

JEFFERSON COUNTY STORMWATER COALITION

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

Thursday, March 16, 2023, 3 p.m.
Village of Black River Office

1. Roll Call

Brownville – Mike Walrath, Steve Mott, Pat Connor
Black River – Frank Dishaw
Rutland – None
LeRay – Jessica Jenack, Lee Carpenter
Town of Watertown – Randy Vaas
Carthage - None
West Carthage - None
City of Watertown – Seth Bailey
Jefferson County – Michael Montigelli
Jefferson County Planning – Michael Bourcy, Samuel Wilson
Jefferson County SWCD – George Birth
NYSDEC Great Lakes Program – None
NYS Tug Hill Commission – Gabriel Yerdon

2. Call to order: Pat called the meeting to order at 3 p.m. A quorum was present.

3. Approval of minutes from December 22, 2022. Lee C made a motion to approve as written, Mike M seconded. Motion was carried.

4. Treasurer’s Report: Jessica reported that the current balance is \$155,811.57. 2023, \$500 coalition dues payments were received from the Town of LeRay, Jefferson County, the Town of Watertown, and the Town of Rutland. A \$16,625.07 payment was made to the Jefferson County SWCD for invoice #1676. Participating villages will not receive an invoice in 2023 as they have all been credited \$500 for their 2022 overpayment. The City

of Watertown (who has requested a refund for their 2022 overpayment) will be receiving their 2023 invoice in August.

5. Correspondence/Report of Secretary: The vacuum truck has been ordered. The county needs to make a motion to accept the grant paying for the truck. It's estimated arrival is fall 2023.
6. Report of Chairman: No Chairman report.
7. Report of Committees:
 - a. Education and Outreach Committee: Gabriel reminded the coalition, on behalf of Emily, that they should submit any water quality and land use data that may be useful for the BRAM project to Emily or Ramboll by the end of the week.
8. New Business
 - a. The Black River Watershed Conference will be held June 14, 2023, at Zero Dock Street in Carthage. The cost is \$45/pp and the coalition will cover registration fees for members.
 - b. Annual reports are due June 1, reporting year ended March 9. George suggested that the coalition members compile their reports as a group. He needs the reports from coalition members by the end of April to compile the group report for June 9. The information will be posted on the coalition website. The coalition members discussed and agreed that reporting as a group with assistance from JCSWCD would be beneficial.
 - c. George investigated how other MS4 communities attained technical assistance. He found that they had generally went to their SWCDs, and he found no RFPs to reference. He suggested the coalition members keep using the JCSWCD, and that the SWCD could handle the workload for the foreseeable future. The coalition pays the SWCD a rate of \$46/hr. The Town of LeRay makes developers pay a developer's fee that is used to offset costs of a Town Engineer reviewing the SWPP, etc. She suggested that other towns do this so that the developers will be footing the engineering costs instead of the entire coalition when a coalition member uses the SWCD for technical assistance.
9. Old Business
 - a. Outstanding municipal approvals for the 2022 Jefferson County SWCD proposal are Carthage, Brownville, and Rutland. I had Watertown wrote down not Rutland?
 - b. Already updated on vacuum truck.

- c. George is updating the website to reflect trainings and other information as it becomes available.
- d. The March 9 Erosion and Sediment Control training put on by the JCSWCD was a success. Turnout was good, and most municipalities were present. Brownville was not in attendance. The event was good for education and outreach credits as well.
- e. Brownville is the only coalition member still lacking the IDEE video training.
- f. The next meeting is scheduled for 3 p.m. June 15, but Jessica is looking into meeting at 4:00 p.m. on June 14 immediately following the Black River Watershed Conference.

10. Meeting Adjournment: Lee C made the motion to adjourn at 3:45.
Mike M seconded, motion carried.

NEXT MEETING June 14

June 15, 2023, 3:00 p.m., Village of Black River Offices