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**Potomac Water Resource Regional Committee Meeting**  
**Franklin County Planning Commission**  
**Chambersburg, PA**  
**October 15, 2004**

**Meeting Summary**

**Attendance**

**Members Present:**

Charles Bennett, Chair  
Phyllis Chant, Vice Chair  
Dr. Evon Barvinchack  
Michael Christopher  
George Fisanich  
Joseph Hoffman  
Ricky A. Leese  
Donald MacAskill  
Mark Mathews  
William McLaughlin  
Pat Naugle  
Brent Ramsey  
Robert Reichart  
William Reichart  
James Richenderfer, Ph.D., P.G.  
Tim Schaeffer

**Members not Present:**

Mark Bream  
Andrew Fitz  
Thomas Gratto  
Jeffrey Kloss  
Russell McLucas  
Roger Steele

**Guests:**

Gil Pringle  
Julie Kiang  
Sue Cipperly  
Mark Guise  
Robert Stark  
Kathy Gammell  
Mike Knight

**DEP Staff:**

Sue Weaver  
Lori Mohr  
Daryl Mong  
Kurt Skees

**Administrative Items**

Changes made to the August 20<sup>th</sup> minutes include: Robert Reichart was present (listed as not present); 2<sup>nd</sup> page of minutes, middle of page should read "State Planning Board – the Governor has established a State Planning Board with the concern being they interact with and are on the same page with the Statewide Water Resources Committee."

Motion was made by Joseph Hoffman to accept the August 20<sup>th</sup> minutes; seconded by Tim Schaeffer and passed unanimously.

## Statewide Committee Update

General - Statewide Committee Report: Chair & Vice Chair elected. Don Bluedorn and Jim MacKenzie, formerly Interim Chair and Vice Chair, were officially elected to their posts by the Statewide Committee.

SRBC & DRBC has received monies that will go toward implementation of Act 220 - MOU's will identify specific allocations.

CWPA Criteria – Statewide CWPA Subcommittee developing draft CWPA criteria now. The Regional Committee expresses concern over how and when they will have the opportunity to submit input to the CWPA criteria issue – what is the actual process. Such activity is felt to be a major purpose of the regional committee. Though the general feeling is that the regional committees will in fact have this opportunity, the regional committee formalized their concern by the following motion:

Motion: The Potomac Committee wishes to have the opportunity for regional review of the draft CWPA criteria (prepared by the Statewide Committee) and submit regional comments/recommendations before the criteria are finalized.

Motion made by Dr. Evon Barvinchack; seconded by William McLaughlin. Motion passed with Joe Hoffman noted as abstaining from this vote.

Robert Reichart suggested the adoption of a subcommittee to review the draft CWPA criteria once that time comes. Charles Bennett wants time to see how the Statewide Committee develops the CWPA issue to see what this regional committee should be concerned with.

Vision Document – Joe Hoffman reported that the Vision document was accepted by the Statewide Committee and it seems quite comprehensive.

Future regional meetings and 2005 schedule – No official 2005 schedule yet. Attempting to schedule Statewide Committee meetings on a bimonthly basis and regional committee meetings on a quarterly basis. This stagger should give the regions the opportunity to prepare for and respond to the various issues/projects discussed/developed at the Statewide Committee meetings - i.e. CWPA criteria.

Charles Bennett will be reserving rooms in Adams County for both a December and January meeting. The December meeting will be on a tentative basis contingent on regional CWPA issues possibly brought up at the November Statewide meeting and in preparation for the January Statewide meeting.

Public Comments - Gil Pringle representing Highland Township as a Supervisor. Sue Cipperly from Adams County Planning & Development office.

Marsh Creek Watershed Issue - Gil/Sue expressed concerns over possible groundwater limitations in light of the Gettysburg Municipal Authority's proposal of drilling a well in the watershed and the plans for a new development within same watershed. The County is seeing an accelerated pace in development proposals within the last few years and the Committee should be aware of possible groundwater overloading issues. Mention was made that the 537 process could be used to limit development in these instances and Charles Bennett mentioned that we need science based tools to give authorities leverage for approving/not approving development/537 plans.

Gettysburg Municipal Authority Presentation – Members from GMA outlined their case for drilling well in Marsh Creek Watershed. 76% of time GMA need only withdraw from Marsh Creek but need to supplement balance of time. Also, development could occur within GMA's service area further stressing GMA's existing wells.

Basically wells difficult to drill in the borough area due to high incidence of diabase dikes, therefore GMA is seeking to drill a well in the Marsh Creek Watershed.

Chesapeake Bay Tributary Strategy Presentation, GIS BMP Tracking, and Accessing stream flow information on DEP website – Mark Matthews

December Meeting – Scheduled for December 17<sup>th</sup> in Gettysburg unless otherwise notified.