

CAPITAL REGION WATER BOARD (CRWB)
Minutes of July 16, 2008 Board Meeting
Susquehanna River Basin Commission – Harrisburg, PA

Meeting called to order at 10:05AM.

Everyone in attendance introduced themselves. Present were:

Paula Ballaron, SRBC
Edward McCarney, Dauphin County Planning Commission
Marshall Goulding, CRWB
Randall Hurst, Mette Evans & Woodside
John Seitz, York County Planning Commission
Susan Boynton, Administrative Staff

Minutes of the May 21, 2008 Board meeting were reviewed; no changes were requested.

Motion/Second: Edward McCarney/John Seitz
Motion (passed): To approve the May 21, 2008 minutes as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Marshall Goulding reported that he had met with John Hollenbach in order to finalize the transition of bookkeeping services to S.B. Professional Enterprises, Inc. John advised Marshall that due to commitments of his position and lack of time available to commit to the Capital Region Water Board (CRWB), he would be resigning as Treasurer of the CRWB effective September 31, 2008.

Marshall provided a status update status on corporate membership dues received. He noted that he has contacted the organizations who had not yet paid their dues. Marshall noted that the topic of individual dues would be addressed at the Annual Meeting in September.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Betty Connor was unable be in attendance; a report on the Lower Susquehanna Regional Committee was not provided.

Paul Ballaron reported that development of the Groundwater Committee was still a work-in-progress. Paula noted that it was difficult to get attention from the PA DEP at this time due to internal challenges. Paula spoke to several individuals in the USGS to determine interest in serving on the Groundwater Committee. She is also interested in having members from the community versus only agency representatives. Paul requested that any suggestions for Groundwater Committee members be sent to her.

Paul Ballaron reported there is no drought and that conditions are wet in the Basin.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Marshall requested that members present provide him with any input they may have concerning HB2266 – Comprehensive Stormwater Management Bill – so that he can incorporate into a summary he is preparing.

Marshall reported that August 18th is the closing deadline for providing a response to the Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) on their 2008 Comprehensive Plan. Marshall requested that members submit their comments directly, since the CRWB will not meeting prior to the deadline.

The SRBC's Consumptive Water Use Mitigation Fee was again discussed. It was noted that the SRBC Board had voted to approve the increase to \$.21 in 2009 and \$.28 in 2010. It was also noted that York's proposal to push water to Adams County is under review. No immediate or considerable action is foreseen, as there are unresolved issues needing correction or refining.

NEW BUSINESS

Ed McCarney presented information on a wastewater system from EcoFlo. It was not certain if the PA DEP approved of this innovative system, which could replace sand mounds.

Paula Ballaron asked members present if they had any thoughts on the move to change the name of the Swatara Creek to the Swatara River. It was noted that the CRWB has no position on this topic.

The next meeting of the CRWB is scheduled for September 17, 2008. The Board meeting will follow the Member meeting. Both meetings will be scheduled for the afternoon to allow for better attendance; a confirmed start time will be provided in the meeting announcement. The tentative location is the SRBC building. The election of the nine (9) new Board members will occur during the Member meeting. Marshall Goulding requested that Randy Hurst and John Seitz assist Roger Karsnitz in identifying a productive mixture of candidates to serve on the Board for the 2008/2009 term. Marshall reference those present to the September 2006 minutes for a complete list of Board positions. He also noted that the election will be made based on the majority of those in attendance at the Member meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15PM.