

LOWER SUSQUEHANNA WATER RESOURCES  
REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING

November 21, 2005  
9:30 to 12:30 pm

DEP Southcentral Regional Office

DRAFT Meeting Summary

Attendance

Committee members in attendance:

William Achor  
Don Baldwin  
Tom Beauduy  
Jineen Boyle  
Betty Conner  
Ronald Evanko  
Cynthia Hitz  
Chris Hoffman  
James Hostetter

Michael Kyle  
Walter M. Leis, P.G.  
Earl Meyer  
William T. Morris  
Craig G. Robertson, P.G.  
Steven J. Seidl

Committee members not in attendance:

Ed Goodhart  
Thomas Mealy  
Jeffrey S. Osman

DEP Staff:

Vicki Welty  
Lori Mohr

Others in attendance:

Steve Sylvester, Lancaster County Planning Commission  
Bill Fulton, Chester County Planning Commission  
Jim Szyborski, Tri-County Regional Planning Commission  
Jeff Kelly, Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, Cumberland County  
Janine Park, Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, Dauphin County  
Sara Henke, Tri-County Planning Commission, Perry County  
Roy Livergood, York County Planning Commission  
Tom McCarty, Penn State Cooperative Extension  
Chairman Betty Conner called meeting to order at 9:30 am. Quorum was present.

Introductions were made around the room.

## Administrative Items

August meeting summary was accepted as final. Motion to accept the August meeting summary made by Bill Achor, seconded by Ron Evanko. Passed unanimously.

### Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

- Motion made by Don Baldwin to keep same present officers, motion seconded by Cynthia Hitz, passed unanimously.

### Meeting Schedule for 2006

- Betty Conner asked that August 2006 meeting be moved to July 31 2006. All members agreed. Lori Mohr will confirm that there are not any conflicts with other meetings.

## DEP Summary – Lori Mohr

Lori discussed a Power Point presentation and Template Memo that were provided to committee members. Office of Water Planning staff has assigned “lead” staff in writing various components of the State Water Plan, and has established targeted due dates on writing assignments.

## Additional Comments

Craig Robertson discussed with group the possibility of various committee members meeting for sharing of ideas in place of the regular meeting in February.

Bill Achor questioned dates of tasks due in 2006.

Discussion of February Workshop – Betty Conner will work on organizing it. This workshop will replace the normal Lower Susquehanna Committee meeting that was scheduled for February 2006.

Jineen Boyle discussed membership of committee. Lori Mohr reported that Leslie Sarvis is working on replacing members that have stepped down. Lori will check on membership list & when terms expire. Tom Beauduy asked that Leslie provide a membership list with expiration terms and vacancies to all committee members.

## Discussion with County Planning Commissions

### **Lancaster County Planning Commission – Steve Sylvester**

- Discussed in detail Lancaster County municipalities, watersheds and tourism.
- Lancaster County would like to see protocols set in the State Water Plan to encourage a uniform way to coordinate water resources planning with comprehensive planning.

### **Chester County – Bill Fulton**

- Discussed county information documents that were provided.

### **Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (Cumberland, Dauphin, Perry)**

- Jim Szymborski provided general information on 3 counties

- Jeff Kelly provided overview of **Cumberland County**
  - Cumberland County Priorities Identified in the Comprehensive Plan:
    1. restrict floodplain development
    2. stormwater 167 planning
    3. groundwater quality, including wellhead protection and BMPs to protect groundwater supply (filtration)
  - Cumberland County Critical Water Issues
    1. groundwater contamination (due to housing development, agricultural production, and industry (e.g. trucking))
    2. water supply – including quantity and quality
    3. stormwater runoff
  - Other issues
    1. permitting individual wells, based on aquifer
    2. need funding for water supply study update (current study conducted in 1969)
    3. Act 167 plans needed
- Janine Park provided overview of **Dauphin County**
  - In addition to a comprehensive plan, Dauphin County has the Swatara Creek Watershed Water Supply Plan, and five Act 167 plans with two additional plans in progress.
  - Critical Water Issues
    1. drought
    2. stormwater control practices need to be updated
    3. groundwater quality problems
    4. education necessary for municipal officials and homeowners
    5. need funding for water supply plans
  - Suggestions for changing the regional committee priorities
    1. add more detail to the land use and water resources planning sections
    2. add floodplains
    3. add water supply plan funding
- Sara Henke provided overview of **Perry County**
  - Water supply plan written in 2001
  - Critical water resources issues
    1. geology of county makes it difficult to drill new water supplies
    2. No Act 167 plans exist
  - Needs and priorities
    1. Permitting of wells to monitor quality/quantity of well waters. Nitrates are high in wells, due to farmland conversion
    2. Identify geographic area where there could be high nitrates in the regional plan.
    3. Need education related to zoning issues, as well as subdivision and land development ordinances.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30