

Statewide Water Resources Committee

June 18, 2009

9:30am – 12:00 pm

Room 105

400 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA

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Meeting Summary

Attendance:

Committee Members Present:

Carol Collier

D. Robert Davidson

Gerald Feldman

Rep. Kate Harper

Mark Harte

Joe Hoffman

Jim MacKenzie

David Mandelbaum

Susan Fox Marquart

Gary Merritt

Howard Neukrug (call-in)

Jay Parish (call-in)

Robert Reichart

Joe Roberge

R. Timothy Weston

George Wolff

Matt Wolford (call-in)

Committee Members Not Present:

Don Bluedorn

Jan Bowers

Tom Crane

Nick DeBenedictis

Scott Dunkelburger

Rep. Camille “Bud” George

John Hines

Gary Petrewski, P.E.

Denny Puko

Paul Swartz

Alan Vicory

Others in Attendance

Dan Snowden—PennDot

James Wheeler—PSATS

Peter Roquemore—PA FBC Intern

DEP Representatives in Attendance

Nineen Boyle

Susan Weaver

Mark Stephens

Duke Adams (?)

Hoss Liaghat

Leslie Sarvis

Lori Mohr

Andy Zemba

Dave Jostenski

Gary Obleski

Jay Braund

Colin Cwalina

Mr. MacKenzie called meeting to order at 9:37. A quorum was not present at the onset of the meeting. A call for public comment was made. None was received.

Rep. Harper presented a House Citation to the Mr. MacKenzie and Mr. Bluedorn in recognition of their service. Ms. Weaver echoed this sentiment.

Minutes of the last meeting and officer elections could not be held; however, nominations for officers were held.

Mr. Wolff nominated Mr. Weston for committee chairman. Mr. Davidson seconded the nomination. Ms. Harper nominated Mr. Mandelbaum. Mr. Reichart seconded the nomination. Mr. MacKenzie nominated Ms. Bowers. Mr. Feldman seconded the nomination. Nominations for Vice-Chair were withheld.

Mr. Jostenski gave a presentation on the Status of Verification and Designation Process as well as the Completion of Verification for all 32 watersheds. Tech Sub Committee meetings were held in April. Each of the six watersheds and the ranking of tributaries for designation (?) with each was presented. About 17 watersheds in total will be upcoming to regional committees in August and September. Mr. Jostenski detailed the ongoing and upcoming work being undertaken in preparation for the August/September 2009 meetings. The timeline for designation of CWPA/CARP was presented. The estimated cost of CARP was outlined (\$250,000-\$500,000 per CWPA/CARP). Ms. Harper raised a question about the methodology used for cost estimates for individual streams. (Didn't understand Mr. Jostenski's answer). Mr. Mandelbaum asked Mr. Jostenski for an estimate of the range of high-end costs that could arise. (Mr. Jostenski's answer) Mr. Weston commented on the need for knowing what studies already exist in terms of plans and studies for designated streams. Mr. Weston agreed with Mr. Mandelbaum's previous concern. Mr. Jostenski outlined the staffing of approximately 1-1.5 FTEs per CWPA/CARP split between WUP and WPO staff. There was follow-up discussion on solutions for funding water planning in the state. Ms. Collier offered her view with regard to the number of nominations for each regional committee. Mr. Wolford commented that the topic was not on today's agenda and should be added to a future meeting's agenda. Mr. MacKenzie noted the only thing occurring was a discussion on consensus of prioritization at the regional level. Ms. Harper pointed out the lack of funding (more ??). She added the committee may receive revenue from a possible tax on the Marcellus Shale. She also noted Growing Greener was about to expire and (...). Ms. Mohr noted internally DEP/WPO was unclear about the role of the state committee in terms of stream designation. (Lot of political discussion followed. What do Lori/Andy want to include?).

Mr. Parish joined the meeting and committee elections were possible. A vote was taken for committee chair. Mr. Weston was elected committee chair. Nominations were accepted for Vice-chair. Ms. Harper nominated Mr. Mandelbaum. Mr. MacKenzie nominated Ms. Bowers. Both nominations were seconded by Mr. Wolff. Mr. Mandelbaum was elected Vice-Chair. The minutes from the December 18, 2008 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Jostenski gave an update on the development of the website. A digital atlas application is being developed. In addition, a water use download tool is being

constructed. A calendar of events specific to each watershed will be posted. Water Attribute Viewer for the Enterprise (WAVE) will be made available to viewers. The website was scheduled to roll out in May/June 2009 but it is more like to go on-line in September 2009.

Ms. Mohr presented the draft CARP guidance document. There will be a public comment period and the document will return to the state committee before final publication. The draft has already gone through CWPA. Ms. Sarvis addressed the changes to the document based on comments and recommendations received from (?). Mr. Weston recommended getting the draft out to (?) in order to get the recommendations back.

Mr. Feldman gave TAC subcommittee update. (Details?)

Ms. Mohr updated implementation of the State Water Plan. (Lori can included what she feels most important)

Mr. Weston suggested keeping a table of legislation pertinent to this committee pending in the General Assembly. He expressed his wish that the committee be willing to make recommendations to (legislative and regulatory committees ?). There was general consensus to undertake such a measure.

Ms. Mohr discussed education and advocacy of the State Water Plan. She noted WPO is undergoing an effort to distribute the State Water Plan Atlas and Executive Summary out to the general public. She asked committee members to raise awareness in their related business outside this committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:46.