



SUSQUEHANNA RIVER
BASIN COMMISSION

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March 18, 2022

TO ALL CONCERNED:

At the March 17, 2022, Commission meeting, the draft minutes of the December 17, 2021, Commission meeting were approved as written. Please attach this notice to your copy of the December 17, 2021 minutes.

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**MINUTES OF THE
SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN COMMISSION
March 17, 2022
#2022-01**

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

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present

Dr. Suzanne Dorsey, Assistant Secretary, Maryland
Dept. of the Environment (MDE)
Ms. Aneca Atkinson, Deputy Secretary, Pennsylvania
Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP)
Ms. Amy Guise, Chief, Planning Division, U.S.
Army Corps of Engineers, (USACE) Baltimore
District
Ms. Diane English, Chief, Water Quality
Management, New York State Department of
Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) via
Conference Call

**Other Commissioners and Alternate
Commissioners Present**

Mr. Matthew Rowe, Asst. Director, Water and
Science Administration, MDE

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. Gene Veno, Director, Governmental Affairs &
Public Advocacy
Mr. John W. Balay, Manager, Planning &
Operations

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

1. Opening Remarks

Commission Chair Guise opened the meeting by outlining the rules of conduct for the meeting. She noted that a public hearing was previously held on February 3, 2022, and the written comment period was open until February 14, 2022. The Commissioners introduced themselves.

2. Executive Director's Report

Andrew Dehoff, Executive Director, provided timely updates and other information pertinent to Commission operations and the business meeting agenda.

3. Minutes of December 17, 2021, Commission Meeting

On a motion by Commissioner Dorsey, seconded by Commissioner Atkinson, the minutes of the regular business meeting of December 17, 2021, were unanimously approved as written.

4. Contracts and Grants

Director of Administration and Finance Marcia Hutchinson presented one grant amendment, an agreement for property acquisition and a lease agreement for Commissioner approval.

a. Bear Creek AMD Treatment Survey, Design, O & M, Plan Project (Eastern PA Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation)

The Eastern Pennsylvania Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation (EPCAMR) under a grant from Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, will build on a previously constructed AMD Treatment system in the Bear Creek Watershed that is not functioning as designed. The project will focus on designing a system to treat two discharges in the lower portion of the Bear Creek Watershed. The Commission will support the project by providing a topographic and boundary survey of the project area. The Commission will also develop an AMD Treatment System conceptual design plan and an operation & maintenance repair/replacement plan. A majority of the support work will be subcontracted to the Commission's professional engineering services provider (Skelly & Loy) at an estimated cost of \$30,000. EPCAMR will provide the total cost of \$33,420.00 for the project.

b. KLJ Property Acquisition Agreement for the Morris Run AMD Treatment Plant Project (Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy)

Abandoned mine discharges have polluted the Tioga River for more than a century. The Susquehanna River Basin Commission (Commission), the PA Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP), the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (PADCNR), the Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy (NPC) and the Tioga County Concerned Citizens Committee (TCCCC) are working in coordination to construct an active treatment plant to remediate the five remaining major AMD discharges. Approximately \$20 million in funding has been set aside by PADEP for the Commission to implement the project, which is currently in the design phase. However, a 216-acre land parcel critical for the construction of conveyance and pumping infrastructure, and containing the worst of the discharges, has been listed for sale by the landowner. The Commission intends to provide funding to NPC to purchase and hold the land

parcel to ensure the project can proceed as planned. To date, the landowner has agreed to allow the partnership to have the first opportunity to purchase the property. SRBC will provide costs of no more than \$550,000 for down payment and purchase of the property.

c. Lease Agreement for Space in Headquarters Building in Harrisburg, Pa. (Cushman & Wakefield of PA, Inc.)

In March, 2020 the Commissioners approved entering into a lease with Cushman & Wakefield, a global commercial real estate service provider, for rental of 5,080 square feet of vacant office space located in the Commission's headquarters building in Harrisburg, PA. Due to COVID-19 the lease was never executed, but Cushman & Wakefield has continued to express interest periodically in becoming a tenant.

Since March, 2020 the market for commercial space has softened as employees continue to work from home or in hybrid arrangements. Employers are downsizing their space as leases come to the end of their terms. Comparable Class A office space in Harrisburg currently ranges from \$18.50 per square foot to \$19.95 per square foot. Due to the softening commercial rental market and the fact that the space has been vacant for over two years, the terms of the previous lease agreement have been revised. Rental income for the first year of the lease will be \$96,520 and will increase by 2% each year.

A motion was made by Commissioner Atkinson and seconded by Commissioner Dorsey to ratify the grant amendment, the agreement for property acquisition and a lease agreement. Approval to enter into the amendment and two agreements was given by a unanimous vote.

5. Waiver Requests – 6-month Deadline for Submittal of Renewal Applications

Four Seasons Golf Course and Shrewsbury Borough have requested that the regulatory requirement for submittal of relevant renewal applications six months prior to expiration be waived.

With a motion by Commissioner Atkinson, seconded by Commissioner Dorsey, the staff recommendations were accepted in regard to these two requests.

6. Docket Actions

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

1. Artesian Water Company, Inc., Chester County, Pa. (Exhibit 1)
2. Columbia Water Company, Lancaster County, Pa. (Exhibit 2)
3. Commonwealth Environmental Systems L.P., Schuylkill County, Pa. (Exhibit 3)
4. Compass Quarries, Inc., Lancaster County, Pa. (Exhibit 4)
5. Corning Incorporated, Steuben County, N.Y. (Exhibit 5)
6. Coterra Energy Inc. (Meshoppen Creek), Wyoming County, Pa. (Exhibit 6)
7. County of Lycoming, Lycoming, Pa. (Exhibit 7)
8. Deep Woods Lake LLC, Luzerne County, Pa. (Exhibit 8)
9. Eagles Mere Country Club, Sullivan County, Pa. (Exhibit 9)
10. EQT ARO LLC (West Branch Susquehanna River), Lycoming County, Pa. (Exhibit 10)
11. Farmers Pride, Inc. Lebanon County, Pa. (Exhibit 11)
12. Geisinger Health System, Montour County, Pa. (Exhibit 12)
13. Armitage Golf Club, Cumberland County, Pa. (Exhibit 13)
14. Millersburg Area Authority, Dauphin County, Pa. (Exhibit 14)
15. Repsol Oil and Gas IDS, LLC (Sugar Creek), Bradford County, Pa. (Exhibit 15)
16. Chester Water Authority, Chester County, Pa. (Exhibit 16)
17. Municipal Authority of the Township of East Hempfield, Lancaster County, Pa.

Highlight = Tabled

Commissioner Dorsey moved and Commissioner Atkinson seconded a motion that the Commission adopt the recommendations of staff for the 17 project applications, including one out-of-basin diversion and one tabled project. The motion was approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Dorsey moved and Commissioner Atkinson seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commission Chair Guise adjourned the meeting at 9:26 a.m.

June 16, 2022

Date Adopted

Jason E. Oyler

Secretary to the Commission