

CAPITAL REGION WATER BOARD (CRWB)

Meeting Minutes – November 17, 2010

Susquehanna River Basin Commission

Marshall Goulding called the meeting to order at 1:00PM. Members and guests present were:

Paula Ballaron - SRBC
Ed Carney – Dauphin County Planning Authority
Marshall Goulding, CRWB Executive Director
Jeff Hines – York Water Company
Steve Huntzinger - CET
Randy Hurst – Mette, Evans & Woodside
Susan Boynton – CRWB Staff

David Jostenski – PA DEP
Mike Kyle - LASA
Walter Lyon, CRWB Consultant
Curtis Schreffler - USGS
John Seitz – York County Planning Commission

Minutes of the September 15, 2010 meeting were reviewed; a motion to approved the minutes as presented was made by Walter Lyon and seconded by Randy Hurst. The minutes were approved as recorded.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The proposed 2011 budget was presented by Marshall Goulding. Marshall reported the dues income was recalculated based on non-payment of dues from PA Water and United Water. Several of those present believed no response would be had from sending out another letter and invoice to both of these organizations. A discussion was held concerning the value of dues to belong to and participate with the CRWB, as its original goals and mission are currently being addressed by other industry organizations such as the SRBC. Approval of the 2011 budget was tabled until the January 2011 meeting, pending addition of new members, which would affect the dues income line item.

LOWER SUSQUEHANNA REGIONAL COMMITTEE

John Seitz reported the York Comprehensive Plan would be made public in the very near future for the 45-day comment period. The final "Plan" was scheduled to be printed in February 2011.

David Jostenski of the PA DEP reported on the November 18, 2010 DEP meeting regarding the 15 watershed areas, which are current a major focus. He noted that all of the 15 areas meet technical criteria for critical water planning. Included in the watershed areas were: Little Conewago; Little Conestoga River; Millcreek; and tributaries to the Swatara Creek and Spring Creek. He encouraged everyone to visit the pawaterplan.state.pa.us website for complete information on this topic.

GROUNDWATER AND BASIN CONDITIONS COMMITTEES

Paula Ballaron had nothing new to report for the Groundwater Committee.

Paula Ballaron reported the SRBC was currently consumed with issues related to Marcellus Shale. Paula noted the SRBC is projecting 3.0 MGD max consumptive use at peak out. Paula reviewed the SRBC's areas of focus with respect to Marcellus Shale and encouraged everyone to visit the SRBC website for a complete list of approved sources of water. A general discussion was held regarding Marcellus Shale, including treatability and reuse of the water used in the fracturing process and requests made by gas companies to install gauges at the pass by-flow.

Action: *Dave Jostenski indicated he would obtain the DEP's permit process/prerequisite on fracturing water and report back to the CRWB at the January 2011 meeting.*

Paula reported the Commonwealth had just lifted all drought condition watches and warnings, as ground and surface water conditions are looking good.

CHESAPEAKE BAY TRIBUTARY STRATEGY COMMITTEE

Walter Lyon reported that after 40 years of effort, no real nutrient reduction result has been realized. He also reported the science does not confirm reduced nutrient levels will be achieved through stringent EPA requirements.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Election of Officers was tabled until the January 2011 meeting, as Vice-Chair Peter Robelen was absent.

Marshall Goulding reported on the IRS having an incorrect organization name in their database for the Capital Region Water Board. Marshall reported calls were made to several IRS offices to try and correct the IRS error, which occurred when the IRS revised the CRWB status from 'Foundation' to 'Public Charity.'

NEW BUSINESS

None.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 19, 2011 at 1:00PM.