

Jefferson County Stormwater Coalition Meeting
Village of Black River
1:00-2:00 P.M.
November 10, 2015

1. Roll Call

Town of LeRay – Ron Taylor, Brandon Fults
Town of Rutland – Clarence Woodruff
Town of Watertown – David Prosser
Village of Black River – Kristin Burroughs
Village of Brownville – Brenda McConnell
Village of Carthage – Sarah Bullock
Village of Dexter – James Eves
Village of West Carthage – Scott Burto
City of Watertown – Mike Sligar, Jeffrey Polkowski
Jefferson County –
Jefferson County Planning – Jen Voss
Jefferson County Soil & Water Conservation District – Christine Watkins, Pat Crast
Tug Hill Commission – Katie Malinowski, Kathy Amyot

2. Call To Order

Scott Burto called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm

3. Approval of Minutes from September 9, 2015

Brenda McConnell made a motion to approve the minutes from September 9, 2015. Jim Eves seconded. Motion carried.

4. Treasurer's Report

Ron Taylor introduced the new Town of Leray administrator Brandon Fults. He is still learning the ropes so there was no treasurer's report today. Christine and Katie will meet with him soon to orient him to the Coalition's work.

5. Correspondence/Report of Secretary

No correspondence.

6. Report of Chairman

No report.

7. Report of Committees

Chris reported that the program coordinators plan to meet in December. She will resend the spreadsheet to everyone for keeping track of activities and in-kind services.

8. New Business

- a. EPA Urban Waters Small Grants – Due November 20

Christine and Katie have been looking at a grant opportunity that could fund some additional training in the area. The deadline is coming up soon so it may be a struggle to put together a quality application in time. In the case that an application does go in, ***Sarah Bullock made a motion to approve a support letter to be sent from the Coalition. Mike Sligar seconded. Motion carried.***

b. Emily Sheridan – Black River Watershed plan 9-element addendum

Emily distributed a fact sheet about the addendum and shared a draft copy with all in attendance. Using the completed Black River Watershed Management Plan (2010) as a foundation, the addendum repackages the information and will serve as a document to meet [EPA watershed plan minimum 9 element requirements](#). This will make projects within the Black River watershed eligible for EPA 319, GLRI, and other funding. Emily is reaching out to stakeholders through December, at which time she will incorporate comments and plans to have published in the Environmental Notice Bulletin in January. A public hearing and comment period will likely be held in January, with the addendum finalized in March. Once approved by DEC Division of Water, the addendum will be shared with EPA, and will be available to stakeholders as a tool to leverage funding.

Mike Sligar raised some questions about how the addendum will affect requirements of SPDES permits for wastewater treatment. Scott and David also had questions on whether this will increase permit requirements for municipalities. Emily reiterated that the addendum is a repackaging of existing data in an EPA required format to secure the ability to apply for certain federal funds to incentivize management actions, and does not require any actions beyond existing regulations and recommendations. Jeff also noted that he has some other references for costs of certain BMPs that might be useful for Emily to use in the calculations. He will forward that information to her. The current draft addendum will be sent to everyone along with the minutes. Emily would like the coalition to review and consider supporting the addendum, as it will provide a tool for the coalition to leverage federal funds to improve storm water management within the MS4.

9. Old Business

a. Local Laws

Black River, Carthage and Rutland have sent their local laws in to Katie, Phil, or Andy. Any other community interested in having Phil & Andy review their laws and provide individualized feedback on sections and language that needs to be changed to incorporate stormwater considerations should send them in ASAP. The Commission and County Planning will coordinate review, which will streamline the process for communities. Once the feedback is received, communities will likely want to consult with their attorneys for a final review.

b. U.S. Forest Service grant

Chris had hoped to have one of the rain gardens installed here at the Black River municipal building, but the contract document is not yet finalized so funds aren't able to be expended. She and Pat will be working with all 9 communities on tree planting plans during the winter, as each community is slated to receive 50 trees through the grant.

10. Payment of Vouchers

None submitted.

11. Comments from the Public

No comments from the public.

12. Adjournment

Mike Sligar made a motion to adjourn at 1:32 pm. Jim Eves seconded. Motion carried.

Next meeting date January 13, 2016, 1 pm, Village of Black River.