

JEFFERSON COUNTY STORMWATER COALITION

*Towns of LeRay, Rutland, Watertown
Villages of Black River, Brownville, Carthage, West Carthage
City of Watertown
Jefferson County*

Minutes

December 13, 2021, 1 pm

Zoom

1. Roll Call

Les Williams – Village of Black River

Patrick Crast – Jefferson County SWCD

Michael Montigelli – Jefferson County Legislature

Mark Roberts – Village of Carthage

Jessica Jenack – Town of LeRay

Mike Walrath – Village of Brownville

Patrick Connor – Village of Brownville

Andy Nevin – Jefferson County Planning

Katie Malinowski – Tug Hill Commission

Emily Fell – NYSDEC Great Lakes Program

Absent – City of Watertown, Village of West Carthage, Town of Watertown

2. Call to Order – 1:03pm

3. Approval of Minutes from June 17, 2021 – Motion to accept by Les Williams, seconded by Jessica Jenack, motion carried.

4. Treasurer's Report - final payment from DEC on grant funding- \$64,149. Stormwater Coalition balance is \$163,306.64. As of August, villages of Brownville, Carthage West Carthage, and City of Watertown have paid dues. Motion to accept- Mike Walrath and Les Williams seconded. Motion carried.

5. Correspondence/Report of Secretary- John is leaving Rutland planning board and will no longer be a representative.

6. Report of Chairman

7. Report of Committees

- a. Education/Outreach Committee – Black River Initiative newsletter being developed- includes projects that support good housekeeping and stormwater education and outreach. Black River Watershed conference being planned and members could speak. Jefferson County SWCD maintains website. Website could be updated with new reports, coalition members, and maps in 2022. Tree planting events offer opportunity to speak about benefits of trees for reducing stormwater runoff, and coalition communities could explore becoming a Tree City USA- funding is available.

8. New Business

- a. 2022 Dues – There was a suggestion to reduce dues (currently \$1,000). Outfalls need to be monitored. Dues could likely be reduced. Have dropped from \$1500 to \$1000 in past. Mike Montigelli made a motion to set 2022 dues at \$500. Les seconded. Motion carried.
- b. 2022 Jefferson County SWCD proposal – Patrick Crast has just taken over and the district is looking to hire new people. Will maintain website and assist with annual report and monitoring outfalls. Inspections needed this year. SWCD will get in touch with municipalities and inspect outfalls. County outfalls outside of Coalition were not mapped and additional mapping is needed. SWCD can help document and provide guidance on mapping outfalls.
- c. Officers for 2022
 - Patrick Connor - Chair
 - Wayne McIlroy - Vice Chair
 - Randy Vaas - Secretary
 - Town of LeRay/Nathan Toutant - Treasurer

Mike Montigelli suggested nominating the existing slate of officers to continue in their roles. Motion to nominate the existing slate made by Patrick Connor, seconded by Les, and carried.

9. Old Business

- a. CFA Application – Vacuum Truck-
 - WQIP Nonpoint source planning grants announced, but the remaining DEC WQIP awards were not announced yet.
- b. WQIP grant – In-kind documentation – no longer needed with grant close out.

10. Payment of vouchers

11. Comments from the Public

- Pat will have more information regarding the cost and scope of the Soil & Water Conservation District's 2022 services at the March 17th mtg
- Emily shared funding opportunities including quick start grant to become a Tree City USA: nysufc.org/grants/, and the Cornell Water Resources Institute Research and Outreach project request for preproposals: wri.cals.cornell.edu/sites/wri.cals.cornell.edu/files/shared/WRI_RFP_2022_NYS.pdf
- When is outfall monitoring typically done- dryer time of year when there shouldn't be any discharges/runoff.
- New census shows population declines (the City of Watertown population declined by 10%) and there was a question about whether this would lead to changes in the urbanized designation? Seems unlikely since the surrounding communities haven't seen population declines.
- 2022 meeting schedule – quarterly- 3rd Thursdays- March 17th, June 16th, September 15th, and December 15. Andy made a motion to accept the 2022 meeting calendar as presented, Les seconded, motion carried.
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12. Adjournment – Mike made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Les, motion carried, at 1:44pm

NEXT MEETING March 17, 2022