

## Waterworks Advisory Committee Meeting

November 17, 2011  
DEQ Piedmont Regional Office, Innsbrook

Chair: Wes Kleene  
Secretary: Mark C. Anderson  
Timekeeper: Wes Kleene  
Members Present: Greg Boardman  
John Danielson  
Elmer Handy  
David Raines  
Jesse L. Royall, Jr.  
Eric Lassalle

### Guests in Attendance:

Mary Ann Massie alternate for Ms. Melanie D. Davenport (DEQ)  
Larry Wallace on behalf of Hope Cupit (SE-RCAP)  
Steve Pellei (VDH)

## Minutes

### Agenda Item: Call to order

*Discussion:* Dr. Kleene convened the meeting at 10:05 a.m.  
*Conclusions:* Move to next Agenda Item  
*Action items:* None

### Agenda Item: Introductions

*Discussion:* Dr. Kleene asked attendees to introduce themselves and their organizations.  
*Conclusions:* Move to next agenda item  
*Action items:* None

### Agenda Item: Adoption of January 2011 Meeting Minutes

*Discussion:* Mr. Handy pointed out the word "cuts" was omitted in the VRWA update. Mr. Handy motioned to approve the draft minutes as corrected. Ms. Massie seconded. There was no additional discussion. Minutes, as corrected, were adopted unanimously.  
*Conclusion:* Move to next item  
*Action items:* Mr. Anderson to distribute minutes as approved.

### Agenda Item: Adoption of Agenda

*Discussion:* Agenda was adopted unanimously without revision.  
*Conclusion:* Move to next item  
*Action items:* None

### Agenda Item: Public Comment

*Discussion:* There was no member of the public in attendance.  
*Conclusion:* Move to next item  
*Action items:* None

### Agenda Item: Award Ceremony

*Discussion:* Dr. Kleene discussed that Mr. Jackson's term as a member ended. As a long-serving member of the WAC, Dr. Kleene proposed a resolution to recognize his service. Mr. Handy motioned to adopt the resolution. Mr. Royall seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The resolution was adopted unanimously. Discussion moved to how best to present the resolution to Mr.

Jackson.

*Conclusion:* Mr. Jackson will be presented the presentation at an informal awards ceremony at the ODW office.

*Action items:* Mr. Anderson to canvass members and Mr. Jackson for a suitable date for the ceremony.

#### Agenda Item: Chair Report

*Discussion:* Dr. Kleene reported that the Waterworks Regulations specify that the Director be the Chair of the WAC. However, there is no mention of a Vice Chair. Dr. Kleene solicited comments on whether the WAC membership wanted to have a Vice Chair and, if so, filled from the membership or appoint ODW staff as Vice Chair. Mr. Royall motioned that there should be a Vice Chair from the committee members. Mr. Handy seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously.

*Conclusion:* Nomination/selection of a Vice Chair will occur at the next meeting.

*Action items:* Members interested in serving as Vice Chair should notify the Secretary. Mr. Anderson to add Vice Chair nomination/selection to the next meeting's agenda.

#### Agenda Item: Water Policy

*Discussion:* Steve Pellei updated the members on ARRA and DWSRF program status.

- ARRA Status update. We anticipate having 100% of the ARRA funds disbursed by Jan 2012.
- DWSRF 2011. The 2011 capitalization grant was awarded by EPA for a total of \$15.7 million in September and the 2011 Intended Use Plan was posted on the ODW web site.
- DWSRF 2012. ODW received 41 applications for construction funds totaling \$52.3 million. ODW expects to have approximately \$25 million available for construction projects. Priority ranking is complete and posted online.
- DWSRF 2012/2013. Solicitations for 2013 projects will be sent in early 2012. ODW proposes the following for WAC consideration and comment, prior to EPA review and public comment:
  - Revising the population criteria upwards for disadvantage waterworks. The proposal is to raise the population criteria from 3,300 to 10,000.
  - ODW intends to reserve the right to award grants up to \$150,000 for small construction projects.
  - ODW is proposing to use the small construction grant funding for standby power or emergency power hook ups at waterworks.
  - Developing a sustainability category for the DWSRF priority scoring system. Current Health categories will remain top priority: acute, chronic, public health.

