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Lower Susquehanna Water Resources Regional Committee Meeting

October 4, 2004
DEP- Southcentral Regional Office, Harrisburg, PA

Meeting Summary

Attendance

Committee members in attendance:

William Achor	Michael Kyle	Jineen Boyle
Thomas Mealy	Betty Conner	Steven J. Seidl
Donald Robinson	Chris Hoffman	Melanie Hesse
Tom Beauduy	Cynthia Hitz	Don Baldwin
James Hostetter	Ronald Evanko	William Morris

Committee members not in attendance:

Walter Leis	William Fulton	Craig Robertson
Jolene Chinchilli	Daniel Mains	
Gerrit Strathmeyer	Ed Goodhart	

Others in attendance:

DEP

Sue Weaver	David Jostenski	Michael Buchwach
Lori Mohr	Bill Gast	Mark Mathews

John Seitz, York County Planning Commission
Matt Kofroth, Lancaster County Conservation District
Marel Raub, Chesapeake Bay Commission
Lisa Nicholas, PLNA

Administrative Items

Additions/corrections: Don Baldwin and Craig Robertson did attend August meeting.

Motion was made by: Ronald Evanko

Motion Second: William Achor

Motion was carried.

The summary was approved.

DEP Summary of Activities

Sue Weaver summarized DEP Activities

- 1.) Registration Update. 6000 sources registered. Looking at ways to outreach. Article in update.
- 2.) Informal Committee Work. Jineen Boyle described how she met on Friday Sept 17th, for two hours with a few members of the regional committee as well as water supply staff about critical water planning areas. Discussed areas of critical needs. Where geology generally doesn't support water withdrawals. Discussed water budget model. Looking at issues at a micro basis rather than macro.

Donald Robinson asked DEP about term expirations. Sue Weaver stated that John Hines drafted a letter to the Governor's office that named regional appointees who are interested in continuing to serve on the committees. The letter will be sent to Governor's office shortly. Reorganization for next year will be during December meeting.

Donald also noted difficulty in meeting quorums, members not attending. Asked for thought to bring enforcement of bylaws on future agenda. Lori noted attendance policy of another committee.

Statewide Committee Update

William Morris was unable to make State committee, so Betty Conner gave an update. Items discussed included nomination of chair and vice chair and agreements with river basin commissions for doing Act 220 work. Also mentioned were Coastal Zone Management money for the Great Lakes Basin, possible research opportunities with Penn State and subcommittee activities. DEP passed out Vision and Purpose statement and general update. Donald Robinson encouraged others to form informal committees if led to.

Public Comments None

Don Baldwin discussed damage suffered to facilities at Conowingo Dam from recent Hurricanes and emergency operations that took place. Tom Beauduy noted committee passed resolution in support of the Susquehanna flood warning system.

Lancaster County Conservation District

Matthew Kofroth, Watershed Specialist from the Lancaster County Conservation District gave a presentation of projects and issues in Lancaster County. Items included:

- New, established, award winning and sportsman watershed groups doing education and projects. Noted Amish-supported Mill Creek Watershed Association.
- Grants and projects involving water resources planning and working with other organizations.

Chesapeake Bay Tributary Strategy Update

Jineen Boyle provided an overview/update and introduced several others DEP employees working on the Lower Susquehanna East Watershed Team- Tony Rathfon, Mark Mathews and Ken Pattison. Items discussed included:

- Problems in the Bay, loading sources
- Purpose
- Goals
- Timelines
- Benefits
- Strategies
- Challenges

Growing Greener

Betty Conner moved to draft resolution to Governor to have a growing greener funding referendum on ballot.

Motion seconded by Melanie Hesse

Discussion ensued.

Two opposed

Ten voted yes

Motion failed to pass as ten would be required

Schedule for 2005

Lori Mohr asked if committee would like to meet third Monday or third Tuesday of the month to avoid conflict with other meetings. Quarterly meetings will be considered. Committee preferred third Monday.

DEP noted that since meeting will not include a lunch, lunches purchased on way home are reimbursable.

Next Meeting

First Monday in December (6th). Items to be put on agenda would include election of officers, attendance, presentation from agricultural representatives on committee.