

MINUTES

September 21, 2021
10:00am

North Lebanon Township Building
725 Kimmerlings Road
And via Zoom teleconference

A regular meeting of the Governing Body of the Lebanon County Stormwater Consortium was held on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 10:00am at the North Lebanon Township Building and via Zoom teleconference.

There were present:

Members:

Robin Getz, City of Lebanon
Tom Embich, Annville Township
Tom Long, North Cornwall Township
Nick Yingst, Annville Township

Cheri Grumbine, North Lebanon Township
Jamie Yiengst, South Lebanon Township
Bryan Hoffman, Cleona Borough Authority

Non-members:

Jacob Shaffer, Steckbeck Engineering
Steve Sherk, Steckbeck Engineering

Ben Ehrhart, Land Studies
Dan Lyons, Redevelopment Authority

1. *Roll Call.* Chairperson Getz called the meeting to order at 10:00am and conducted roll call.
2. *Approve Minutes of the August 17, 2021 Annual Meeting.* Chairperson Getz canvassed the Governing Body for corrections or revisions to the minutes of the August 17th annual meeting. It was suggested that section 2 of the minutes concerning Stifel/Ziegler be expanded to include a sentence to the effect of “There was consensus for a subcommittee comprised of representatives from North Cornwall, North Lebanon, and Annville to meet with Stifel to work out the details of the investment.” Upon a motion by Mr. Hoffman, seconded by Ms. Yiengst, the Governing Body unanimously approved the minutes of the August 17, 2021 annual meeting as amended.
3. *Financial Report.*
 - a. *Approve bills to be paid.* Mr. Lyons presented the bills to be paid including \$105 for North Lebanon’s solicitor’s costs (related to Consortium activity) and \$34,327.72 in bills from Steckbeck Engineering. Mr. Yingst asked if we could expect to see invoices from Land Studies coming down the line. Mr. Sherk noted that some Land Studies costs are included in the bills under consideration and that this would likely continue to be the case going forward. Ms. Yiengst commented that the four-month lag in invoicing with Steckbeck makes it hard to know how accurate our year-to-date budget is. Mr. Sherk acknowledged the concern and reported that they recently changed the way they do their billing which should result in more timely billing going forward. Ms. Yiengst moved to pay the \$34,432.72 of bills under consideration; the motion was seconded by Mr. Long and carried unanimously.
4. *Business.*

- a. *Discussion regarding Stifel account associated persons requirement/RACL management/Consortium's legal status.* Mr. Long reported on a meeting the investment subcommittee had with Stifel Advisors and the questions that came out of that meeting regarding the Consortium's legal status and whether the Redevelopment Authority should control the investment account. The group discussed numerous ideas including incorporating as a stormwater authority or a nonprofit, shopping around for better rates at local banks, and allowing member municipalities to retain their contributions until the costs are incurred. Mr. Hoffman volunteered to consult a knowledgeable attorney about the group's options and to do so at Cleona's expense. Mr. Sherk offered to take a look at the stormwater consortium in York County and see how they have handled things. Mr. Embich offered to ask their engineer the same questions about the stormwater coalition in Berks County.

Mr. Long moved to rescind the investment policy statement that was adopted at the August meeting and to step back from the Stifel/Ziegler investment. The motion was seconded by Mr. Embich and carried unanimously.

- b. *Engineer's report.* Mr. Shaffer presented his written reports and then turned things over to Ben Ehrhart from Land Studies who presented a slideshow on the Quittapahilla floodplain restoration project. Mr. Ehrhart noted that they now believe a load reduction of up to 700,000 lbs./year may be achievable, where the original estimate was only 150,000, and only approximately 500,000 lbs./year reduction is required for this watershed. It is unknown at this time whether the group will be permitted to roll over excess reductions to the next permit cycle or simply see a reduced basis for next cycle. Mr. Ehrhart reported the project could be underway next summer at the earliest. When asked about the lifespan of the improvements, he answered that he would expect up to a couple inches of sediment to accumulate every year but not harm the function, and that the improvements would probably still be functioning as intended 30 years from now.

Mr. Sherk reported that he would prioritize getting the agreements finalized with the county and the new owner of the mini golf course property just in case the project could begin next year.

Ms. Grumbine reported that the agreement with the property owner of 810 Melody Lane has been executed and that the structures to be installed have been ordered.

5. *Public Comment.* None.

6. *Adjournment.* There being no further business to come before the Governing Body, Chairperson Getz adjourned the meeting at 11:57am.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Embich, Secretary