



Coordinator's Report

March 2023

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Thanks *Jasmine* for your 2 Years as Chair!





MEETING AGENDA

March 23, 2006

Rayburn House Office Building – Room 2325 --- Washington, DC

- 10:00 a.m.** **Call to Order**..... *Russell Pettyjohn, Chair*
Review of Agenda
Approval of December meeting minutes
Introductions of attendees
- 10:15 a.m.** **Election of Officers**.....*Russell Pettyjohn and Pat Devlin*
- 10:25 a.m.** **Report on the Chesapeake Bay Program meeting with Advisory Committees on February 3rd***Russ Pettyjohn & Carin Bisland (CBP)*

Objective: To identify priority issues for advisory committee attention and ways to improve involvement of LGAC in Bay Program decisions.

Thank You Carin Bisland!



- 32+years with EPA and CBP
- Helped craft two Watershed Agreements (Chesapeake 2000 and the most recent in 2014)
- Involved in the formation of the Bay TMDL
- Tireless champion for wetland restoration
- Co-chair of GIT 6
- Organized multiple EC meetings.
- Alliance's Watershed Champion in 2013 (1st yr it was awarded)



Looking Ahead

- **Watershed Currents** Newsletter--Increasing Readership each Bi-monthly Issue
 - May theme on **Funding Resources**
 - Future topics you would like to see covered?
- **June 1-2 LGAC Meeting**
 - Hybrid in Havre De Grace, MD
 - Interest in a Conowingo Tour?
- **Peer to Peer Tour Update**
 - WV-June 30-walking tour of green infrastructure in Berkeley Springs
 - NY and DC--TBD
- **Roundtables**
 - June 16 breakfast discussion in Lancaster PA-facilitated by Leo Lutz
- **Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week**
 - June 3-11, 2023-Theme "[Chesapeake Journeys](#)"

MB proposed response to LGAC 2022 Recommendations to the EC

“...to develop consolidated and easy-to-use grant portal to include all federal funding opportunities and calls on EPA and its federal partners to simplify and streamline grant application processes relating to Chesapeake Bay priorities for the purpose of inclusion and full representation of the watershed communities.”

MB agrees that identifying barriers to infrastructure project implementation under the BIL and ARPA would be helpful to the partners. To help identify those barriers, the MB will include such a discussion on a future MB meeting. As preparation, the jurisdiction partners will be asked to identify common issues and be prepared to discuss options for addressing each issue.

“...to take the leadership role in promoting the requisite green infrastructure workforce development, training and certification programs as a means to support local economies and continue watershed restoration efforts.”

Management Board established a Workforce Action Team in 2022 and is hiring a contractor through the GIT-funding process to conduct a Landscape Assessment that will begin in Summer 2023. The MB will request that the jurisdictions report the information requested by LGAC to the MB to inform the Landscape Assessment, and report findings back to the MB at regular intervals.

2023 Proposed Local Government Forum Topic

Workforce Development Focus

- Co-develop = LGAC together with the CBP Workforce Action Team
- Either September or December LGAC Meeting time
- Focus on Education/Jobs/Training that Supports Bay Program Efforts
- Creating Opportunities for Liveable Wage and Career Advancement
 - High School
 - Community Colleges
 - Internships

Thoughts?

Thank You!
