

Upper Middle Susquehanna Regional Water Resources Committee Meeting

February 17, 2010
10:00am – 1:00pm

PA DEP Northcentral Regional Office
208 W 3rd Street Ste. 101
Williamsport, PA 17701

DRAFT Meeting Summary

Committee Members in Attendance:

Tom Beauduy	Amy Jacoby
Mike Cavanaugh	Jim Weaver
Todd Giddings	Mark Stephens
Dennis Hameister	David Snook
David Kaufman	Jerry Walls
Bill Manner	Hank Webster
Doug Manning	John Yamona
Tim Horner	Richard Warddrop

Committee Members not in Attendance:

Karen Chapin	Kim Lanich
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Others in Attendance:

Jay Braund, DEP	
Jeremy Horning	Carl Deluca, DEP
Elizabeth McCarthy	Joe Buczynski, DEP
Jennifer Means, DEP	
Mike Hill, DEP	
Dave Jostenski	

Hank Webster called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Administrative Items

- **Officer elections**

Todd Giddings made a motion that the current officers (Hank Webster – Chairman, Todd Giddings – Vice Chairman) be re-elected. Jerry Walls seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Comments from the Public**

DEP Summary of Activities

Jay Braund gave an update on efforts to establish a Water Conservation Technical Assistance Center (WRTAC). SRBC has contracted with PA Environmental Council to form the Center. The contract involves the development of a website, the development of business plan and budget, and steps to legally incorporate and establish a board for the Center.

Jennifer Means of DEP Oil and Gas gave a presentation to the group on what her DEP program is doing in regards to Marcellus Shale permitting and inspections.

Review of CWPA Comments and decisions on CWPA Status.

Dave Jostenski provided a summary of comments received on all watersheds including testimony received at public hearings and written comments coming into the Department. Dave indicated that comments were considered but that all the watersheds continue to meet the Departments criteria for designation with the exception of Nittany Creek.

Nittany Creek

Todd Giddings made a motion to reject Nittany Creek for designation as a CWPA. The motion was seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Spring Creek

Ron Hameister made a motion to move Spring Creek onto the Statewide Committee for potential CWPA designation. Todd Giddings seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

Toby Creek

Jerry Walls made a motion to move Toby Creek onto the Statewide Committee for potential CWPA designation. Todd Giddings seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Sugar Creek

Jim Weaver made a motion to move Sugar Creek onto the Statewide Committee for potential CWPA designation. Gary Petrewski seconded the motion. The motion passed with one in opposition.

There was a group discussion on prioritizing the watersheds in importance to the committee. However the committee felt that in the absence ranking or prioritization guidelines from the Statewide committee, that all watersheds are important and of equal rank.

However if the statewide committee develops selection criteria for prioritizing watersheds, the regional committee will use the criteria to rank the watersheds.

Well Drilling Construction Standards in Spring Creek. Todd Giddings gave a presentation on the Geothermal and Water Well construction standards that have been put into place in the Spring Creek watershed in Centre County PA.

Follow-up/Next Steps

Statewide Water Resources Meeting will be held on April 28 at the PFBC. The Technical Subcommittee of the Statewide Water Resource Committee will be meeting on March 26, 2010 at the Rachel Carson State Office Building.

No additional Regional meetings have been scheduled for 2010.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:45