



SUSQUEHANNA RIVER  
BASIN COMMISSION

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March 17, 2022

TO ALL CONCERNED:

At the March 16, 2023, Commission meeting, the draft minutes of the December 15, 2022, Commission meeting minutes were approved as written. Please attach this notice to your copy of the December 15, 2022, minutes.

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**MINUTES OF THE  
SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN COMMISSION  
March 16, 2023  
#2023-01**

The meeting was held at the Susquehanna River Basin Commission in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners Present**

*Mr. Matthew Rowe*, Assistant Director, Water and Science Administration, MDE, via Conference Call  
*Ms. Lisa Daniels*, Acting Deputy Secretary, Office of Water Programs, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP), via Conference Call  
*Ms. Amy Guise*, Chief, Planning Division, US Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore, Maryland, via Conference Call

**Other Commissioners and Alternate Commissioners Present**

**Staff Present**

*Mr. Andrew D. Dehoff*, Executive Director  
*Mr. Jason Oyler*, General Counsel, and Secretary  
*Mr. Gene Veno*, Director, Governmental Affairs & Public Advocacy via Conference Call  
*Mr. John W. Balay*, Manager, Planning & Operations

*Mr. Todd D. Eaby*, Manager, Project Review  
*Mr. Brydon Lidle*, Manager, Information Technology  
*Ms. Stacey Hanrahan*, Communications and Outreach Specialist

**Others Present**

*Ms. Lauren Townley*, Section Chief, Bureau of Water Resource Management, NYSDEC via Conference Call

*Ms. Anastasiya Kononova*, Continuing Authorities Program Manager, USACE, via Conference Call

*Ms. Valerie Cappola*, Planning and Policy Division, USACE, North Atlantic Division via Conference Call

*Ms. Nicole Nasteff*, Biologist, USACE, Baltimore, Maryland, via Conference Call

*Ms. Megan Jadrosich*, USACE, North Atlantic Division, Brooklyn, New York, via Conference Call

## **1. Opening Remarks**

In the absence of a Commissioner from New York, the Vice Chair from Pennsylvania, Commissioner Daniels, was asked to chair the meeting. The Commissioners and Advisors then introduced themselves.

## **2. Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Andrew Dehoff offered remarks highlighting two grants the Commission provides. The Consumptive Use Mitigation Grant Program deadline for application ended on January 31, 2023, and another round of the Groundwater Level Monitoring Grant application process will begin in April. He encouraged all interested parties to consult SRBC's website for more information.

Mr. Dehoff appreciated two advisors who will no longer participate with the Commission. Mr. Dehoff thanked Valerie Cappola at USACE North Atlantic Division and Anastasiya Kononova at USACE Baltimore District for their service to the Commission and wished them well. He also welcomed two new members of the Commission, who will begin once formally appointed by their respective governors, Acting Secretary Rich Negrin of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and Secretary Serena McIlwain of the Maryland Department of the Environment.

## **3. Hydrologic Conditions Report**

Manager of Planning and Operations John Balay highlighted hydrologic conditions in the Susquehanna River Basin during the last quarter.

## **4. Minutes of December 15, 2022, Commission Meeting**

On a motion by Commissioner Guise, seconded by Commissioner Rowe, the minutes of the regular business meeting of December 15, 2022, were approved as written by a vote of 3-0.

## **5. Contracts and Grants**

Executive Director Andrew Dehoff presented two items for Commissioner approval.

### **a. Chesapeake Bay Technical Assistance and Implementation Grant (PA Department of Environmental Protection)**

This grant amendment with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) will continue SRBC's assistance to PADEP for an additional year. Staff will continue to assist PADEP in fulfilling its Chesapeake Bay Mid-Point Assessment tasks under its Bay restoration agreement with the US Environmental Protection Agency and its Phase 3 Watershed Implementation Plan.

Staff will provide modeling scenario support to county stakeholders for choosing the most effective implementation strategies to meet 2025 pollutant reduction goals. Staff will also act as technical advisors to PADEP by participating in many Bay issue-focused work groups, meetings, expert panels, and outreach activities and assisting with preparing materials and recommendations.

Technical support and outreach will enhance stakeholder capacity for achieving pollutant reduction goals to improve local water quality and the Bay. PADEP will provide \$40,000 for the additional year of assistance. Carryover funds of \$158,000 will also be available to support Commission efforts.

