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September 16, 2026

TO ALL CONCERNED:

At the September 16, 2026, Commission meeting, the draft minutes of the June 4, 2026 Commission meeting minutes were approved as written. Please attach this notice to your copy of the June 4, 2026 minutes.

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**MINUTES OF THE
SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN COMMISSION**

June 4, 2026
#2026-02

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

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present

Ms. Lauren A. Townley, Chief, Water Assessment
and Implementation Section, New York State
Department of Environmental Conservation
(NYSDEC)

Ms. Amy Guise, Chief, Planning Division, U.S. Army
Corps of Engineers (USACE)

Ms. Jill Witcomb, Deputy Secretary, Office of Water
Programs, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental
Protection (PADEP)

Mr. Matthew Rowe, Deputy Director, Maryland
Department of the Environment (MDE)

Ms. Suzanne Dorsey, Deputy Secretary, Maryland
Department of the Environment (MDE) *via TEAMS*

**Other Commissioners and Alternate
Commissioners Present**

Staff Present

Mr. Andrew Dehoff, Executive Director

Ms. Andrea Race, Director, Finance &
Administration

Mr. Andrew Gavin, Deputy Executive Director

Mr. Jason Oyler, General Counsel and Secretary

Mr. John Balay, Manager, Planning & Operations

Mr. Todd Eaby, Manager, Project Review

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

Mr. Jeremy Hoffman, Manager, Compliance

Mr. James Shallenberger, Manager, Monitoring &
Protection

Mr. Brydon Lidle, Manager, Information
Technology

Ms. Stacey Hanrahan, Communications and
Outreach Specialist

Ms. RaChelle Coleman, Executive Assistant

Others Present

Mr. Hoss Liaghat, PADEP *via TEAMS*

Mr. Jason Minnich, PADEP *via TEAMS*

1. Opening Remarks

Commission Chair Lauren Townley formally opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. by outlining the rules of conduct for the meeting. She noted that a public hearing was previously held on April 23, 2026, and the written comment period was open until May 4, 2026. With respect to the public hearing held on July 30, 2026, my fellow commissioners and I have been provided a copy of the transcript from that public hearing and a copy of all written comments received in a timely fashion. The Commissioners introduced themselves.

2. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Andrew Dehoff announced the upcoming retirements for the following SRBC staff and expressed his appreciation for each staff member and thanked them for their hard work and dedication over the years and wished them well in their retirement.

- Gordon Lauger, Manager of Accounting – **36 years**
- Eric Roof, Compliance Supervisor – **23 years**
- Cindy Obenstine, Administrative Assistant – **22 years**
- Brydon Lidle, IT Manager – **21 years**
- Donna Heiser, Administrative & Accounting Assistant – **10 years**
- Gene Veno, Director of Government Affairs and Public Advocacy – **8 years**

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 the March 12, 2026 Commission Meeting

On a motion by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Guise the minutes of the regular business meeting of March 12, 2026, were approved as written by a vote of 4-0.

5. Election of Officers

Mr. Dehoff lead the election of new officers for the Commission for the upcoming fiscal year. On a motion by Commissioner Guise, seconded by Commissioner Rowe, USACE was elected as Chair of the Commission and Pennsylvania was elected as Vice-Chair, effective July 1, 2026 by a vote of 4-0.

6. FY2027 Budget Reconciliation (*Resolution 2026-02*)

Director of Administration and Finance Marcia Hutchinson presented Resolution 2026-02 adopting the proposed budget reconciliation for FY2027, which will cover the period July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027.

A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb and seconded by Commissioner Rowe to adopt Resolution 2026-02, adopting the proposed budget reconciliation for FY2027 by a vote of 4-0.

