

MJRT Steering Committee Meeting Minutes  
11/10/22  
Longwood Univ. Environmental Education Building

Present: Kathleen Ogilvy (DOF), Betty McCracken (Monacan SWCD), Lorne Field (Chesterfield Env. Engineering), Rob Campbell (JRA Upper James), Madison Whitehurst (DEQ), Michael Daniel (Lynchburg Water Resources), Curt Hambrick (Luck Stone), Julie Buchanan (CVWMA)

1. Welcome and Introductions – Welcome from Lorne.
2. Clean Va. Waterways – Katie Register. Katie gave a short presentation on CVW. It's been in existence for 27 years. Current focus is on plastic pollution. They do lots of reporting. The entity is the state coordinator for International Coastal Cleanup. A free database of cleanup available on the website. Use this data to assist with policy decisions, to share with community and businesses. Are involved in the Marine Debris Reduction Plan. Newest project is the Public Perspective Survey about plastic pollution. Upcoming events:
  - Nov. 15 – Va. Plastic Pollution Prevention Network meeting
  - Dec. 7 – Stormwater and Litter Workshop. Free
  - March 2023 – Social Marketing workshop to support environmental stewardship behavior changes
3. Quarterly financial report – submitted by Lindy, presented by Lorne. On track to spend the 2022 DEQ grant.
4. Executive Committee elections. Small quorum in attendance today. Will elect in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter meeting of 2023. An in depth discussion was held in regards to membership, objectives and strengths of group, scope of grant.
5. 2023 grant. Madison shared that the 2023 grant will be \$11,500. RFA to be released any time. Grant is due to DEQ asap using the 2022 template. Lorne will be in touch once RFA is received to open to member requests. Examples of past projects were shared.
6. Roundtable:
  - Lorne – His boss is retiring in Dec. Work will fall on staff while filling that position. House hunting.
  - Julie – Advertising America's Recycling Day – Nov. 15. May get new position to work with localities on recycling and advocacy. Space is a barrier for multi-home developments. Chesterfield has been lost to curbside recycling. Trash p/u vs. recycling is a difficult idea to get across to the community.
  - Curt – Conducting annual stormwater training for Luck's permit. Participating in the Environmental Excellence program. Setting goals for the program for 2023.
  - Michael – Been in position with Lynchburg 4 months. Is getting familiar with programs. Setting events calendar for the rest of this year.
  - Madison – She works with 319 grants. RFAs have been sent out. Analyzing data for end of year reports.
  - Betty – respectfully resigning from committee. Monacan has been allocated \$1.7 m in cost share. Working on a very large stream exclusion project begun in 2008.
  - Kathleen – DOF has redistricted. Her district is now spread out from Powhatan to Hampton Roads. Reforestation program is open. Order bare root seedlings now! Promoting hard wood forest management. Some counties are retracting the forestry portion of land use tax exemption. Busy with outreach at Mission Tomorrow at Richmond Raceway.
  - Rob – Hosted Lynchburg 8<sup>th</sup> graders for an educational paddle. Working on riparian buffer plantings, dam relicensing. The office is being renovated from Dec. – June.

1<sup>st</sup> quarter meeting date TBD. Curt will host at Charlottesville office of Luck Stone. He will send Lorne available dates and Lorne will send out doodle to members.

Meeting adjourned 12:05 p.m.