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March 13, 2025

TO ALL CONCERNED:

At the March 13, 2025, Commission meeting, the draft minutes of the December 12, 2024, Commission meeting minutes were approved as written. Please attach this notice to your copy of the December 12, 2024 minutes.

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**MINUTES OF THE
SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN COMMISSION
December 12, 2024
#2024-04**

The meeting was held at the Susquehanna River Basin Commission Conference Center at 4423 North Front Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania and Commission Chair Suzanne Dorsey called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present

Ms. Suzanne Dorsey, Deputy Secretary, Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) *via Zoom*
Ms. Lauren A. Townley, Chief, Water Assessment and Implementation Section, New York State Department of the Environment *via Zoom*

Ms. Jill Whitcomb, Acting Deputy Secretary, Office of Water Programs, PADEP *via Zoom*

Other Commissioners and Alternate Commissioners Present

Ms. Susan K. Weaver, 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
Mr. John W. Balay, Manager, Planning & Operations
Mr. Gene Veno, Director, Governmental Affairs & Public Advocacy *via Zoom*
Mr. Jamie Shallenberger, Manager, Monitoring & Protection

Mr. Todd D. Eaby, Manager, Project Review
Mr. Brydon H. Lidle, III, Manager, Information Technology
Mr. Jeremy Hoffman, Manager, Compliance
Mr. Andrew Zerby, Assistant Counsel
Ms. Stacey Hanrahan, Communications and Outreach Specialist
Ms. RaChelle Coleman, Executive Assistant

Others Present

Mr. Chris Penney, USACE *via Zoom*
Mr. Duke Adams, PADEP *via Zoom*
Mr. Joseph Chandler, USACE *via Zoom*
Ms. Megan Jadrosich, USACE *via Zoom*

1. Opening Remarks

Commission Chair Suzanne Dorsey formally opened the meeting by outlining the rules of conduct for the meeting. She noted that a public hearing was previously held on October 30, 2024, and the written comment period was open until November 12, 2024. The Commissioners introduced themselves.

Please note that Mr. Chris Penney, the Acting Chief of the Planning Division for the Baltimore District Corps of Engineers, represented the federal government in a non-voting capacity for Colonel Frank Pera and Ms. Amy Guise.

2. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Dehoff began his report with updates on SRBC's two grant programs. He announced that there was an excellent group of applications for year 2 of the Stream and Watershed Enhancement Grant, intended to support local organizations dedicated to improving the health and wellbeing of local waterways and making connections with the local communities. Proposals are being evaluated and the awardees will be chosen in the next few weeks. Nearly half the proposals are in or serve disadvantaged communities.

He then offered a reminder that the year 4 offering of the Consumptive Use Mitigation grant remains open through the end of January and encouraged interested parties to consider submitting proposals for innovative projects. Eligibility broadly covers efforts that improve drought resiliency of the basin's waterways from both a quantity and quality perspective.

Mr. Dehoff continued that the grant offering is timely as drought resilience is on everyone's mind given the significant rainfall deficits over the past few months. While staff hasn't conducted much outwardly facing drought response, we have been monitoring conditions and allowing the low flow conditions typically contained in water withdrawal and use approvals to function as intended with respect to restricted operating conditions. Compliance staff has reached out to water users to remind them to review requirements in their approvals and prepare accordingly, and site inspections have demonstrated adherence to protective conditions. We will track hydrologic response to recent much-needed rainfall and continue to monitor developing conditions.

In closing, Mr. Dehoff noted the pending retirement of long-time advisor and alternate commissioner from Pennsylvania, Susan Weaver. He shared that Sue always offered a friendly smile and helpful disposition and thanked her for her guidance and insights over the years assisting the Commission in developing and executing its priority work. On behalf of all staff, Drew offers best wishes to Sue for a long and happy retirement.

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. Minutes of September 12, 2024 Commission Meeting

On a motion by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Townley, the minutes of the regular business meeting of September 12, 2024, were approved as written by a vote of 3-0.

5. Regulatory Program Fee Schedule (Resolution 2024-09)

Director of Administration and Finance Marcia Hutchinson presented Resolution 2024-09 adopting revisions to the regulatory fee schedule which will be in effect January 1, 2025.

Marcia Hutchinson requested approval of Resolution 2024-09 which approves the Regulatory Fee Schedule for calendar year 2025.

On a motion made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Townley, the Commission approved Resolution 2024-09 as presented by a vote of 3-0.

6. Contracts & Grants

Director of Administration and Finance Marcia Hutchinson presented a proposed contribution from Repsol Oil & Gas USA, LLC.

On a motion made by Commissioner Townley, seconded by Commissioner Whitcomb, the Commission agreed to accept the contribution by a vote of 3-0.

7. Releasing Proposed GP-04 Into-Basin Diversion of Water for Public Comment

General Counsel and Secretary to the Commission Jason Oyler requested approval to release the draft of General Permit GP-04 as presented for public comment.

On a motion made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Townley, the Commission authorized staff to release draft General Permit GP-04 for public comment by a vote of 3-0.

8. Docket Actions

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

1. Chesapeake Appalachia, LLC, Bradford County, Pa.
2. Coterra Energy Inc. (Tunkhannock Creek), Susquehanna County, Pa.
3. Coterra Energy Inc. (Tunkhannock Creek), Wyoming County, Pa.
4. Dover Township, York County, Pa.
5. East Cocalico Township Authority, Lancaster County, Pa. **Environmental Justice Area**
6. Edgewood by Sand Springs, LLC, Luzerne County, Pa.
7. H&K Group, Lancaster County, Pa. **Tabled**
8. New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc. (Roaring Spring Quarry), Blair County, Pa.
9. New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc. (Shippensburg Quarry), Cumberland County, Pa.
10. Newport Borough Water Authority, Perry County, Pa.
11. Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission, Centre County, Pa.

12. Schuylkill County Municipal Authority, Schuylkill County, Pa. **Environmental Justice Area**
13. Strasburg Lancaster County Borough Authority, Lancaster County, Pa. **Environmental Justice Area**
14. SWN Production Company, LLC, Susquehanna County, Pa.
15. Tallman Family Farms, LLC, Dauphin County, Pa.
16. Valley CC, LLC, Luzerne County, Pa. **Tabled**

Commissioner Townley moved, and Commissioner Whitcomb seconded a motion that the Commission adopt the staff recommendations for the 16 project applications, including two tabled projects. A vote of 3-0 approved the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Townley moved, and Commissioner Whitcomb seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting, which passed with a vote of 3-0. Commission Chair Dorsey adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

March 13, 2025
Date Adopted



Jason E. Oyer
Secretary to the Commission