

Middle James Roundtable Steering Committee Meeting

MINUTES

JULY 22, 2022

1 PM – 2:15 PM AM STEERING

VIRTUAL MEETINGS

MEETING CALLED BY	Nancy Lily, Chairperson (Lynchburg)
TYPE OF MEETING	Steering Committee Meeting
NOTE TAKER	Sharon Conner (Hanover-Caroline SWCD)
ATTENDEES	Betty McCracken (Monacan SWCD), Jennifer Clark (RVA DPU), Mark Williams (Luck Stone), Jennifer Palmore (DEQ), Lorne Field (Chesterfield), Lindy Durham (Henricopolis SWCD), Julie Buchanan (CVWMA), Kathleen Ogilvy (DOF), Curt Hambrick (Luck Stone), Madison Whitehurst (DEQ)

Agenda topics

2022 GRANT

NANCY LILY

DISCUSSION	<p>Grant Deliverable Review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Activity 1: MJRT Fiscal Agent – Lindy Durham sent out the financial report prior to the committee meeting. The report was reviewed by the committee. Lindy noted that the 2nd quarter report was just submitted to DEQ. B. Activity 2: Website Hosting and Domain Name – Lindy Durham paid for the domain name but has not gotten bill for constant contact yet. C. Activity 3: Quarterly Steering Committee Meetings – the 2nd quarterly committee meeting was held today. D. Activity 4: Executive Committee Meetings – the first 1st meeting was held today. E. Activity 5. : Regional Watershed Workshop – See notes below detailing the Annual Meeting Program F. Activity 6: Web-based Electronic Outreach – Julie Buchanan has encountered trouble with accessing the MJRT Facebook page. Julie and Lorne Field will work together to manage postings. G. Activity 7: Soil Test Vouchers – Lindy Durham distributed and paid for 118 vouchers. H. Activity 8: Septic Pump-out Cost Share Vouchers – Lindy noted that 12 vouchers were distributed and paid out for pumpouts in Slate watershed. DEQ has renewed the grant and given permission to use vouchers in Slate River Watershed again. I. Activity 9: Rain Barrel Purchase, Installation and Homeowner Education – Lindy Durham purchased 5 rainbarrels to use in Henrico. H-CSWCD just purchased 25 barrels to utilize in workshops. 		
CONCLUSIONS	Activities were reviewed and progress in on track for action items.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

ANNUAL MEETING 2022

NANCY LILY

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Time of year – the meeting will be held on October 6, 2022 B. Meeting Venue – Miller Center at no cost. The meeting will be a hybrid session. It will include a main plenary session with several breakout sessions. C. Environmental Justice Theme – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Olivia Hall is no longer with the MJRT, so very little has been done to confirm speakers. o Nancy Lily will tackle speakers for Urban Tree Canopy and Heat Island topics. o Sharon Conner will reach out to VSU Agriculture Minority Producer Programs Manager. o Betty McCracken will contact Sherry Ragland, Peter Francisco SWCD, regarding their Septic Program to serve as a speaker. o Madison Whitehurst will reach out to VDH employee Nicole Sandburg as speaker for septic programs and financial resources.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Julie Buchanan also reach out Renae Hoyos or Jerome Brooks as DEQ for DEIJ speakers D. Elections – Elections will also be held at the annual meeting. E. Refreshments – Nancy Lily will bring list of refreshment items to review and choose at next meeting. The budget for food was discussed since food is not included in MJRT grant. Each MJRT members will try to solicit donations. F. After meeting opportunities – may include brewery visits after meeting for participants. We can discuss at next meeting. 	
CONCLUSIONS	The main theme will be Environmental Justice as it relates to conservation funding opportunities in the James.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Urban Tree Canopy and Heat Island Speakers	Nancy Lily	August Meeting
VSU Agriculture Minority Producer Programs Manager, Speaker	Sharon Conner	
Sherry Ragland, Peter Francisco SWCD, Speaker	Sherry Ragland	
VDH Nicole Sandburg, Speaker	Madison Whitehurst	
Renae Hoyos or Jerome Brooks, DEQ Speakers	Julie Buchanan	

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EVERYONE

DISCUSSION	<p>Nancy Lily – Nothing at this time.</p> <p>Jenn Clarke –Green infrastructure program is going well. Four libraries are greened up with a fifth on the way. The Main Street revitalization will create and display a treatment train. Discussed the combined sewer system and noted that currently there is no funding. \$1.3 billion is needed. The first paid citizen stakeholder group was started with 18 stakeholders on board for 3 years.</p> <p>Betty McCracken – Monacan SWCD has received historic funding in Ag Cost-share from general assembly. They were able to fund a new Ag Tech position to help with BMP implementation.</p> <p>Kathleen – DOF is well funded this year. The Trees for Clean Water Grant is open. The Fall woods and wildlife tour will be held the day after the MJRT annual meeting in Amelia.</p> <p>Julie Buchanan – CVWMA recently approved a Strategic Plan. As part of the plan, recycling will be increased in multi-unit developments. Greater recycling access is needed in larger apartment complexes. Colonial Heights has a new contractor for recycling. They have realized that citizens are not recycling as they much as they should so efforts will be ramped up there.</p> <p>Lorne Field – may sent a report to be included.</p> <p>Sharon – Hanover-Caroline SWCD also has historic funding for Ag Cost-share. They will be receiving a NOAA grant soon to provide environmental literacy programming in underserved school systems including Caroline County.</p> <p>Curt – Described his role at Luck Stone. He is the boots on ground with anything related to air and water. He provides community outreach and works with closely with DEQ. The E3 (Environmental Excellence) is part of his charge.</p> <p>Lindy Durham – Reported that Henrico County Public Schools have founded the Varina Center for Environmental Education. It is slated to open in September. Envirothon events will be held there.</p> <p>Madison – DEQ has been very short-staffed. They will be getting a new person soon. 319 grant funding is available for TMDL initiatives in Districts.</p>	
CONCLUSIONS	N/A	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

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BY-LAWS

NANCY LILY

DISCUSSION	The MJRT By-Laws say we are supposed to have a certain number of representatives from local government, state/federal government, PDCs, SWCDs, anyone interested in conservation. If a member misses more than 2 consecutive meetings, they need to be reminded of duties towards committee. The chair will send out the reminders. Lorne noted that the James River Pet Coalition will most likely not continue due to lack of interest. Most localities have their own programs now. He suggested removing it from Facebook page. The committee approved the recommendation to remove pet waste coalition information from the Facebook page.	
CONCLUSIONS	A letter will be sent to members missing consecutive meetings. Pet Waste Coalition information will be removed from Facebook page.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Send out reminders to attend meetings	Nancy Lily	August
Remove JR Pet Coalition information from Facebook page	Lorne Field	

The next steering committee meeting will be held in August. It will be a hybrid meeting. Curt Hambrick volunteered to host at Luck Stone in Powhatan. Nancy will send out a doodle poll for the date.

Meeting Adjourned!