

Minutes

Agricultural Advisory Board Meeting

Nov 07, 2019

DEP Laboratory
Harrisburg, PA

In Attendance - AAB Members

William Neilson – PA Farm Bureau
Ramez Ziadeh – PA DEP
JV Lamb – PA Grange
Darwin Nissley – Livestock
Kerry Golden – PA House
Destiny Zeiders – PA House
Duane Hobbs – Syngenta
Walter Moore – Dairy
Chris Uhland – Horticulture
Matt Royer - PSU
Brenda Shambaugh – PACD
Peter Vanderstapen - NRCS

In Attendance - Agencies, Advisors, and Guests

Kelly O'Neil - Chesapeake Bay Foundation
Jay Braund - PA DEP Bureau of Clean Water
Doug Goodlander - PA DEP Bureau of Clean Water
Shelby Freyermuth - PA DEP Office of Water Programs
Sidney Freyermuth - Bureau of Waterways Engineering
Brian Chalfant - PA DEP Policy Office
Tiffany Landis - Regional Permit Coordination Office
Andrew Foley - Regional Permit Coordination Office
Becky Dunlap - Regional Permit Coordination Office
Roger Adams - Bureau of Waterways Engineering
Ken Murin - Bureau of Waterways Engineering

The meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Board and Nutrient Management Advisory Board was called to order by JV Lamb at 9:35 AM in the Pennsylvania DEP Laboratory.

Members of the board introduced themselves, as did the other meeting attendees.

Meeting Minutes — The AAB did not have a quorum therefore no vote was taken on the meeting minutes.

Legislative Update

There was no legislative update.

PA's Water Quality Program and Stream Redesignation Process – Josh Lookenbill – Bureau of Clean Water

Josh Lookenbill provided the Board an overview of DEP's Water Quality Standards Program and the redesignation process. Josh informed the Board that rulemaking is being proposed for the following streams. If the Board has comments they can contact Josh.

Dunbar Creek (Fayette Co.) – HQ-CWF to EV

Two Lick Creek (Indiana Co.) – TSF to CWF

Tunkhannock Creek (Monroe Co.) – HQ-CWF to EV

Bear Run (Indiana Co.) – CWF to HQ-CWF and EV

Clyde Run (Elk Co.) – Missing from Ch. 93 to EV

UNT South Branch Codorus Creek – WWF to EV

Paradise Creek (Monroe Co.) – HQ-CWF to EV

Cranberry Creek (Monroe Co.) – HQ-CWF to EV

UNT Oley Creek (Luzerne Co.) – HQ-CWF to CWF

UNT Whetstone Run (Delaware Co.) WWF – No Change

Technical Guidance Document (TGD) relating to the “Construction and Operation during Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) – Andrew Foley – Regional Permit Coordination Office

Drew Foley provided the Board with an update on this technical guidance document. The TGD reviews site-specific geological, topographical, and hydrological analysis to be considered. It also provides type of analysis and documentation of adjacent features in the vicinity of the project footprint and potential impact of the planned activity on or from adjacent features. The Board can contact Andrew if they have comments.

TGD relating to the “Methodologies and Factors to Consider to complete Alternatives Analysis (AA) for Stream and Wetland Crossings per the Ch. 105 Regulations – Becky Dunlap – Regional Permit Coordination Office.

Becky Dunlap provided the Board with an update on this technical guidance document. The alternatives analysis is the project applicant's written documentation of efforts to avoid or minimize environmental impacts and to demonstrate to the Department that impacts from the

proposed water obstruction(s) and encroachment(s) have been avoided and minimized to the greatest extent practicable. The Board can contact Becky if they have comments.

Chapter 105 Regulation Update – Roger Adams (DEP)

Roger Adams informed the Board that DEP is in the process of revising the Chapter 105 Regulations. The revisions or updates are intended to clarify key sections of the regulations and allow greater consistency in interpretation of the regulations. More detailed information will be brought to the Board in future meetings.

CAFO GP Update – Doug Goodlander (DEP)

Doug Goodlander of DEP reminded both boards that CAFO Annual Reports and Annual Fees for all holders of PAG-12 are due on December 31st. If a CAFO permittee has not submitted either their permit fees or an annual report, their permit coverage will lapse. Mr. Goodlander encouraged the group to remind CAFO permit holders of this requirement.

The next meeting of the AAB will be Dec 19th, 2019 at the Southcentral Regional Office