

CAPITAL REGION WATER BOARD (CRWB)

Minutes of July 22, 2009 Meeting

Harrisburg Water Authority – Harrisburg, PA

Members present included:

Paula Ballaron - SRBC
Chad Bingaman – City of Harrisburg Water Authority
Ed Carney – Dauphin County Planning Commission
Marshall Goulding - CRWB
Jeff Hines – York Water Company
Randy Hurst – Mette, Evans & Woodside
Roger Karsnitz – CRWB
Michael Kyle – Lancaster Area Sewer Authority
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 1:10PM. Marshall thanked Chad Bingaman and the Harrisburg Water Authority for hosting the CRWB meeting.

Marshall asked for comments on or approval of the May 27, 2009 Minutes. Three typographical edits were noted.

Motion/Second by: Roger Karsnitz/Randy Hurst

Motion (Passed): To accept the May 27, 2009 CRWB minutes with three noted typographical corrections.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Walter Lyon reported he had not had any recent contact with PA American Water. Jeff Hines indicated he believe PA American Water was working to determine the cost of membership versus the benefit gained. Marshall Goulding reported he mailed a letter to John Hollenbach of United Water requesting continuation of support of the CRWB. Marshall noted the Agenda for the annual meeting in September CRWB meeting would include discussion on issuing dues invoices. He also noted that he would be working with Jeff Hines to revise and updated the CRWB brochure to better define the goals and mission of the Association.

Walter Lyon suggested the Public Utility Commission be contacted and encouraged to join the CRWB. Jeff Hines indicated he would provide the name of a staff person to Marshall so they could be contacted to schedule a meeting.

LOWER SUSQUEHANNA REGIONAL COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

Dave Jostenski of the PA DEP was out of town on agency business and was not able to provide a report on the State Water Plan.

GROUNDWATER COMMITTEE

Paula Ballaron reported no committee had yet been pulled together to work on groundwater issues. Marshall requested committee members be identified for the September meeting.

BASIN CONDITIONS COMMITTEE

Paula reported basin conditions in June were wet and no serious drought conditions were predicted. The Commission will provide its next update of basin conditions at their August 10th meeting. Paula reported that drought coordinator calls are done monthly if drought conditions exist.

LAND/WATER MODEL CODE COMMITTEE

Alex Chiarutinni was absent; no report was submitted.

CHESAPEAKE BAY TRIBUTARY STRATEGY COMMITTEE

Walter Lyon reported PennEnvironment hired a new staff person in its Pittsburgh office. Walter also reported the Pennsylvania Builder's Association (PBA) had hired a consultant to determine the PA DEP's model on control strategy. Walter suggested the CRWB extend an invitation to the consultants to attend a CRWB meeting to brief members on its findings and how it will impact south central Pennsylvania. Randy Hurst indicated he will contact the PBA and extend the invitation to attend the September or November CRWB meetings.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Marshall Goulding reported a news release regarding chloramines had been sent to approximately 10 news outlets, however, he had not seen the release in any of the publications.

Marshall also reported the position of Vice-Chairperson would remain an open issue until the September meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Mike Kyle reported that the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act (Act 537) no longer included a provision for PA DER reimbursement for "planning" of facility upgrades.

Marshall Goulding reported a new budget proposal would be ready to present at the Annual Meeting in September.

The CRWB Director's Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 23, 2009 at 10:30AM and the Annual Membership Meeting will be held the same date at 1:00PM; a meeting location will be soon be determined.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20PM.