

Minutes of the Capital Region Water Board
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 Minutes taken by David Jostenski

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Minutes of last meeting: Motion to approve by Walt Lyon. Second by Roger Karsnitz
 Minutes approved

Presentation

- Kevin Breen- USGS
 * How USGS operates in area
 * Examples of studies

Kevin showed, through handouts, examples of water resources information available on the USGS website.. He noted funding cuts and reliance on

project sponsors to support the work. Specific work done in the Swatara Creek watershed was presented such as monitoring the improvements in pH achieved by treatment of abandoned mine drainage. Dramatic improvement in pH and fish populations in the Swatara Creek were demonstrated (Attachment A). Current focus is on the quantity of water in abandoned mines for possible use by industry. In Adams County drought monitoring in Carroll Valley Borough has revealed a shortage of water in the metabasalt aquifer for the number of home sites planned for the area. In the Delaware River Basin cooperative work with DRBC has produced groundwater studies for tributary watersheds in the Basin.

CRWB Study Reports :

Lower Susquehanna River Basin Study: Bob Lindner gave an update on Phase I (the Plan of Study for Phase II, Attachment B) that has been finalized and is being reviewed by the SRBC. Glen DeWillie provided further details. Walt asked what options are available under the Corps for implementing Phase II. Bob described the Section 22 program which involves cooperation with the States and funding up to \$700 K, matched with local \$700 K, for studies that may not lead to a Federal project, but rather to identify problems and provide possible solutions. All or some of the Lower Susquehanna Phase 2 may be funded under Section 22. This is to be determined. There are 2 types of studies that can lead the Corps to build a project. [1] General Investigation Studies authorized by Congress and funded by Congress which takes many years. [2] Eleven Continuing Authorities programs for \$7M or less for the Chief of Engineers to address flood control, navigation, etc. How to proceed under Phase II needs to be determined. Going to a Congressman for a specific project may be possible.

Swatara Creek: An Executive Steering Committee has been formed made up of CRWB, DEP, SRBC and Corps. The Committee met yesterday on processes to guide the completion of the project. Glen DeWillie added more on roles, responsibilities and process to check on progress, data and get ready for the public meetings through "checkpoint" meetings of the committee. He described what will be presented at the public meetings such as alternatives and their evaluation criteria along with soliciting of feedback from the public.

Committee Reports:

2002-2003 Budget: Walter described the suggestions of Jeff Hines (Attachment C) of York Water Company to improve the proposed budget.

Example of Items to save \$:

- * York Water Co. taking over web page.
- * Reduce number of meetings per year to 3 or 4 from current 6 or more.

Walt is recommending that the Board adopt the recommendations and

incorporate these changes with figures to be presented at next meeting. Question came up on cost of meetings. Walt described clerical time needed to put the meetings together, mailing, etc.

It was moved and seconded to approve the budget with the recommended changes. Motion carried to approve this budget (Budget Revision Attachment D)

Finance and development- Walt reported that membership is still being put together.

Web site- Roger Karsnitz is acceptable to the idea of York Water Co. taking over. Looking at linkage difficulties to be resolved.

By-Laws Committee: Dave J. described work of committee. Walt talked about the need to look at industrial and water suppliers' water usage as basis for membership fee. Total annual water use suggested by Bill Gast. Walt suggested sending members a spreadsheet of data that we would review before next meeting.

Executive Director's Report- Lyon

* Met in Baltimore regarding completion of the LSRB Study Phase I and the Swatara Watershed Study. Walter noted he would be retiring as executive director this year. He also mentioned the need for a new location for the CRWB Office currently in his home. Marshall Goulding is to set up a meeting with SRBC.

* Passed out information on a Dam Safety Bill approved by US Senate.

* South Central Assembly for Effective Governance - handed out memo from Mayor of Harrisburg on planning principles for us to vote on. Dick Schmoyer emphasized the need to start looking at the effects of urban decentralization. Motion on our support of these principles was made, seconded and approved. (Attachment E)

Bob Lindner asked what the planning outlook was for the CRWB- 10 years? 20 years? We said 30 years. He said he is trying to get the Federal Gov't involved in water supplies. He was glad to see someone is looking at the future.

Drought Report - Reported by George Lazorchick. George reviewed the latest status. It is taking quite a bit of time for the excess precipitation we have received to make a difference. Chemung basin has not been blessed as much as the rest of the basin. Reservoir recoveries are taking time, not all reservoirs are full. Palmer soil moisture indices are on the positive sign. Streams are above normal. Groundwater is recovering. We would like to see more precipitation before the ground freezes. Bill Gast described how real time values of the Cumberland County monitoring well are still in Watch status. By end of month, DEP will probably be revisiting the status of the counties. Roger Karsnitz mentioned how

the groundwater has quickly recovered in Lebanon County.

Water Legislation. Bill Gast passed out copies of SB1600 and materials passed out at a recent press conference. He noted it is a consensus bill. There are about three legislative days left for the legislature to pass bills. There was a discussion on the implementation period. Also discussed was the cost estimate of about \$20 M, which may not be enough. Walt noted California's CALFED System is floundering due to lack of money.

New Business- None

Next Meeting- Date to be determined. The by-laws call for March for the Annual meeting. Bob Lindner suggested the Corps come to the March meeting to give an update on Swatara project. Walt suggested March 10th as the annual meeting. Due to the number of people expected the meeting will not be at the SRBC. It was decided to meet right after the morning public workshop for the Swatara Study in early March. Date TBD. Walt noted that the by-laws set the annual meeting at the wrong time - it should be in September in order to approve projects prior to the new federal fiscal year. The By-Laws Committee will look into this.

Meeting adjourned at 11:51 AM.

Action Items:

1. Marshall Goulding to set up meeting with SRBC regarding moving CRWB Office.
2. Web Page take over by Jeff Hines
3. By-Laws Committee to revise by-laws regarding Annual Meeting date.