

POTOMAC RIVER BASIN WATER RESOURCES
REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING

November 12, 2010

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Adams County Office of Emergency Services

DRAFT Meeting Summary

Attendance:

Committee Members in Attendance

Charles Bennett

Mark Bream

Phyllis Chant

Mike Christopher

Fran Koch

Joseph Hoffman

Donald MacAskill

Russell McLucas

Patrick Naugle

Brent Ramsey

James Richenderfer

Vy Trinh

ICPRB

Heidi Moltz

Jim Palmer

DEP

Dave Jostenski

Meeting Summary

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Charlie Bennett at 9:00 am.

Status of CWPA Nominations (DEP)

Dave Jostenski stated that there are 15 recommendations for Critical Water Planning Area (CWPA) designation coming from regional committees. The State Water Committee has created three tiers. The Ohio and Potomac Regional Committee nominations are in top tier. The middle tier CWPA nominations require more discussion. The nominations designated in the bottom tier will be return to the committee and are not recommended for CWPA designation. The top tier CWPA nominations are ready to move forward since funding is available and an infrastructure is in place.

Project Status to Date (ICPRB)

Heidi Moltz stated that approximately 50 people attended the project kickoff meeting on September 21, 2010. The purpose of the project advisory committee is to facilitate the

identification of key water resources issues facing the watersheds and the development of practical, implementable solutions to the identified issues.

A monitoring network is also being established. The data collected through this network will form the basis of the technical analyses later in the project. USGS, under subcontract with ICPRB, has installed 4 staff gages (2 on Marsh Creek and 2 on Rock Creek).

ICPRB is working to install a continuous flow meter at 2 of the staff gage locations. ICPRB has also been working with Adams County Conservation District to establish a groundwater level monitoring network. The goal is to monitor 10-12 wells in distinct geologic areas throughout the watersheds to obtain a seasonal representation of groundwater level fluctuations. In order to qualify for the network, wells must be unused and not under the influence of nearby pumped wells. Although numerous wells have been tested, 5 wells have met these criteria thus far. Five additional wells are currently being tested for the influence of nearby pumped wells.

Historic data such as precipitation, water quality, etc. are also being collected from agencies and individuals across the watersheds that will be used in the technical analyses.

Project Budget

Total project cost: \$341,397

ICPRB contribution: \$70,203

USGS in-kind contribution: \$26,785

Adams County Conservation District in-kind contribution: \$2,000

PADEP cost: \$242,409

Amount of total cost sub-contracted to USGS: \$77,080

Amount of total cost sub-contracted to Adams County Conservation District: \$15,000

Nomination for Marsh/Rock Creek Project Advisory Committee

Charlie Bennett distributed lists of potential candidates to serve as advisory committee members. The lists were categorized by municipal government, environmental organizations, and interested candidates. The committee members were asked to review the nominations and vote on which nominee to accept on the advisory committee.

Discussion focused on the size of the advisory committee. Meeting participants agreed that a larger group would offer a broader range of skills and talents, provide more diversity, and would be more effective.

The pink colored list provided the names of individuals that worked for municipal governments located within the watershed. After a brief review by the group Mike Christopher made a motion to accept the nominees on the list. This motion was seconded by Don MacAskill.

The committee members then reviewed the yellow colored list that contained the names of individuals that volunteered to serve on the advisory committee. It was noted by a few members that some names were present on multiple lists. In addition, certain organizations had several individuals listed as nominees. Pat Naugle made a motion that an organization should be given one seat for one vote. Pat Naugle explained to the group that an organization can send their designated representative to the scheduled meetings. This motion was seconded by Don MacAskill and accepted by the members present.

The green list that Charlie Bennett had distributed had provided names of various organizations and individual contacts from each. Names of additional nominations were proposed. Don MacAskill nominated Eric Flynn from Liberty Mountain Resort. Committee members suggested that other organizations be considered. Below is a list of organizations recommended for inclusion on the advisory committee.

Proposed Advisory Committee Members

- Municipal governments
- State representatives
- PGWA
- Watershed Alliance of Adams County
- Rural Water
- Penn State Extension Service
- School Districts, (i.e. Fairfield, Gettysburg)
- Gettysburg College
- HAAC
- Strawberry Hill
- Adams County Conservation District
- Adams County Office of Planning
- County of Adams Department of Emergency Services
- Gettysburg National Park
- Adams County Chamber of Commerce
- Farm Bureau
- Reliant Energy
- Mason Dixon Farm
- Adams County Commissioners
- Adams County wineries

Follow-up/Next Steps

Proposed list will need to be finalized.

Nominees will be contacted to confirm their interest in serving on the advisory committee.

Contact Gettysburg College to determine if it can serve as a meeting location.

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