

DEP NORTH-CENTRAL REGIONAL CITIZENS' ROUNDTABLE
Meeting of April 20, 2015
Summary of Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Megan Lehman called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and had everyone present introduce themselves.

The Oct. 20, 2014 meeting minutes were unanimously approved, on a motion by Jim Weaver, seconded by Dave Gilbert.

Dan Spadoni said the mileage reimbursement has decreased to 23 cents per mile. He also noted that April 22 is the 45th anniversary of Earth Day.

Lehman reviewed the roundtable membership changes. James May has resigned and Stephen Barondeau is replacing Patrick Marty as the Anadarko representative.

DEP Regional Director Marcus Kohl briefly reviewed the department's executive staff changes since the beginning of the Wolf administration. He said John Quigley is the acting secretary; Dana Aunkst is deputy secretary for field operations; Denise Brinley is executive deputy secretary for programs; Patrick McDonnell is policy director; Sarah Clark is legislative director; and Darrin Bodner is deputy secretary for administration. Kohl provided some brief background information about each individual.

Lehman then introduced Gary Walters, Chief, Assessment Section, DEP Bureau of Point and Non-Point Source Management, to discuss the multi-agency CADDIS study.

Walters presented a PowerPoint (attached) on the study. CADDIS is Causal Analysis/Diagnosis Decision Information System and includes a panel of experts from Pa. Fish & Boat Commission, Susquehanna River Basin Commission, U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, EPA and members of the Susquehanna River Heartland Coalition for Environmental Studies. They are tasked with determining the attainment status of the Lower Susquehanna and Juniata rivers for the 2016 Integrated Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment.

There was member discussion and questions answered by Walters both during and after his presentation.

Following a short break for refreshments generously provided by Chairperson Lehman, Lehman introduced Dave Garg, DEP Waterways and Wetlands Program Manager, for a discussion of the Keiser Run Regional Watershed Assessment Initiative.

Garg presented a PowerPoint (attached) on the initiative and noted there are about 1,000 farms in the North-central Region's 14 counties.

There was member discussion and questions answered by Garg both during and after his presentation.

Lehman then briefly discussed the next meeting, tentatively scheduled for Monday, July 20, which is the annual field trip meeting. She suggested members email her or Spadoni with suggestions for the field trip.

The meeting was adjourned at about 8:35 p.m.