

LOWER SUSQUEHANNA WATER RESOURCES  
REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING

February 11, 2008  
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

DEP Southcentral Regional Office  
909 Elmerton Ave.  
Harrisburg, PA 17110

**DRAFT** Meeting Summary

**Attendance:**

Committee members in attendance:

Don Baldwin	Cynthia Hitz
Tom Beauduy	Chris Hoffman
Jineen Boyle	Walt Leis
Betty Conner	Herbert Mattern
Felicia Dell	Tom McCarty
Bob Edwards	Thomas Mealy
Ronald Evanko	Earl Meyer
William Fink	William Morris
Matt Genchur	Craig Robertson
Jeffrey Hines	Steven Seidl

Committee members NOT in attendance:

James Hostetter	Gerrit Strathmeyer
Michael Kyle	

Guests:

Mary Gattis-Schell, Lancaster Co. Planning	Rod Nesmith, DEP
Elijah Yearick, Lancaster Co. Planning	Rachel Delavan, DEP
John Seitz, York Co. Planning	Michael Hill, DEP
Curtis Schreffler, USGS	David Jostenski, DEP
Marla Stucky, USGS	Lori Mohr, DEP
Joel Caves, Spotts, Steven & McCoy	

**Introductions:**

Betty Conner called the meeting to order and called for introductions at 9:35am.

**Administrative Items:**

*Election of Officers:*

- Ron Evanko nominated Betty Conner for chair. Cindy Hitz seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- Felicia Dell nominated Matt Genchur for vice-chair. Ron Evanko seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

*November Meeting Summary:*

A motion was made by Herb Mattern to accept the November meeting notes as written. Motion was seconded by Chris Hoffman and it passed unanimously.

*DEP Update:*

- Reappointments and Vacancies: Reappointments are underway. There are no vacancies on the Committee at this time.
- State Water Plan Timeline for 2008 Completion:
  - Currently--DEP is working closely with consultants to complete revisions to the Draft Atlas based upon Regional Committee and Statewide Committee comments, the results of the Screening Tool are being reviewed and discussed by the Regional Committees, and the Policy and Integration Subcommittee and DEP are working on various components of the State Water Plan to be included in the State Water Plan Principles document. Policy recommendations are currently being developed by the Subcommittee and will be sent to the Statewide Committee for consideration in the Spring.
  - Summer 2008—Comprehensive State Water Plan package to be presented to the Statewide Committee
  - Fall 2008—Public Meeting and Hearings
- Stormwater pilots: 3 Stormwater pilots are getting underway in the State. Additional information will be presented at a future meeting.

*Public meeting and hearing:*

September 15, 2008

Suggested locations include the Radisson Inn Camp Hill and the Holiday Inn Grantville.

**Comments from the Public:**

There were no comments from the public.

**Regional Priorities Statements:**

- Rachel Delavan explained that brief policy statements were prepared for the top two priorities identified previously by the Regional Committee. With the approval of the Committee, these will be presented to the Statewide Committee in the Spring for consideration as part of the State Water Plan Principles document. The Committee agreed to amendments to the statements.
- Walt Leis made a motion to pass the regional priority statements along to the Statewide Committee with amendments. The motion was seconded by Tom Mealy and passed unanimously.
- The priorities are amended as follows:
  - The second sentence under the 1<sup>st</sup> priority is amended to read: *This information serves as the basis for decision making on land use planning, identifying and analyzing Critical Water Planning Areas, and better preparation in advance of extreme flood and drought conditions, among other things.*
  - Examples of unique regional features will be added in parentheses
  - The 2<sup>nd</sup> priority will be amended to include the number & % of impaired streams.
- Suggestions were also made for amending the 2<sup>nd</sup> introductory paragraph for the regional priorities to include an explanation of the broad range of water resource issues recognized and considered by the Committee during the process of selecting the top two priorities. It was also suggested that references or links to other regional water resource information would be helpful here.

**Recommendations of the technical subcommittee on Prioritization of Watersheds:**

The results and recommendations of the technical subcommittee were discussed by the full Regional Committee. Dave Jostenski led a discussion of 12 areas the subcommittee recommended for further discussion and asked the Committee to reduce the list to 5 watersheds. After weighing various factors, the Committee chose the top six watersheds to be passed on to the Statewide committee for further investigation. These include:

1. Conestoga
2. "Petition Plus" -- portions of Conewago/Codorus
3. Beaverdam Branch of the Susquehanna, including Mill Run
4. Chickies
5. Swatara
6. Shrewsbury Area -- Deer Creek

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of the Lower Susquehanna Regional Water Resources Committee will be held on **May 12, 2008 at the Dauphin County Conservation District.**