

Lower Susquehanna Regional Water Resources Committee Meeting

September 14, 2009  
9:30 am – 12:00 pm

DEP Southcentral Regional Office  
909 Elmerton Ave.  
Harrisburg, PA

**DRAFT Meeting Summary**

**Committee Members in Attendance:**

Tom Beauduy	Cynthia Hitz
Betty Conner	Walter Leis
Felicia Dell	Herbert Mattern
Robert Edwards (phone)	Tom McCarty
Ron Evanko (phone)	Tom Mealy
William Fink	Todd Reichart
Matt Genchur	Craig Robertson
Jeffery Hines	Steve Seidl

**Committee Members Not in Attendance:**

Don Baldwin	James Hostetter
Jineen Boyle	Michael Kyle
Chris Hoffman	Terry Esbenshade

**Others in Attendance:**

Lee Eicholtz, USGS	Kurt Skees, DEP
Marla Stuckey, USGS	Dave Jostenski, DEP
Sarah Whitney, PA Sea Grant	Leslie Sarvis, DEP
Mary Gattis-Schell, Lancaster County	John Seitz, York Co. Plnng.
Mike Hill, DEP	Jay Braund, DEP
Rick Devore, DEP	Lori Mohr, DEP

Matt Genchur opened the meeting with introductions at 9:32 am. Todd Reichart introduced himself as a new committee member.

**Finalize Draft 11/10/08 and 2/9/09 Meeting Summaries**

Both draft meeting summaries were approved with no changes.

Motion: Tom Mealy

Second: Walt Leis

**Officer Elections**

Tom Mealy nominated Matt Genchur to serve as chair, seconded by Walt Leis. Motion passed unanimously. Tom Mealy nominated Walt Leis to serve as vice chair, seconded by Cynthia Hitz. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Statewide Committee Representative**

Names were solicited to be provided to the leadership of the Legislature for Statewide Committee representation. Matt Genchur indicated an interest in serving as the Statewide Committee representative. Felicia Dell offered her name as well, if the Legislators needed a second person to consider.

### **Comments from the Public**

There were no comments from the public.

### **DEP Summary of Activities**

Statewide committee update:

Secretary Hanger adopted the State Water Plan on February 2, 2009. A ceremony was held on March 26, 2009. The Plan and Atlas were distributed to committee members and others who indicated an interest for the Plan. The Statewide Committee met on June 18, 2009. Tim Weston elected to serve as chair of the statewide committee, and David Mandelbaum was elected to serve as vice chair.

Dave Jostenski and Mike Hill provided an update on the development of the new website, which will include a digital atlas. The website is expected to "go live" on approximately 10/21. More information will be sent to committee members as the website is more fully developed.

Jay Braund provided an update on the Water Resource Technical Assistance Center. DEP worked with the TAC subcommittee and SRBC staff to select an entity to "house" the TAC. Pennsylvania Environmental Council was selected through a competitive RFP process. PEC's proposal will include the development of a business model to provide long term sustainability for the center. An advisory board was selected to help guide PEC in the development of the Center.

### **CWPA Nominations**

Dave Jostenski summarized the discussions from the region's technical subcommittee meeting. In addition, Dave described the process for designation of CWPAs, and he gave a virtual tour for the watersheds under consideration for nomination as CWPAs. Dave Jostenski reviewed the criteria for designation as a CWPA, and he reviewed the factors for consideration in developing the nominations. The committee discussed the watersheds and voted unanimously to solicit public comments on the following nominations:

Conestoga River?? – to include Little Conestoga Creek and Mill Creek  
Swatara Creek – to include Spring Creek, Mill Creek and Elizabeth Run  
Conewago Creek – to include South Branch Conewago and Little Conewago Creeks

Motion: Craig Robertson

Second: Felicia Dell

The public meeting will be held on November 16 beginning at approximately 1:00pm at a location to be determined.

**Follow-up/Next Steps**

The next meeting will be held on November 16 in advance of the public meeting and hearing.