DEP NORTHCENTRAL REGIONAL CITIZENS' ROUNDTABLE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 11, 2013 SUMMARY OF MEETING MINUTES

In the absence of a chairperson, DEP Community Relations Coordinator Dan Spadoni called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and had everyone present introduce themselves.

The minutes of the Oct. 15, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved, on a motion by Curt Reed and seconded by Nate Campbell.

Spadoni reported that the mileage reimbursement rate has increased to 565 cents per mile. He told the members to let him know via email if they have not been paid for past meetings and he would ask the regional business manager to investigate and get back to them.

Spadoni then reported on membership changes. He said that Kevin McJunkin resigned last month as chairperson but remains on the roundtable. An election will be held at the end of this meeting to select a new chairperson. Spadoni said that Becky Dunlap is now representing the Clinton County Conservation District instead of Trout Unlimited, and that Amy Wolfe is a new member representing Trout Unlimited. He said that Wolfe is also replacing Dunlap on the steering committee. Finally, Spadoni said that Norm Lathbury is now representing the Centre County Farmland Trust on the roundtable.

Spadoni then introduced Nicki Kasi, Chief, Division of Technical and Financial Assistance, Bureau of Point and Non-Point Management, to discuss proposed changes to the department's Nutrient Credit Trading Program.

Kasi had a PowerPoint on the subject, a copy of which was presented to those present. (A copy is also being sent to those who did not attend the meeting).

There were questions-and-answers with members of the roundtable both during and after the PowerPoint.

Spadoni said it was time for the election of a new chairperson. He said each person had a list of members in front of them, and that more than one person could be nominated. If more than one person was nominated, the members would vote by placing an "x" next to the individual on the list and Spadoni would tally the votes to determine a winner. Dave Gilbert nominated Megan Lehman as chairperson, which was seconded by Dr. Mel Zimmerman. Dr. Jack Watson moved the nominations be closed, which was approved by the group. Spadoni then asked those in favor of Lehman to vote verbally, and all voted for her. Lehman will begin her duties immediately.

The next meeting will be held on April 15, 2013. Spadoni said the possible major topic would be the use of Act 13 impact fee money by counties, municipalities and conservation districts, which had been selected for this meeting but was found by Spadoni to be a bit premature. The meeting was adjourned at about 8:45 p.m.