

**CAPITAL REGION WATER BOARD (CRWB)**  
Minutes of September 17, 2008 Membership Meeting  
Susquehanna River Basin Commission – Harrisburg, PA

The Annual Membership meeting was called to order at 1:10PM.

Members in attendance introduced themselves. Members present included:

Ed Carney – Dauphin County Planning  
Betty Conner – CRWB Director  
Marshall Goulding – CRWB Director  
Jeff Hines – York Water  
Randy Hurst – Mette, Evans & Woodside  
Roger Karsnitz – CRWB Director  
Hoss Liaghat – PA DEP  
Walter Lyon – Consultant  
Robert Manbeck – United Water Company  
Morris Perot – Kleinschmidt Associates  
Peter Robelen – GeoServices Ltd  
John Seitz – York County Planning

Minutes of the July 16, 2008 Board meeting were approved; no changes were requested.

**Motion/Second by:** Roger Karsnitz/Walter Lyon  
**Motion (Passed):** To accept the July 16, 2008 Board minutes as presented.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Marshall Goulding reported he had received a resignation letter from John Hollenbach, CRWB Treasurer, citing an increased workload and travel commitments with his employer, which would prevent him from effectively serving as the CRWB Treasurer. The resignation takes effect October 1, 2008.

Marshall Goulding requested the list of non-paid members be read to those present. Susan Boynton reported corporate members who had not paid membership dues after receiving a second notice. Marshall reported that Myerstown was undecided at the present time if they would continue as a corporate member, but noted that he had mailed them a letter and also contacted them by phone to describe the CRWB's mission and to encourage continued participation. Marshall reported that United Water Company will advise by the end of September if they will continue to participate as a corporate member. Walter Lyon indicated that he would contact PA American Water to seek their continued participation with the CRWB. Walter explained to those present that water companies were the primary entities who had decided to form the CRWB to provide a forum where regional water issues and concerns could be discussed. Jeff Hines noted that since the inception of the CRWB, other organizations and programs had been formed to address various water issues in the region and that in recent times, the CRWB did not seem to have a clear mission. Walter Lyon reiterated that he believe the CRWB was of value because its position could be independent of the PA DEP.

Marshall Goulding reported a decision would be made at the afternoon Board of Directors meeting as to the accounting/financial responsibilities to be assigned to SB Professional Enterprises. Marshall indicated to Bob Manbeck that he would be contacting John Hollenbach to schedule a meeting for final transfer of all CRWB financial records back to the CRWB and to the Administrative Services Contractor. Marshall reviewed the financial reports with members and indicated that the corporate membership dues line item could change if the three, unpaid membership dues were received.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Groundwater Committee chairperson Paula Ballaron was absent; no Groundwater Committee or Basin Conditions reports were provided.

Marshall Goulding reported the Planning Committee was in the process of seeking a chairperson and additional members and would be developing a plan for future committee activities.

Marshall Goulding also reported the CRWB membership list continues to be reviewed and updated as new contact information is obtained. He suggested the CRWB print a small quantity of brochures that could be distributed and communicate the CRWB's mission and goals. After general discussion about a clearly defined mission, Jeff Hines volunteered to print 100 color copies of the proposed brochure. It was also suggested that a PDF file be obtained and posted to the CRWB website.

Walter Lyon commented that his perception was that the CRWB didn't seem to have enough activities to involve members and there is currently a low interest in the area of water issues. He suggested that an invitation be extended to waterworks members to attend CRWB meetings to present information on what they are doing and how the CRWB could possibly help them. It was also suggested that an invitation be extended to professional groups (government or non-government) as well as wastewater professionals. Jeff Hines indicated that there is still high interest in the water area, but noted that there are other outlets for people to express their concerns – outlets where there is regulatory presence, and the belief is that those meetings would be the most productive in moving issues or concerns forward.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Marshall Goulding reported that letters had been sent to the PA DEP regarding staffing and water quality enforcement within the agency. The PA DEP response indicated that the CRWB could assist with locating qualified individuals to fill the staff vacancies.

Marshall reported the CRWB had not yet pulled together comments on PA House Bill 2266, which creates the Integrated Water Resources Restoration, Protection, and Management Act.

Marshall also reported the CRWB submitted a letter and comments to Paul Swartz regarding the Susquehanna River Basin Commission's Water Resources "Draft" Comprehensive Plan document.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Marshall Goulding provided a brief review of the nominating and election process. Directors serve a two year term, but are not restricted to serving only one term. Current members of the nominating committee are Roger Karsnitz, John Seitz and Randy Hurst. Roger Karsnitz apologized for the lateness in his solicitation of nominees and explained the reasons to those present.

**Motion/Second by:** Jeff Hines/John Seitz

**Motion (Passed):** To nominate all existing Directors to the Board to serve another term; to add Alexandra Chiaruttini as a new Affiliate Director; and to continue to work on filling other vacant Director positions.

Peter Robelen, of GeoServices Ltd indicated his interest in serving as a Director.

**Motion/Second by:** John Seitz/Walter Lyon

**Motion (Passed):** To nominate Peter Robelen as an Affiliate Director and approve his nomination for a two-year term.

Marshall Goulding reminded everyone of the November 19<sup>th</sup> CRWB meeting. He noted that he would be in contact with John Beers at the Lebanon WWTP to determine if this would be a good date to return to their facility for a CRWB meeting. It was noted that this meeting would be a good opportunity to invite members from wastewater operations. It was also noted that an invitation should be extended to the Central Pennsylvania Water Quality Association (Central Section) and the Eastern Pennsylvania Water Pollution Control Operators Association (Eastern Section).

The Board meeting adjourned at 2:45PM.