

January 4, 2024

TO ALL CONCERNED:

At the December 14, 2023, Commission meeting, the draft minutes of the September 14, 2023, Commission meeting minutes were approved as written. Please attach this notice to your copy of the September 14, 2023, minutes.

SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN COMMISSION
4423 N. FRONT ST.
HARRISBURG, PA 17110

**MINUTES OF THE
SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN COMMISSION
December 14, 2023
#2023-04**

The meeting was held at the Corning Radisson, 125 E Denison Parkway, Corning, New York 14830. Commission Chair Buchheister called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present

Ms. Bevin Buchheister, Acting Deputy Secretary, Water Programs, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP)

Mr. Matthew Rowe, Asst. Director, Water & Science Administration, Md. Department of the Environment

Ms. Amy Guise, Chief, Planning Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District

Ms. Lauren Townley, Chief, Watershed Management and Planning Section, New York State Department of the Environment

Other Commissioners and Alternate Commissioners Present

Ms. Sue Weaver, Environmental Program Manager, Interstate Water Resources Management Division (PADEP) via Zoom

Staff Present

Mr. Andrew D. Dehoff, Executive Director

Mr. Andrew J. Gavin, Deputy Executive Director

Ms. Marcia Hutchinson, Director Administration & Finance

Mr. Jason Oyler, General Counsel and Secretary via Zoom

Mr. Gene Veno, Director, Governmental Affairs & Public Advocacy via Zoom

Mr. John W. Balay, Manager, Planning & Operations

Mr. Jamie Shallenberger, Manager, Monitoring & Protection

Mr. Todd D. Eaby, Manager, Project Review

Mr. Brydon H. Lidle, III, Manager, Information Technology

Mr. Curtis Sebastian, Assistant Counsel

Ms. Stacey Hanrahan, Communications and Outreach Specialist

1. Opening Remarks

Chair Buchheister formally opened the meeting by outlining the rules of conduct for the meeting. She noted that a public hearing was previously held on November 2, 2023, and the written comment period was open until November 13, 2023. The Commissioners introduced themselves.

2. Executive Director's Report

Andrew Dehoff, Executive Director, gave a brief update on staff activities in the last quarter. He mentioned being happy to return to New York State for the quarterly meeting. Staff is currently evaluating proposals for the inaugural Stream & Watershed Enhancement Grant program. Thirty-nine applications have been received. Also, the third round of the Consumptive Use Mitigation Grant program is open.

3. Hydrologic Conditions Report

Manager of Planning and Operations John Balay provided an update on hydrologic conditions in the Susquehanna River Basin during the last quarter.

4. Nomination for SRBC's William Jeanes, Sr. Award

Mr. Dehoff introduced Charlie and Joyce Andrews as the nominees to receive the William Jeanes, Sr. Award. The Jeanes Award honors individuals or organizations who make significant contributions to protect the water quality of the Susquehanna River Basin. The Andrews' devotion to restoring the Tioga River Watershed's polluted waters into clear, healthy flows has been exemplary. Since the 1980s, as part of the Tioga County Concerned Citizens Committee, the Andrews have maintained an unwavering commitment to healing their area waterways.

A motion was made by Commissioner Townley, seconded by Commissioner Guise, to present the Jeanes Award to the Andrews. Mr. Dehoff presented them with a framed print as a token of appreciation for their dedication.

5. Minutes of September 14, 2023, Commission Meeting

On a motion by Commissioner Townley, seconded by Commissioner Rowe, the minutes of the regular business meeting of September 14, 2023, were unanimously approved as written.

6. Contracts and Grants

Manager of Administration and Finance Marcia Hutchinson presented one grant amendment to be ratified.

Grant Amendment: Chesapeake Bay Technical Assistance and Implementation Grant (Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection)

This grant agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) will extend assistance SRBC has been providing to PADEP in fulfilling its Chesapeake Bay Mid-Point Assessment tasks pursuant to its Bay restoration agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and its Phase 3 Watershed Implementation Plan. The grant covers two years of work. PADEP will provide \$268,298 for this work.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rowe and seconded by Commissioner Townley to ratify the extension of this grant amendment.

7. Motion to Release Proposed General Permit (GP-03) Cooperative Fish Nursery for Public Comment

General Counsel Jason Oyler presented a draft of General Permit GP-03 Cooperative Fish Nurseries. Mr. Oyler asked for approval to release this draft to the public for comments before bringing the permit before the Commission for adoption consideration.

A motion was made by Commissioner Guise and seconded by Commissioner Townley to allow the release of this proposed general permit for public comment before bringing it to the Commissioners for further consideration.

8. Motion to Release Proposed Rulemaking for Procurement Procedures for Public Comment

Mr. Oyler informed the commissioners that additional time was needed before the proposed rulemaking could be released for public comment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Townley and seconded by Commissioner Rowe to table this motion until the March 2024 business meeting to allow for further discussion.

9. Settlement of Regulatory Violations – SWN Production Company, LLC

Assistant Counsel Curtis Sebastian presented proposed settlements of regulatory violations of \$80,000 for Dart Container Corporation of PA and \$55,000 for New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co. Inc.'s Alfred Quarry.

A motion was made by Commissioner Guise, seconded by Commissioner Townley, to accept these settlement offers. These settlements were approved by unanimous vote.

11. Docket Actions

Project Review Manager Todd Eaby presented a staff memorandum containing details and recommendations regarding the following list of project applications:

1. Appalachian Utilities, Inc., Clinton County, Pa. (Exhibit 1)
 2. Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc., Schuylkill County, Pa.
 3. Conyngham/Sugarloaf Joint Municipal Authority, Luzerne County, Pa. (Exhibit 2)
 4. Eagles Crossing, Inc., Cumberland County, Pa. (Exhibit 3)
 5. EQT ARO LLC, Lycoming County, Pa. (Exhibit 4)
 6. Hummel Station, LLC, Snyder County, Pa. (Exhibit 5)
 7. KBK-HR Associates, LLC, York County, Pa. (Exhibit 6)
 8. Keystone Landfill, Inc., Lackawanna County, Pa. (Exhibit 7)
 9. Koppers, Inc., Lycoming, County, Pa. (Exhibit 8)
 10. Lucky Bear, Inc., Cumberland County, Pa. (Exhibit 9)
 11. Newport Borough Water Authority, Perry County, Pa. (Exhibit 10)
 12. Nicholas Meat, LLC, Clinton County, Pa. (Exhibit 11)
 13. Pennsylvania General Energy Company, Lycoming County, Pa. (Exhibit 12)
 14. Repsol Oil & Gas USA, LLC, Bradford County, Pa. (Exhibit 13)
 15. Repsol Oil & Gas USA, LLC, Bradford County, Pa. (Exhibit 14)
 16. Seneca Resources Company, LLC, Seeley Creek, Tioga County, Pa. (Exhibit 15)
 17. Seneca Resources Company, LLC, Wyalusing Creek, Tioga County, Pa. (Exhibit 16)
 18. Stewartstown Borough Authority, York County, Pa. (Exhibit 17)
 19. Village of Sydney, Otsego County, N.Y. (Exhibit 18)
 20. Walker Township Water Association, Inc., Centre County, Pa. (Exhibit 19)
- Highlight = Tabled

Commissioner Townley moved, and Commissioner Guise seconded a motion that the Commission adopt the staff recommendations for the 20 project applications, including one tabled project. The motion was approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Guise moved, and Commissioner Townley seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commission Chair Buchheister adjourned the meeting at 9:47 a.m.

March 14, 2024

Date Adopted



Jason E. Oyler
Secretary to the Commission