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Ohio Water Resources Regional Committee

Oct. 27, 2003

RCSOB, Harrisburg, PA

Meeting Summary

Introductions:

The meeting came to order at 12:45 PM. Member in attendance included Committee Members,

Shirl Barnhart
Daniel Barton
Scott Blauvelt
Donald Bluedorn
Mitchell Brouman
Marie Clark
Terry Dayton
Gerald Feldman
Jeff Fliss
Jeffrey Foley
Robert Junk
Curtis Kaelin
Richard Lehman
Jan Oliver
Robert Ritchey
Ronald Rohall
Jerry Schulte
Deb Simko
Robert Softcheck
Charles Stowe
Jay Tarara
Roger Uhazie

Committee members not in attendance were Robert A. Croker and Vincent A. Vicites.

Others in attendance included:

John Hines
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John Hines answered general questions from the Committee including geographic representation, questions on Ethic and Financial Disclosure Statement and swearing in procedures. John asked that a Notary from the Bureau of Personal join the meeting to swear in any members who had not previously done so in other venues.

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair:

John Hines explained the role of the Chair and Vice-Chair for the committee. Marie Clark nominated Mr. Ron Rohall for chair. Gerry Feldman nominated Robert Junk, Jr. Each nominee discussed his reasons for wanting to be chair of the committee.

The nominees excused themselves from the room along with John Hines for a vote. The Committee by a majority vote elected Ron Rohall as Chair.

John Hines asked the group, on behalf of Chairman Rohall for nominations for Vice-Chair. Dick Lyman nominated Deb Simko. Gerry Feldman nominated Robert Junk. Ms. Simko asked that she be removed from consideration for Vice Chair. The Committee agreed and unanimously elected Robert Junk as Vice Chair.

Bylaws

John Hines led the discussion on proposed draft by-laws. He explained that the By-laws for the most part reflected language in Act 220 of 2002. Mr. Hines explained that the By-laws could be expanded but base information had to remain.

The Committee discussed the possibility of alternates attending the meeting. Specific language was discussed but the Committee felt that the flexibility in Article VI for voting would suffice in lieu of language on alternates.

The committee also asked that an article be added on Executive Session. Mr. Hines explained that executive session was primarily for personnel and budgetary discussion. The Committee agreed to add an article (new Article XI for Executive Session. The language of that article shall read "Article XI Executive Session: In accordance with applicable state laws, the Regional Committee shall call for Executive Session where the situation is applicable and warranted."

Motion by Shirl Barnhart, Second by Robert Junk

With the recommended changes the By-Laws were adopted as “Interim By-Laws of the Ohio Water Resources Committee to be finalized at the Committee’s December Meeting.

Statewide Nominations

Chairman Rohall asked for nominations for Statewide Committee. After a brief discussion, the Committee decided by show of hands to nominate those individual interested in serving on the Statewide Committee. Interested committee member included:

Shirl Barnhart
Daniel Barton
Scott Blauvelt
Donald Bluedorn
Marie Clark
Gerald Feldman
Jeffrey Foley
Robert Ritchey
Deb Simko
Robert Softcheck

Motion by Robert Softcheck, second by Donald Bluedorn

The Committee members voted unanimously to forward the interested individuals as the Committees recommendations to the Statewide Committee.

Schedule 2003 and 2004 Meeting Dates

Chairman Rohall began the discussion of meeting dates for 2003 and 2004. Mr. Hines recommended that the committee set a standard day and time for the meeting. After a brief discussion the committee decided the following:

Motion by Shirl Barnhart, second by Robert Junk

Location of meetings:

Greensburg (Westmoreland County Conservation District) for the December meeting then move throughout the basin.

Meetings Times

Primary: Second Monday of every other month beginning in December from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM except where Monday is a legal holiday. In these instances, the meetings will be the second Tuesday.

Next meeting date

Dec. 8, 2003

Requested Items for December

Copy of term limits of members
Financial Disclosure and Ethics Forms

Discussion Items for December:

History of the Previous State Water Plan
Overview of Water Budgeting and Water Plan Development