WAC members voted unanimously in support.

*Conclusion:* Move to next item

*Action items:* None

#### Agenda Item: Legislative Update

*Discussion:* Dr. Kleene reminded members that the 2012 General Assembly session is a long session. It may be necessary to get input from members' constituencies.

*Conclusion:* Move to next item

*Action items:* None

#### Agenda Item: ODW Overview and Updates

*Discussion:* Dr. Kleene reported that ODW staff worked on the budget exercises to address possible funding scenarios as reported in the media.

*Conclusion:* Move to next item

*Action items:* None

Agenda Item: SCC Update:

*Discussion:* No SCC representative attending.

*Conclusion:* Move to next item

*Action items:* None

Agenda Item: DEQ Update

*Discussion:* Ms. Massie provided the following DEQ update.

- The Water Division has a new director. Ms. Melanie D. Davenport is leading the water division staff. Ms. Davenport was formerly Director of Enforcement at DEQ.
- All local water supply planning programs were submitted on time per the 9 VAC 25-780 Local and Regional Water Supply Planning Regulation. There are a few local governments scheduling official program adoption but overall it was a very successful effort.
- Reminders for Annual Water Withdrawal Reporting under 9 VAC 25-200-10 et seq. will be issued in December. This regulation requires each nonexempt water user to measure and annually report the monthly volume of all ground or surface water withdrawn when the daily average withdrawal exceeds 10,000 gallons per day, with the exception of crop irrigation. Reporting of crop irrigation applies to withdrawals exceeding one million gallons in any single month. Water users exempted from the regulation are encouraged to report their water withdrawals. For more information on the regulation and reporting requirements visit <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/watersupplyplanning/WaterUseData.html>
- The State Water Control Board approved designation of a section of the Dan River and its tributaries as a public water supply in August 2011. This was in response to a petition from Roxboro, NC requesting water supply protection for a yet-to-be constructed water intake on the Dan River near Milton, NC. Rule making in North Carolina has been delayed until their legislature meets in May 2012. For more information contact [david.whitehurst@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:david.whitehurst@deq.virginia.gov)

*Conclusion:* Move to next item

*Action items:* None

Agenda Item: DCLS Update

*Discussion:* No DCLS representative attending.

*Conclusion:* Move to next item

*Action items:* None

Agenda Item: SE-RCAP Update

*Discussion:* Larry Wallace reported that SE-RCAP is working with Virginia Tech on training for private well owners on the Master Well Program. There is \$45 million worth of construction taking place funded by ARRA (\$15 million in grants and \$30 million in loans). SE-RCAP is working with small waterworks that are under boil water notices in Botetourt.

*Conclusion:* Move to next item

*Action items:* None

Agenda Item: VRWA Update

*Discussion:* Elmer Handy reported that VRWA is partnering with GHD to conduct Asset Management training. The first one was held in Abingdon and the next is scheduled in Bedford. No news to report on EPA funding for training. Without EPA funding, training will be offered at a nominal fee. The Circuit Rider program will continue. Small cuts in USDA funding can be expected.

*Conclusion:* Move to next item

*Action items:* None

Agenda Item: New Business

*Discussion:* Mr. Handy raised the issue of hospitals wanting to drill auxiliary wells for emergency use. Dr. Kleene provided the committee with background information on the initiative and the CDC/AWWA guidance to hospitals. Mr. Anderson asked members to review contact

information and make any necessary changes. The next scheduled meeting is January 19<sup>th</sup>.

Conclusion: Move to next item

Action Item: Mr. Anderson to send members URL link to the CDC/AWWA guidance document.

Agenda item: Adjournment

*Discussion:* Meeting Adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

*Conclusions:* None

*Action items:* None

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Mark C. Anderson, Secretary

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Wes Kleene, Chair