



*The Triple Divide Watershed Coalition serves to protect public drinking water sources within the headwaters region of the Allegheny, Genesee and Susquehanna River systems from any degradation of source water quantity or quality. This is accomplished by proactively evaluating susceptibility to contamination, working to minimize or eliminate potential threats, creating long-range protection strategies, supporting local planning and inter-governmental cooperation, encouraging public education initiatives, and any other activity to protect and preserve drinking water resources for future generations*

## **Triple Divide Watershed Coalition**

**Minutes: Wednesday January 9, 2019 at 9:00 AM**

**GUNZBURGER BUILDING FRONT CONFERENCE ROOM, Coudersport**

- **Introductions**

- Members in attendance:

- John M, Paul H, Doug M, Fern B, Will H, Jared D, Jason C, Andrew M, Daryl, Mark S, and Charlie T.

- **Comments from Municipalities**

- Fern finds these meetings helpful because, they are a way for busy system operators to obtain important information from a single source.
- Daryl made comments in regards to working on the new equipment and drainage.

- **Monitoring Equipment Project**

- **Status**

- Monitoring equipment data collection continues.
- Charlie is finding a way to make the data extraction easier for municipalities to keep on file rather than one designated location.
- Charlie is contacting Campbell Scientific in regards to equipment calibration and connecting Genesee to the data collection module.

- **DEP updates**

- **Mark Accettulla**

- Sent General Update and Fee Rule- New regulations as of August 2018

- **Mark Stephens**
  - Safe Drinking Water Act updates included the mandatory assessment so that operators stay on top of developments that could degrade drinking water supplies.
  - Boroughs, townships and other system operators are now required to conduct annual assessments of potential risks to water quality, including earth disturbance activities within their source water zones.
  - He said each system in Potter County already has in place a state-certified source water protection plan, so the new regulations should not place much of a burden on TDWC members.
  - DEP has been encouraged to review these source water protection plans any time the agency is reviewing a permit application for activities such as shale gas drilling.
  
- **Conservation District Updates**
  - Andrew Mickey, Potter County Conservation District's DGLR Specialist
  
- **Potter County Planning Updates**
  - Will commented that Potter County Planning is the only planning office in the state to require, recharge area reviews in SALDO process.
  - Potter County Planning Director Will Hunt presented an update on the Northern Pennsylvania Tri-County Comprehensive Plan. He said the planning team is interested in soliciting input from system operators and the public on water quality protection issues that could be incorporated in the plan, which is expected to be completed by August.
    - He mentioned that the public community survey is available online until January 16
    - The next public meeting will be held at the Port Allegany School Library on Jan. 23. The meeting begins at 6PM
  - USGS Water study report will be completed by the end of this year.
  
- **Course Information**
  - Plans are moving forward to bring the Water Operators course to Coudersport
  
- **Triple Divide Watershed Coalition (Further Discussion)**
  - Newsletter resurrection
  
- **Next Meeting**
  - **March 13, 2019 in Genesee at 10 AM- more information to follow at a later date**