

LOWER SUSQUEHANNA WATER RESOURCES
REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING

May 14, 2007
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

DEP Southcentral Regional Office
909 Elmerton Ave.
Harrisburg, PA 17110

DRAFT Meeting Summary

Attendance

Committee members in attendance:

Don Baldwin
Tom Beauduy
Jineen Boyle
Betty Conner
Felicia Dell
William C. Fink (official once oath signed)
Matt Genchur
Jeff Hines (official once oath signed)

James Hostetter
Michael Kyle
Walter M. Leis, P.G.
Thomas Mealy
Earl Meyer
William T. Morris
Steven J. Seidl

Committee members not in attendance:

Ronald Evanko
Cynthia Hitz
Chris Hoffman
Judy Jordan

Thomas McCarty
Craig G. Robertson, P.G
Gerrit Strathmeyer

Others in attendance:

John Seitz, York County Planning
Commission
Joel Caves, Spotts Stevens & McCoy
Dave Jostenski, DEP

Bill Gast, DEP
Leslie Sarvis, DEP
Rachel Delavan, DEP
John Hines, DEP

Chairman Betty Conner called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. New Committee members were introduced.

Regional Action Agenda

The Committee worked on finalizing their Regional Action Agenda. Committee members wrote comments and notes on large flip chart sheets. Rachel Delavan will revise the draft based on this work and distribute the updated goals and objectives to the Committee. After reviewing the updated draft, Committee members may send additional comments to Rachel Delavan at rdelavan@state.pa.us.

The Committee also selected and discussed goals that will be advanced for developing more detailed work plans and recommendations in the 2008 State Plan.

Public Meetings and Hearings

The Committee agreed to schedule a Public Meeting/Public Hearing for the evening of Monday, October 29th. The location will most likely be the Radisson Penn Harris Hotel and Convention Center in Camp Hill, PA. Further details will be made available to the Committee once the time and location are set.

Administrative Items

The Committee approved the Draft meeting summaries from May 2006 through February 2007 with no changes.

May 2006, July 2006, November 2006 & February 2007 Draft Meeting

Summaries:

Motion made by: Walt Leis

Motion second by: Mike Kyle

Motion carried.

The Committee conducted elections of 2007 Chair and Vice Chair. Betty Conner will continue to serve as Chair and Matt Genchur is the new Vice-Chair.

2007 Committee Chair:

Nomination of Betty Conner made by: Tom Mealy

Motion to close nominations made by: Bill Morris

Motion second by: Walt Leis

Motion carried.

2007 Committee Vice-Chair:

Nomination of Matt Genchur made by: Walt Leis

Second by: Steve Seidl

Motion to close nominations made by: Bill Morris

Motion second by: Tom Mealy

Motion carried.

DEP Summary of Activities

Rachel Delavan provided a list of current Committee members with the category they represent and the date their term expires. Two more new committee members (1 "industrial", 1 "professional") were in attendance and notified the Committee that they had just received their appointment letters from the Governor. Once the Oath of Office is signed and notarized, the new Committee members can officially perform their duties. DEP has recently received a nomination letter for the 1 remaining vacancies ("local government") on the list and will move forward with the nomination process. There is also a new

“environmental” opening. DEP staff will seek nominations for this opening and will accept any suggestions from Committee members.

The Statewide Committee update memo dated March 15, 2007 was provided to the Committee along with a draft document outlining the Organization of the 2008 State Water Plan.

The Contractor selected to complete the Paper Atlas and Public Information Document is Greenhorne and O’mara in association with Land Logics Group and Robinson Group. The Notice to Proceed was issued on April 10th and work commenced immediately.

DEP will be providing materials for regional committee members to review before the August meetings and is currently trying to determine the best way to provide these materials and collect comments.

Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the Public

Update on Water Budget Screenings- Dave Jostenski, DEP

A presentation was given to update the Committee on the schedule and sequence of the water budget screenings.

Follow-up/Next Steps - The next meeting will be held on August 13, 2007 at the DEP Southcentral Regional Office in Harrisburg.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.