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**Potomac Water Resource Regional Committee Meeting
Fulton County Theatre
McConnellsburg, PA
April 16, 2004**

Meeting Summary

Attendance

Members Present:

Charles Bennett, Chair
Phyllis Chant, Vice Chair
Mark Bream
Dr. Evon Barvinchack
Michael Christopher
Marlin L. Ewing
George Fisanich
Andrew Fitz
Joseph Hoffman
Jeffrey Kloss
Ricky A. Leese
Donald MacAskill
Mark Mathews
William McLaughlin
Russell McLucas
Pat Naugle
Robert Reichart
William Reichart
James Richenderfer, Ph.D., P.G.
Tim Schaeffer

Members not Present:

Thomas Gratto
Brent Ramsey
Roger Steele

Guests:

Scott Alexander – Fulton County CD
Dennis Low – USGS

DEP Staff:

Susan Weaver - DEP
Lori Mohr - DEP
Bill Gast - DEP
Dave Jostenski - DEP
Kurt Skees - DEP

Administrative

Motion was made by Jeffrey Kloss to accept February 20 Minutes; seconded by Joseph Hoffman, and passed unanimously.

Note: The February 20 minutes failed to list Andrew Fitz and Ricky Leese as present at the last committee meeting.

Sue Weaver announced that the Statewide Committee members have all been appointed, and a tentative date of May 10 is set for the first meeting. Robert Reichart will represent the Potomac committee at this meeting.

To date, no funding is specifically earmarked for Act 220. Funding monies come from two main sources: The Clean Water Fund and The Water Resources Fund.

A motion was raised (Charles Bennett; seconded by William McLaughlin) and passed to develop and send a letter to State officials to request funding for Act 220. Concern was raised that the letter be designed to capture the specific intent and real need of funding - it is anticipated that securing exclusive funding for Act 220 will require much effort.

Dave Jostenski showed several maps as examples of GIS information that the Department is currently pulling together as part of the State Water Plan. Included were views of water withdrawals over top of geology and land use, the water quality attainment status and digital elevation models. This information will be posted on the secure Regional Committee page.

Dave Jostenski provided an update on the Act 220 registration process. Registration information will be used to develop an inventory of water use data. A water budgeting model will utilize the water use registration information to assess the availability of water and identify critical areas. All public water supply agencies, hydropower facilities and all users exceeding an average rate of 10,000 gallons per day in a 30-day period must register. Approximately 2,600 sources have registered as of April 2004. DEP expects to have approximately 15,000 sources registered when complete.

Lori Mohr proposed that an ad hoc outreach workgroup be formed consisting of individuals from each regional committee, the statewide committee, and DEP staff. If all regional committees are in agreement, the workgroup will meet to develop an outreach strategy and framework that is consistent among all of the regional committees. Committee members interested in serving on this ad hoc outreach/public participation workgroup should volunteer by submitting their name to Lori Mohr. Charlie Bennett, Phyllis Chant, and Russell McLucas volunteered to serve on the workgroup. Members will be contacted about a meeting of the large ad hoc workgroup, which DEP staff hope to set up in late May.

Fulton County Conservation District Presentation - Scott Alexander

Informative Presentation on Fulton County Watershed characteristics and issues and the District's environmental Programs and activities.

State Water Plan Schedule and Timeline – David Jostenski

Dave Jostenski provided committee members with a timeline of DEP activities that will take place between 2004 and 2008. Dave also reviewed the role of the Regional Committee and included a timeline of target completion dates for Committee tasks. Handouts were provided detailing these activities and tasks.

Carroll Valley Water Availability Study – Dennis Low

Highlighted what USGS found in their study of Carroll Valley. An example of the detailed/informative work USGS can do.

A motion was passed (Russell McLucas, seconded by Jeffrey Kloss) to write a letter to support funding for USGS for similar studies.

June Meeting

Scheduled for June 18th. Jeffrey Kloss will Host the meeting at the Bedford Springs Golf Course.