

## JEFFERSON COUNTY STORMWATER COALITION

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

Meeting minutes  
Thursday, June 20, 2024, 1 p.m.  
Village of Black River Office

1. Roll Call –
  - Village of Brownville – Pat O Conner, Mike Walrath, Steve Mott**
  - Village of Black River – David Leonard, Matt Leary, Les Williams**
  - Town of Rutland – Claude Phelps, Jenn Bossuot**
  - Town of LeRay – Lee Carpenter**
  - Town of Watertown – None**
  - Village of Carthage - None**
  - Village of West Carthage – Pete Crump, Brandon Chaffee**
  - City of Watertown – Angel French, Meredith Griffin**
  - Jefferson County – Jim Lawrence**
  - Jefferson County Planning – Andy Nevin, Samuel Wilson**
  - Jefferson County SWCD – George Birth, Sarah Trick, Pat Crast**
  - NYSDEC Great Lakes Program – Emily Fell**
  - NYS Tug Hill Commission –None**
  
2. Call to Order 1:00pm by Chair Patrick O Conner
  
3. Approval of Minutes from March 28, 2024
  - a. Motion by Mark Walrath.
  - b. Seconded by Matt Leary.
  - c. All in favor, motion carried.
  
4. Treasurer’s Report – not in attendance.
  - a. The previous balance was \$156,541.54.
  
5. Correspondence/Report of Secretary- None
  
6. Report of Chairman - None
  
7. Report of Committees
  - a. Education/Outreach Committee
    - i. Education and Outreach Committee meeting updates
      1. Stormwater Brochures Printed - Coalition members are encouraged to share them at their offices.

2. JCSWCD Activities have included SWCARES engagement with 308 students, Sediment and Erosion control trainings, stormwater coordinator trainings, and a presentation given at the City of Watertown's Arbor Day ceremony on the stormwater benefits of trees.
3. Other E/O Outreach planned for 2024 – Trash Bash in September and a rain barrel workshop at a local library in late-summer/early-fall.

#### 8. New Business

- a. State Stormwater General Permit six-month requirements due July, 3.
  - i. Pat, Sarah, and George reviewed that staffing plans, street cleaning, stormwater pollution prevention plans inventory, and enforcement response plans are due.
    1. Brownville, Carthage, and West Carthage have submitted everything but the ERP and all other municipalities need to submit all of the information by July 3<sup>rd</sup> for the 6 month reporting.
    2. Failure to submit could lead to an audit. This work is important to protect our water resources and prevent flooding. Citizens need a contact to report concerns, and enforcement needs to be completed.
    3. Some municipalities indicated they are waiting on board approval, have had staff turnover, and are struggling with the capacity to complete these tasks.
- b. 2024 Consolidated Funding Application is now open through July 31<sup>st</sup>
  - i. Emily discussed opportunities available from DEC, including the Water Quality Improvement Project Program and the DEC Non-Ag Non-Point Source Planning Grants. CFA has funded the street vacuum and sweeper. Municipalities are waiting for reimbursement from this grant.
- c. Great Lakes Restoration Initiative funding
  - i. DEC is asking for potential projects they can recommend for EPA to fund.
    1. Could fund up to 100% of implementation projects that support focus areas of the GLRI (toxics, invasives, nutrients, habitat, and education). Reach out if you have project ideas.

#### 9. Old Business

- a. Black River Watershed Conference
  - i. This went well. There were presentations on Stormwater Management for Solar development, and on the relicensing of power dams in the watershed. Hydropowers are looking for communities to recommend studies and mitigation projects. More information on presentations is available at: <https://tughill.org/black-river-watershed-conference-2/>

10. Adjournment at 1:30pm motioned Andy, seconded by David and carried.

**NEXT MEETING \_\_\_\_Sept 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm\_**