

CAPITAL REGION WATER BOARD (CRWB)

Minutes of May 27, 2009 Meeting

Harrisburg Water Authority – Harrisburg, PA

Members present included:

Chad Bingaman – City of Harrisburg
Ed Carney – Dauphin County Planning Commission
Marshall Goulding - CRWB
Jeff Hines – York Water
Randy Hurst – Mette, Evans & Woodside
Roger Karsnitz – CRWB
Walter Lyon - CRWB
Peter Robelen – GeoServices Ltd
John Seitz – York County Planning Commission
Susan Boynton – CRWB Staff

Marshall Goulding called the meeting to order at 1:00PM. Marshall thanked Chad Bingaman and the Harrisburg Water Authority for hosting the CRWB meeting.

Marshall asked for comments on or approval of the March 18, 2009 Minutes. No revisions were noted.

Motion/Second by: Roger Karsnitz/Ed Carney

Motion (Passed): To accept the March 18, 2009, 2009 CRWB minutes.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Marshall reported he provided a copy of the CRWB brochure to the Directors and that he had received a few comments. Marshall indicated his intent was to mail the brochure along with a letter to all members on the contact list in an attempt to revitalize interest in reinstating membership with the CRWB. Marshall hopes to have the project ready to mail in the near future. Membership categories include Citizen, Business and Water Supply Companies.

LOWER SUSQUEHANNA REGIONAL COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

Jeff Hines reported the Secretary had signed off on the State Water Plan. Jeff suggested Mr. Dave Jestinski of the PA DEP be invited to the next CRWB meeting. It was noted that identification of critical water was the next step, which would then lead to an Action Plan. The law dictates that the PA DEP is responsible to implement and complete the work detailed in the Action Plan.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A general discussion was held regarding the Chesapeake Bay Tributary Strategy (Strategy). Thirty-eight municipalities are challenging implementation of the Strategy through legal action. The Strategy treats the policy statement as a regulatory mandate by the PA DEP for writing permits. The Court did not dismiss and ruled the case can proceed. Randy Hurst provided a brief background on water quality standards needed to be met to conform with the Maryland water quality standards in the Bay. The Pennsylvania Home Builders Association hired a firm to research Internet and EPA records and to provide data for review and to find additional ways to dispute the standards.

Walter Lyon noted that, on a “personal basis,” he met Representatives Platts, Wahl, Brubaker and the Representative from Lancaster and recommended that the Susquehanna and Potomac be combined into a single compact with authority to run the Chesapeake Bay program. Walter’s explanation for the recommendation was that there are currently five government organizations trying to manage the Bay and that, in his opinion, was too many. Walter also recommended that three committees be established: Public Committee; Regulatory Committee and; Scientific Committee.

No Groundwater or Basin Condition Committee reports were provided by Paula Ballaron. Marshall will contact Paula.

No Land/Water Model Code Committee report was provided by Alexandra Chiarutinni. Marshall handed out a list of lawyers experienced in land and water code work. Names on the list included Dan Tarlock Urban Law Inst., Chicago Kent College Law School; Maxine Woelfling, Harrisburg; Tim Weston, Harrisburg; Denise Fort, Univ. of Mexico Law School; Eugene Dice, Harrisburg; Michelle Henrie, Albuquerque; Lora Lucero, Albuquerque; Michael Klein, Harrisburg; Brenda Barrett, Harrisburg; Randy Hurst, Harrisburg; John Dernbach, Harrisburg; Richard Cairo, Harrisburg; Bill Cox, Virginia Tech.; Susan Smith, Camp Hill.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Marshall Goulding was working to fill the position of Vice-Chair. He noted the functional responsibility of the Vice-Chair was to fill in for the Chair if the Chair was unable to attend a particular meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Marshall reported to date there was still no response from PA American Water and United Water with respect to membership and dues in the CRWB. He noted that these two organizations comprise half of the CRWB budget. Completing the 2009/2020 budget process was contingent on these two companies paying their dues. Marshall indicated he would be having a meeting with John Hollenbach in the next few weeks.

Walter Lyon suggested the CRWB prepare a press release on chloramines based on a document that Jeff Hines volunteered to draft. Walter indicated chloramines was a “hot button” topics for PA American Water and United Water and they may look favorably on the CRWB if it were to champion this issue.

Due to a scheduling conflict, the July meeting was moved from July 15th to July 22nd and is tentatively scheduled to be held at the offices of United Water.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35PM.