

CAPITAL REGION WATER BOARD (CRWB)
Minutes of November 19, 2008 Meeting
City of Lebanon Authority – Lebanon, PA

After a catered lunch, the CRWB meeting was called to order at 1:00PM.

Members in attendance introduced themselves. Members present included:

Paula Ballaron - SRBC
Ed Carney – Dauphin County Planning Commission
Alexandra Chiaruttini – Stock & Leader, PC
Betty Conner – Lower Susquehanna Regional Committee
Marshall Goulding – CRWB, Exec. Director
Randy Hurst – Mette, Evans & Woodside
Roger Karsnitz – CRWB Director
Walter Lyon – Consultant
Peter Robelen – GeoServices Ltd.
Susan Boynton – CRWB Staff

Guests present included:

George Conner – Citizen of Lebanon
Michael Kyle – Lancaster Area Sewer Authority
Cora Shenk – Lebanon Authority

Minutes of the September 17, 2008 CRWB meeting were approved; no changes were requested.

Motion/Second by: Roger Karsnitz/Ed Carney
Motion (Passed): To accept the September 17, 2008 CRWB minutes as presented.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Marshall Goulding reported there were two outstanding membership dues owed; PA American Water and United Water. As of November 19, 2008, both companies were still undecided as to whether they would remain members of the CRWB. Marshall reviewed payments received for those in attendance.

Because no decision had been made by either company, Marshall reported business items related to election of Directors and Officers would be tabled until the January meeting. Marshall also reported the fiscal year 2009 budget could not be completed until it received information from United Water and PA American Water regarding continuance of their membership and payment of dues owed.

Walter Lyon reminded everyone present that PA American Water was the organization which started the CRWB. Walter noted that the Public Utility Commission should be contacted to determine their interest in becoming members or attending meetings. He also mentioned it may be beneficial for the CRWB to write a summary of CRWB achievements to be sent to participating organizations with a request to have them write a letter of support. The letter of support would then be used for recruitment purposes. Walter also suggested that it may be even more beneficial and productive to have personal contact versus written communications.

Marshall reviewed the service categories provided by SB Professional Enterprises and the rate increases, which would become effective January 1, 2009.

Motion/Second by: Ed Carney/Randy Hurst
Motion (Passed): To retain the services of and approve the 2009 rates increases for SB Professional Enterprises, Inc.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Betty Conner reported the CRWB was comprised of eight counties. Marshall noted he was working on making contact with Derry Township and Paul Ballaron provided a contact name for Fredericksburg. Betty reviewed the content of the "Atlas" and passed her copy around for review by those in attendance. She noted that anyone wanting to look at it in more detail could go to www.depweb.state.pa.us and type in the keyword "PA State Water Atlas." The draft Atlas will go before the State Committee in December. Betty noted the State Water Plan, which addresses water quality and supply, will be updated every five years. Betty Conner plans to attend the State Committee meeting in December as well as the next Regional Committee meeting to be held in February 2009. Walter Lyon suggested the CRWB review the Atlas and prepare comments to be reviewed at the January CRWB meeting. It was noted the closing date for receiving comments may be prior to the CRWB's January meeting; Alexandra Chiaruttini volunteered to email Marshall the comment closing date.

Paula Ballaron reported it has been difficult to garner interest for volunteers to join the Groundwater Committee as most people are waiting on Act 220 to see what direction will need to be taken. Paula reported the next meeting of the SRBC would be held on December 4th. A brief discussion was held regarding fracturing fluid wastewater; it was noted the furthest south for gas exploration activities was in Centre County. Drilling depths were reported in the range of 5,000-15,000 feet.

Marshall Goulding reported he was still working to identify a chairperson for the Planning Committee; he noted that John Seitz was too busy at this time to chair the committee.

Marshall Goulding reported the CRWB member roster was regularly being updated as new contact information was identified.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Marshall Goulding reported business items related to election of Directors and Officers would be tabled until the January meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Marshall Goulding reported invitations had been sent out to approximately 12 organizations involved with wastewater operations. Marshall thanked Mike Kyle of Lancaster Area Sewer Authority and Cora Shenk of Lebanon Authority for attending and asked them to provide a few comments. Mike Kyle noted that most people in the wastewater industry are focused on their area of concern and have very little time to devote to drinking water or water supply issues. Mike also noted that his experience was that water planning evolved around quantity more so than quality. Cora Shenk also noted that people involved in the wastewater industry had no extra time to devote to drinking water or water supply. Cora noted the Lebanon Authority was deeply involved in moving forward with a \$50 million facility upgrade in order to address the nutrient standards criteria.

A brief discussion of asset management and true cost of services & infrastructure was held. This discussion evolved into a discussion related to the Chesapeake Bay Tributary Strategy (CBTS). Walter Lyon noted that his research on this topic indicates enforcement of Pennsylvania standards will not have any affect on quality of the Chesapeake Bay. Walter also reported that Senator Wall was considering legislation based on Walter's information and research.

Walter Lyon suggested the Planning Committee be split into two committees – the Land & Water Model Law Committee and the Chesapeake Bay Tributary Strategy Committee. He also noted that he would volunteer to chair the CBTS Committee. Alexandra Chiaruttini volunteered to chair the Land & Water Model Code Committee.

Marshall thanked everyone for attending the meeting and noted that the Authority was ready to provide a tour of the wastewater facility.

The CRWB meeting adjourned at 2:40PM. The January CRWB meeting location is to be determined.