

**Draft Minutes of the
July 12, 2012 Meeting of the
Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC)**

This regular meeting of WRAC was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Chairperson Robert Traver on Thursday, July 12, 2012 in room 105 of the Rachel Carson State Office Building, Harrisburg, PA.

The following committee members were present:

Jim Davis, Waste Management
Gary Merritt, NSG
Jeff Hines, York Water Company
Steven Rhoads, Shell Gas
Art Gazdik, Ross Township
John Schombert, 3 Rivers Wet Weather
Rob Traver, Villanova University
Matthew Ehrhart, Chesapeake Bay Foundation
Myron Arnowitt, Clean Water Action

The following committee members were not present:

Chuck Wunz, Wunz Associates
Jennifer Reed-Harry, PennAg Industries Association
Edith Stevens, League of Women Voters, PA
Don Bluedorn, Babst, Calland, Clements, Zomnir
Robert Cavett, Merck & Co.
John Jackson, Stroud Water Research Center
Paul Swartz, Susquehanna River Basin Commission
Cory Miller, University Area Joint Authority

The following DEP staff members were present:

Duke Adams, Office of Water Management
Andy Zemba, Interstate Waters Office
Pat Buckley, Interstate Waters Office
Jennifer Orr, Waterways Engineering and Wetlands
Dan Lapato, External Affairs
Sean Gimbel, Policy Office

The following guests were also present:

James Erb, API
Bryon Ruhl, PennDOT
Tim Higgins, Geo Services Ltd.
Andrew Gavin, SRBC
Kathy Kunkel, First Energy
Gina Myers, Buchanan, Ingersoll & Rooney
Bill Neilson, PA Farm Bureau

Kevin Moody, PIOGA
Katie Blansett, PHRC, Penn State
Tad Macfarlon, K&L Gates
Chris Latte, LNA

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the May 16, 2012 meeting were approved on motion.

Election of new Chair & Vice Chair – Dr. Robert Traver was elected Chair and Robert Cavett was elected as Vice Chair.

PAG-02 NPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Construction Activities – Jen Orr provided an overview of the draft amendments to PAG-02 NPDES permit which expires in December 2012. Some of the items of note include amendments related to post construction stormwater management along with long term operation and maintenance and Notice of Termination requirements. The majority of the amendments to PAG-02 are to incorporate the 2010 revision to Chapter 102.

Water Use Assessment Methods Update – Brian Chalfont discussed the revisions that DEP is incorporating into our testing methods for water use assessment decision making based on physiochemical and bacteriological sampling and a benthic macroinvertebrate index of biotic integrity for wadeable freestone riffle-run streams in Pennsylvania. The presentation identified the importance of sampling, seasonal variations and the clarity and consistency being adopted for DEP's decision framework.

Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) Update – Andy Zemba provided an update noting EPA's May 2012 comments and the implementation of their "backstops" by sector and how DEP will provide milestone success to EPA.

By-Laws – The proposed bylaws were amended to remove the word "absent" from the language. The bylaws were approved as amended.

General Discussion – WRAC members have requested a nutrient trading update. DEP noted that they will schedule two meetings for an adhoc workgroup on molybdenum and sulfates on the Triennial rulemaking package. An update on the development of the Stormwater Offsetting Policy was requested for a future meeting. An updated organization chart for the water deputate.

Public Comment Period – Kathy Kunkel with First Energy asked if the electronic meeting that was published in the bylaws could result in not having a public meeting if all members chose to participate via electronic media. Duke Adams and Dr. Traver responded that there will always be a physical location for the meeting.

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