

Jefferson County Stormwater Coalition Meeting

Via Zoom

1:00-2:00 P.M.

March 10, 2021

1. Roll Call

Town of LeRay – Nathan Toutant
Town of Rutland – Jonathon Boomhower
Town of Watertown – Randy Vaas
Village of Black River –
Village of Brownville –
Village of Carthage – Wayne McIlroy
Village of West Carthage –
City of Watertown – Michael DeMarco
Jefferson County Legislature –
Jefferson County Planning – Andy Nevin, Erin Ermine
Jefferson County Soil & Water Conservation District – Christine Watkins
Tug Hill Commission – Katie Malinowski
DEC – Great Lakes –

2. Call To Order

Wayne called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm. The pledge was recited. A quorum was present.

3. Approval of Minutes from July 8, 2020

Jonathon made a motion to approve the minutes from July. Wayne seconded, motion carried.

4. Treasurer's Report

Nathan reported that the coalition's current balance is \$92,307.64 as of 1/31/21. He reported that LeRay has sent \$1,000 invoices for 2021 to all towns and the county. So far Jefferson County and LeRay payments have been received.

Andy made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Jonathon seconded, motion carried.

5. Correspondence/Report of Secretary –

Katie and Chris reviewed online training options for 2021 in place of the typical training the coalition provides. Some options are:

General type training:

CNY Stormwater Coalition \$125/course (www.cnyrpd.org/stormwater/?2021-Stormwater-Training-Series-217)

Western NY Stormwater Coalition \$125/course

4-hour contractor certificate training:

Needs to be taken every 3 years, NYS Conservation District Employees Association has an online class that can be taken, \$250. www.nyscdea.com/nys-dec-endorsed-4-hour-erosion-sediment-control-online-training/

Warren County SWCD is also providing Zoom trainings once a week for \$75. Information on DEC's website: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8699.html>

Jonathan made a motion to approve coalition reimbursement to municipalities to cover training accosts for up to \$250 per municipality, Andy seconded. Motion carried.

6. **Report of Chairman - None.**

7. **Report of Committees**

- a. Education/Outreach – Katie reported on the last education/outreach subcommittee meeting based on Emily Sheridan's notes.
- July 17th Arboretum stormwater reduction benefits were shared on a SLELO PRISM webinar that had 21 registrants
 - Sept 16th- Annual trash bash event had 5 volunteers that picked up 155 pounds of trash, and discussed benefits of litter removal for water quality.
 - September 2020 – A 10-year progress report on actions that have improved water quality in the watershed, including stormwater coalition activities, was completed by Tug Hill Commission and DEC's Great Lakes program, and a webinar presenting on accomplishments was held on Sept 29th, with 41 attendees. The [recording of the presentation](#) has had 66 views. The report was finalized with feedback in December 2020.
 - November 6th and 7th – Arbor day celebration and tree planting event at Thompson park included sharing information about stormwater pollution control benefits of trees, and there were over 65 participants.

For 2021, the committee had several ideas, most immediately to put up the Stormwater Coalition education and outreach poster at outdoor kiosks in the coalition communities. **Please let Chris know if your community would like additional posters to display in any public places in your community ASAP.**

8. **New Business**

- a. 2021 Officers:

Andy made a motion to reelect the current slate of officers, Jonathon seconded, motion carried.

- Chairman – Pat Connor
- Vice Chairman – Wayne McIlroy
- Secretary – Randy Vaas
- Treasurer – Nathan Toutant

- b. 2021 Meeting Calendar

Discussed June 1 due date for MS4 annual reports. SWCD will provide their information to all communities to help populate reports. Will plan to have a June 17 meeting (back to former

schedule of third Thursdays), and if we need to do a meeting before that because of CFAs, or other items, we will schedule one.

- c. 2021 Dues – The town of LeRay has sent out county and town invoices for 2021 at \$1,000.

Jonathan made a motion for 2021 dues to be \$1,000, Andy seconded, motion carried.

- d. 2021 SWCD proposal – Chris did not have a proposal for this meeting. She will prepare one for next meeting, she expects it to be fairly minimal.

9. New Business

- a. CFA Application – Vacuum Truck

Awaiting word if there will be a CFA round this year. If any coalition members have a green infrastructure project in mind, probably more competitive if we do through the coalition. City of Watertown may have some projects as well.

- b. WQIP grant

Nathan reported that Jessica is working with new LeRay secretary to update spreadsheet with match. Will talk to Jessica and follow up soon.

- c. Annual Reports

Randy asked about new year for reporting – March 9 is the end of the period. Chris will talk with Pat and get information together.

10. Payments of Vouchers – No vouchers.

11. Comments from the Public – None.

12. Adjournment –

Randy made a motion to adjourn at 1:38. Nathan seconded, motion carried.

Next meeting date Thursday, June 17, 2021