7. Contracts & Grants

Director of Finance and Administration Andrea Race presented one grant agreement and one grant amendment.

a) Grant Agreement: Water Quality Protection and Pollution Prevention (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency)

Through this grant, staff work to identify aquatic resources that need protection or restoration and coordinate with member state agencies on similar water resource management efforts aligned with the Clean Water Action Section 106 program. On-the-ground activities within the Basin include assessments and studies of small stream and large river systems, ongoing eel restoration efforts, dam removal impacts, abandoned mine restoration successes, and harmful algal bloom monitoring tools. Water quality, biological, and habitat data collected as part of these activities are provided to member state agencies and USEPA. Staff also coordinate source water protection efforts with member state agencies, assist member state agencies with data collection, use existing data as a resource to bolster new initiatives, and analyze data for climate change signals. Commission staff also participate in resource-agency-sponsored programs, coalitions, working groups, and public outreach and education events. This grant agreement is for one (1) year with the possibility of a one (1) year extension.

Budget.

USEPA - \$736,000 SRBC - \$47,847

Total - \$ 783,847

b) Grant Amendment: Monitoring, Assessment, and TMDL Support and Development (Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection)

This grant amendment adds an additional year to the agreement. 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 in the form of a web-enabled story map.

2. TMDL and Advanced Restoration Plan Support – The Commission will continue to coordinate 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 to collect, analyze and report 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.

Budget.

PADEP - \$500,990

SRBC - \$0

Total - \$500,990

On a motion made by Commissioner Rowe, seconded by Commissioner Whitcomb, the Commission approved the grant agreement and the grant amendment and approved by a vote 4-0.

8. Annual Water Resources Program (*Resolution 2026-03*)

Deputy Executive Director Andy Gavin presented the proposed FY2025-2027 Water Resources Program for adoption by the Commission, following the requirements of the Compact.

On a motion by Commissioner Guise and seconded by Commissioner Whitcomb the Commission adopted Resolution 2026-03, which adopted the proposed FY2025-2027 Water Resources Program on a vote of 4-0.

9. Village of Sidney Emergency Certificate Extension Request (*Resolution 2026-04*)

Project Review Manager Todd Eaby presented Resolution 2026-04 to extend coverage of the emergency certificate issued to the Village of Sidney for continued operation of Well 2-88.

On a motion made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Guise, the Commission approved Resolution 2026-04 to approve the emergency certification extension request for Village of Sidney.

10. Docket Actions

Project Review Manager Todd Eaby outlined how the Commission staff review, process and provide responses to public comments and questions during the review process. Mr. Eaby also presented a staff memorandum containing details and recommendations regarding the following list of project applications:

- Aquaport LLC, Lycoming County, Pa.
- The Municipal Authority of the Borough of Berlin, Somerset County, Pa.
- BKV Operating LLC, Wyoming County, Pa.
- Cargill Meat Solutions Corporation, Bradford County, Pa.
- Cedar Rock Materials Corporation, Luzerne County, Pa.
- Chobani LLC, Chenango County, N.Y.
- Constellation Energy Generation LLC, Dauphin County, Pa.
- Galeton Borough Authority, Potter County, Pa.
- Hazelton City Authority, Luzerne County, Pa.
- KH Holdings LLC, Schuylkill County, Pa.
- Nature's Way Purewater Systems, Inc., Luzerne County, Pa.
- New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc., Union County, Pa.
- PPG Operations LLC, Clearfield County, Pa.

Tabled Projects

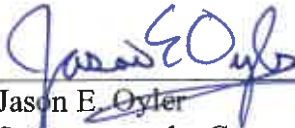
- Middlesex Township Municipal Authority, Cumberland County, Pa.
- New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc., Blair and Huntingdon Counties, Pa.

On a motion made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Guise, the Commission adopted the staff recommendations for the 15 project applications, including two tabled projects. A vote of 4-0 approved the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Rowe moved, and Commissioner Guise seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting, which passed with a vote of 4-0. Commission Chair Townley adjourned the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

September 16, 2026
Date Adopted



Jason E. Oyler
Secretary to the Commission