

Great Lakes Regional Water Resources Committee Meeting

September 9, 2008
2:30pm – 4:00pm

Erie County Conservation District
Headwaters Park
1927 Wager Road
Erie, PA

DRAFT Meeting Summary

Committee Members in Attendance:

Don Benczkowski	Dean Pepicello
Ron Chapman	Dave Skellie
Tom Fuhrman	Nancy Slater
Bill Gough	Jake Welsh
Rebecca Hosack	Matt Wolford
Nick Mobilia	

Committee Members not in Attendance:

Jerry Allender	George Greig
Jim Cardman	Craig Kern
Tim Eder	Dave Wright
John Elliot	

Others in Attendance:

Patricia Norcott, Senator Earll	Jay Braund, DEP
Bob Reichart, Statewide committee	Dave Jostenski, DEP
Sue Moyer, ECCD	Andy Zemba, DEP
Brian Zeppenfeld, ECCD	Duke Adams, DEP
Bob Rindfuss, Jr., Rindfuss Drilling	Lori Mohr, DEP
Bob Rindfuss, Sr., Rindfuss Drilling	

Nick Mobilia called the meeting to order at 2:40 p.m.

Finalize Draft May Meeting Summary

No quorum was present to vote on the May and February draft meeting summaries.

Review Agenda and Materials for the evening meeting

Lori Mohr went through the agenda for the public meeting and hearing to be held later in the day.

Watershed Verification Update

Dave Jostenski updated the committee on the watersheds that were chosen by the committee to undergo further screening for potential water quantity problems. DEP has reviewed the watersheds in the Great Lakes basin to determine which ones may potentially meet the criteria established for designation as Critical Water Planning Areas.

Dave also told the committee about three data applications that are being developed for the State Water Plan website. The three applications are:

1. A general viewer that's based on the Atlas and will be interactive for the user
2. A download tool
3. A GIS viewer that will be a professional viewer similar to eMapPA

DEP hopes to have these tools on the web in May 2009.

Public Comments

Bob Reichart of the PA Groundwater Association, spoke to the committee about the concerns of PGWA regarding the lack of legislation of water well drilling standards and licensing proficiency in the state. Specifically, PGWA would like to see water well drilling standards and licensing proficiency as a fourth priority in the State Water Plan Principles document.

The next meeting is November 18th at the Erie County Conservation District.