

FINAL
Potomac Water Resource Regional Committee Meeting
Adams County Department of Emergency Services
Gettysburg, PA
December 17, 2004

Meeting Summary

Attendance

Members Present:

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

Members not Present:

William McLaughlin

Guests:

Sue Cipperly
Julie Kiang

DEP Staff:

Sue Weaver
Lori Mohr
Pam Bishop
Bill Gast
John Hines
Kurt Skees
Nicki Kasi
Dave English

Administrative Items

Changes made to the October 15th minutes include:

- 1.) 3rd page under Marsh Creek Watershed Issue paragraph reads “proposal of drilling a well in the watershed” should read “proposal of augmenting an existing well in the watershed.”
- 2.) 3rd page under Gettysburg Municipal Authority Presentation paragraph reads “Members from GMA outlined...” should read “Bob Stark from

Gannett Fleming Engineers and members from GMA including Kathy Gammell, Mark Guise, and Mike Knight outlined...”

- 3.) 3rd page paragraph heading of Chesapeake Bay Tributary Strategy Presentation, GIS BMP Tracking, and Accessing stream flow information on DEP website – Mark Matthews should read Accessing stream quality information using EmapPA from DEP website – Mark Matthews

Motion was made by Joseph Hoffman to accept the October 20th minutes; seconded by Phyllis Chant and passed unanimously.

Statewide Committee Update

John Hines began by stating that today’s agenda highlights the main points addressed at the November 19th Statewide Committee meeting. 2003 & 2004 can be seen as an educational process while upcoming 2005 will be more action oriented.

2005 is a key year to appropriate necessary funding. If 2005 funding is sub-par and/or future-funding horizon seems sparse, committees may be hard pressed to make key decisions.

2005 Election

Motion was made by Michael Christopher and 2nd by Russell McLucas to keep same appointments (Charlie Bennett, chair and Phyllis Chant, vice chair). Motion passed unanimously.

2005 Schedule

Motion was made by Russell McLucas 2nd by Dr. Evon Barvinchack to keep meeting locations accessible to the public to encourage participation and continue to rotate the meeting locations throughout the basin. Motion passed unanimously with the dates proposed by DEP.

Public Comments

Sue Cipperly represented concern for recent growth trends in Adams County.

Draft Critical Water Planning Area Criteria Review and Presentation

Susan Weaver presented slideshow outline of the present draft for both the CWPA Designation Criteria and Nomination Process. The Roles of the CWPA subcommittee, Statewide Committee, Regional Committees, and DEP Staff in

the process were defined as well as key questions addressed in both phases of the Process.

Comments on the Critical Water Planning Area Draft Documents are due by February 28, 2005, 4:00 pm. Contacts are listed on the slideshow handout.

Priorities and Concerns regarding the CWPA Process

Nicki Kasi and Dave English led a brainstorming session compiling key areas/points that potentially need addressed in fleshing out the Draft documents outlining both the CWPA Designation Criteria and the CWPA Nominating Process. See attachment to these minutes for this compiled list.

Committee members should try to get any additional comments/concerns to Robert Reichart by January 3rd. His email address is rweldrl@cvn.net.

This listing will be revised by categorizing and then numerically prioritizing the items. This work will then be reviewed at the February 18th Regional Committee meeting to meet the Feb. 28th comment deadline for the CWPA Subcommittee.

Draft Regional Framework Review and Comment

John Hines led discussion on what regional components should include. The components should address the 16 areas listed in the Act while incorporating the particular considerations (see Combined list of all regional committee priorities in December 17th Committee Meeting handout package) associated with a given region.

The Draft Regional Component Outline (also included in Decembers handouts) is meant as a starting point of key elements in order for Regional Committee to move forward in the development of their Regional Component.

Sue Weaver noted two questions that are important in this development:

- 1.) What revisions of content and format (organization) need to be made – is this readable to the public.
 - 2.) How will DEP and the Regional Committees work together to complete it.
- Comments on this outline and/or the development of the regional component will be discussed at the February 18th Regional Committee meeting, and they must be forwarded to DEP by February 28, 2005.

Phase II Public Outreach – 2005 Hearings

It was noted that we are moving from the Phase I (General Outreach) to Phase II Public Hearings/Meetings.

The Committee was directed to flesh out the priorities list developed by the Potomac Regional committee in early 2004. This information will be used by the regional committee for the public meetings/hearings scheduled for the Spring of this year. The target date for the regional public meetings/hearings is May 2005.

These issues, once finalized, will go into the regional portion of the State Water Plan.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Mark Mathews 2nd by Phyllis Chant.