
        - b. DEP one-on-one meetings are being held with YCPC & YCCD. Tackling programmatic changes during these meetings, with MS4 flexibility on the agenda for the next meeting.
        - c. Codorus Watershed pilot project – YCCF received funding for a two-year pilot ag outreach program. The goal is to hire a part-time person, host a field day, and provide 10 \$1,000 vouchers for BMP implementation for farmer landowners. YCPC is currently looking for areas within the Codorus watershed to concentrate on and is in the process of creating the job description.
        - d. YCCD ag outreach in MS4 communities – Focusing on four Townships, Dover, Windsor, East Manchester, and York.
        - e. WQM 1 year review – data to look forward to on the way, annual report, etc.
      2. Education & Outreach Team (Lettice). Lettice gave a brief update on the Education & Outreach Team. Looking for video and photography ideas to provide to LUMI. Finalized letters and sent to Envirothon schools for projects to get done – trees, rain gardens, etc. Sending letters to other schools. Rachel, Jodi, and Lettice are meeting with Central School District regarding a potential buffer planting. Hoping to outreach to larger business and industries to install buffers. Began discussing Watershed Week ideas.

3. Data Management Team – Rachel gave a brief update on the Data Management Team. Developed and unreported BMP template guide, WQM data management, created a sub-committee to look at nitrate levels.
  4. Project Implementation Team (Jodi). Rachel gave a brief update on the Project Implementation Team. Ryan Davis is applying for buffer funding through NFWF/DCNR/etc. A buffer subcommittee will soon kick-off as a resource assistance to Ryan. A project tracker is in development.
  5. Programmatic – The group is still working on a watershed permit draft. Writing to legislators in support of things. Only John and Pam are involved at this point.
- ii. 2021 Watershed Week – dates/theme. The WAY Board members present agreed on Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>.
    1. Venue ideas: pond management workshops; yoga at highest point in Wrightsville; tour a stream restoration project (Poorhouse Run?); Horn Farm tour; Susquehanna Orchards Tour (4R); vernal pool Tour; wastewater treatment plant tour; WQM station tour; trees for a pledge (Tammy Klunk to get trees); rain barrel sale/workshop; nursely tour. Reach out to Trout Unlimited and Isaack Walton League.
    2. Scheduled events: MWS/LSRK Youth Fishing Derby – Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>; LSRK – Dam Bridge Challenge Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>. YCCD Clay Shoot Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>. Duane – Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> Cross Mill stream study.
- d. Technical Assistance (Emily)
    - i. WQM Network
      1. LSRK Citizen Volunteers (Ted) – Stream Team looking to expand. Cindy is tracking USGS nitrogen fluctuations and developing a response as a result of those fluctuations.
5. Business
    - a. Expenses – General Liability Insurance renewed in March; Director and Officers Insurance will be due in July.
    - b. Grants
      - i. Talus Energy vs. LSRK settlement \$100,000 (Ted) – Stream Restoration Projects (2). Emily gave an update on the two stream projects. Clasing’s permit approval should be coming within the next few weeks. Robert’s project is still working through the permitting process. The contracts expire on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021. **Ted made a motion to extend the contracts until the end of the year. If ARRC is unable to honor the agreement extension, the contract will be terminated, and another contractor brought on board to complete the work before November 2022. Duane seconded his motion. Motion was carried unanimously by all the board members present.**
      - ii. S.H.A.R.E. Grant - \$1,161.73 remains in the account.
    - c. Fundraising
      - i. 2021 Give Local York – May 7<sup>th</sup> Give Day. SPREAD THE WORD!
  6. New Business
    - a. CCWA Bank Closure (\$3,131.44 in assets). **Jodi made a motion to accept the remaining CCWA assets. Rachel seconded her motion. Motion was carried unanimously by all the board members present.**
    - b. Conflicts of Interest Policy Acknowledgement Form – delayed until next meeting
    - c. Announcements – Rachel is on the US Green Building Council board. There’s an upcoming talk entitled ‘Which Way to the Chesapeake Bay’ on April 29<sup>th</sup> from 4pm – 5pm
      - i. Possible future event – host Tap Talks supported by WAY?
    - d. Networking (All)
  7. Next Meeting – May 27<sup>th</sup>; 6:00 p.m. Location: York County Bldg., Pleasant Valley Road (PVR)
  8. Adjourn (7:50 P.M.)