#### **b. Monitoring, Assessment, and TMDL Support and Development (PADEP)**

This grant agreement consolidates what has historically been three grant agreements into one. The scope of work includes tasks generally associated with Monitoring, Assessment, and TMDL Support and Development. The grant agreement encompasses four tasks:

1. Sediment and Nutrient Assessment Program (SNAP) – The Commission will produce an annual SNAP report as a web-enabled story map.

2. TMDL and Advanced Restoration Plan Support – The Commission will continue coordinating with DEP and core partners involved with the Chiques Creek Advanced Restoration Plan and the Octoraro Creek Restoration Plan.

3. Chesapeake Bay Non-Tidal Network (NTN) Monitoring Program – Staff will continue collecting, analyzing, and reporting non-tidal tributary monitoring data collected from 27 long-term locations throughout the Susquehanna River basin.

4. TMDL Development, Monitoring and Assessment of Lakes; Monitoring and Assessment for Recreation and Potable Water Supply Protected – The Commission will assist DEP by performing TMDL development, monitoring and assessment of lakes, surface water quality monitoring, and recreation use assessments of watersheds and potable water supplies. PADEP will provide \$716,650 for this work.

On a motion made by Commissioner Guise, seconded by Commissioner Rowe, the Commission ratified the amendment to the Chesapeake Bay Technical Assistance and Implementation Grant. Staff was approved to proceed with the Monitoring, Assessment, and TMDL Support and Development Grant agreement. A vote of 3-0 approved the motion.

#### **6. Motion to Release Proposed General Permit GP-02 for Public Comment**

General Counsel and Secretary of the Commission Jason Oyler presented a draft of General Permit GP-02 Groundwater Withdrawals for Emergency Use or Maintenance Activities. Staff seeks approval to release this draft to the public for comments before bringing the permit before the Commission for adoption.

By a motion made by Commissioner Rowe and seconded by Commissioner Guise, staff was approved to release the draft of General Permit GP-02 for public comment by a vote of 3-0.

#### **9. Docket Actions**

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

1. Biglerville Borough Authority, Adams County, Pa.
  2. BKV Operating, LLC, Susquehanna County, Pa. (Exhibit 1)
  3. Dillsburg Area Authority, York County, Pa.
  4. Dover Township, (Well 8) York County, Pa.(Exhibit 2)
  5. First Quality Tissue, LLC, Clinton County, Pa. (Exhibit 3)
  6. Hardinge, Inc., Town of Horseheads, NY (Exhibit 4)
  7. Helix Ironwood, LLC, Lebanon County, Pa. (Exhibit 5)
  8. Mount Union Municipal Authority, Mifflin County, Pa. (Exhibit 6)
  9. Repsol Oil & Gas, USA, LLC, Tioga County, Pa. (Exhibit 7)
  10. Repsol Oil & Gas, USA, LLC, Fellows Creek, Tioga County, Pa. (Exhibit 8)
  11. Seneca Resources Company, LLC, Bloss Township, Tioga County, Pa. (Exhibit 9)
  12. Seneca Resources Company, LLC, Deerfield Township, Tioga County, Pa. (Exhibit 10)
  13. Seneca Resources Company, LLC, Bradford County, Pa. (Exhibit A11)
  14. Springwood, LLC, York County, Pa. (Exhibit 12)
  15. SWN Production Company, LLC, Susquehanna County, Pa. (Exhibit A13)
  16. Wise Foods, Inc., Columbia County, Pa. (Exhibit 14)
  17. Wynding Brook Inc., Northumberland County, Pa. (Exhibit 15)
  18. Knouse Foods Cooperative, Inc., Adams and Cumberland Counties, Pa. (Exhibit 16)
- Highlight** = Tabled


Commissioner Guise moved, and Commissioner Rowe seconded a motion that the Commission adopt the recommendations of staff for the above project applications (22 separate actions), including two tabled projects, one out-of-basin diversion, and one Commission-initiated project approval modification. A vote of 3-0 approved the motion.

## ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Rowe moved, and Commissioner Guise seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting, which passed unanimously. Commission Vice Chair Daniels adjourned the meeting at 9:34 a.m.

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June 15, 2023  
Date Adopted




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Jason E. Oyler  
Secretary to the Commission