

Lower Susquehanna Regional Water Resources Committee Meeting

May 12, 2008
9:30am – 11:30am

Dauphin County Conservation District
1451 Peters Mountain Road
Dauphin, PA 17018

DRAFT Meeting Summary

Committee Members in Attendance:

Don Baldwin	Michael Kyle
Jineen Boyle	Herbert Mattern
Betty Conner	Tom McCarty
Robert Edwards	Tom Mealy
Matt Genchur	Earl Meyer
Jeffery Hines	Bill Morris
Chris Hoffman	Steve Seidl

Committee Members Not in Attendance:

Tom Beauduy	James Hostetter
Ron Evanko	Walter Leis
William Fink	Craig Robertson
Cynthia Hitz	

Others in Attendance:

Joel Caves - Spott, Stevens and McCoy, Inc.
Mary Gattis-Schell, Lancaster Co. Planning Commission
Dave Jostenski, DEP
Lori Mohr, DEP
Leslie Sarvis, DEP

Matt Genchur called the meeting to order at 9:40a.m. Betty Conner continued chairing the meeting after her arrival.

Finalize Draft February Meeting Summary

The Draft Feb. 11 Meeting Summary was approved with no changes.

Motion: Bill Morris

2nd: Tom Mealy

Reappointments and Vacancies

The 2007 reappointments were approved by the Governor's Office, and the respective committee members should have received their reappointment letters. Please let Lori or Leslie know if you did not receive your reappointment letter.

Statewide Committee Meeting Updates

At its March 20th meeting, the Statewide Committee approved four white papers to be included in the State Water Plan (Navigation, Integrated Water Resources Management, Stormwater/Flooding and Water Quality). There was also a presentation about the newly created Sustainable Infrastructure Task Force, which will explore resources for upgrading aging drinking water and wastewater facilities and present a report to the Governor in the fall. The Task Force is holding public meetings across the state in May,

and Lori said the press release with the dates and locations would be emailed to all of the regional committee members.

At its April 18th meeting, the Statewide Committee approved the Chapter 110 regulations (registration and reporting). The Committee also discussed the Water Conservation Technical Assistance Paper and asked that it be sent to the Regional Committees for comments. Comments should be submitted by May 15th to Gary Obleski and Jerry Feldman.

Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Draft Regional Atlas Review

A copy of the Draft Lower Susquehanna Atlas was passed around for committee members to review. Lori went over the major changes from the last draft and said that the only changes between now and the September public meetings would be to the graphics (maps and photos). The text will remain the same. If committee members have comments they may submit them to Lori or Leslie, and the comments will be considered with the other public comments received during the public comment period in the fall.

Fall Public Meeting and Hearing

Lori confirmed that the date of the committee's public meeting and hearing will be Monday, September 15 and the location is the Radisson Penn Harris Hotel in Camp Hill. The August 11th meeting will be canceled because there will be a regular committee business meeting before the public meeting/hearing on September 15th.

Lori said the agenda would be similar to the public meeting/hearing held in 2003. There will be a regular committee business meeting in the afternoon. The evening will begin with an open house for the public to view displays and maps. Following the open house, the public meeting will include a presentation and an informal discussion period. Then the public hearing portion of the evening will begin. All of the materials will be posted on the State Water Plan website before the public meetings.

Watershed Verification Update

Dave Jostenski updated the committee on the watersheds that were chosen by the committee to undergo further screening for potential water quantity problems. DEP has contracted with USGS to perform verification of the watersheds in the Lower Susquehanna basin to determine which ones could potentially be nominated by the regional committee as a Critical Water Planning Area. DEP will send updates, when available, to committee members via email and at subsequent meetings, and staff will report on the results of the verification at the November round of committee meetings.

Follow-up/Next Steps

The August 11th meeting has been canceled. The next meeting of the full committee is Monday, September 15th at the Radisson Penn Harris Hotel beginning at 2:30pm. The public meeting and hearing will follow that evening.