

TRIPLE DIVIDE WATERSHED COALITION
Gunzburger Bldg., Coudersport PA
January 11, 2017
MINUTES

ATTENDEES

John McLaughlin, Chairman, TDWC	Jim Clark, Penn State Extension
Darrell Davis, Genesee Water	Paul Heibel, Commissioner
Gareth Gockley, Coudersport Borough	Will Hunt, PCPC
Doug Morley, Commissioner	Dale Steadman, Genesee Water Auth.
Paul Heibel, Commissioner	Danielle Roslevich, PRWA
Fern Burdick, NTCH	Charlie Tuttle, Potter Co. GIS
Jason Childs, PCCD	Tony Adami, Galeton Borough
Jared Dickerson, PCCD	Mark Accettulla, PA DEP
Tina Bennett, Watrous Water Assn.	Bev Morris, Coudersport Borough

Introductions

Mark Accettulla introduced himself to the group. Mark has assumed the position of DEP Sanitarian and will be covering Potter and Tioga Counties.

New Chairperson

Ms. Charlie Tuttle has agreed to assume the Chair of the TDWC. An informal vote was taken and Charlie was unanimously elected to replace John McLaughlin.

PCPC Comment Letter

John stated that the Potter County Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO) has been amended to require developers to obtain a favorable comment from the public water system whenever a development is proposed within or adjacent to a delineated recharge area. Will Hunt distributed a sample letter for the water suppliers to utilize to submit comments to the planning office in this instance. The letter has been reviewed and approved by the County Solicitor and will become effective following the approval of the Planning Commission Board at their February 2017 meeting.

Meeting with DEP Secretary

Paul attended the December 2016 meeting with the DEP Secretary and his staff, and represented the TDWC. Paul reported that, although the Secretary was ill and did not attend the meeting, the other members of the Secretary's staff were unanimously supportive of the inclusion of recharge areas into the Department's permit review process. The discussions were cordial and general in nature. We will have to wait and see if there will be any commitment from DEP to implement the necessary changes.

Water System Contact Spreadsheet

Jim Clark is in the process of updating the existing spreadsheet which contains contact and operator information for all of the water systems in Potter, Cameron, Elk, McKean and Jefferson Counties. When complete, the data will be distributed throughout the area. John stated that a copy of this spreadsheet is currently available on the TDWC web page, and that the updated version will be placed on the web site.

GIS Mapping Update

John reported that Mark Stephens has met with a professor at Clarion State University and has delivered the private well logs to him. Hopefully, students studying either Geology or GIS applications will be able to convert the well logs into a digital format that can in turn be input into the County GIS system. Will Hunt has prepared a demonstration of how this data can be utilized. The demonstration will be presented at a future TDWC meeting.

New Newsletter

Charlie and Paul distributed copies of a new newsletter entitled "TDWC Currents". The newsletter will be published quarterly with the purpose of informing the public of the activities of the TDWC and its member water systems. Paul asked that the systems consider providing him items of interest for inclusion in future editions.

Groundwater Mapping Project

Will Hunt stated that he has been in contact with USGS and that they are proceeding on schedule with the groundwater characterization grant. To date no additional funding has been secured; therefore, USGS will adjust the sampling matrix to utilize the funding available. Sampling should begin this summer.

RCAP Solutions

Will reported that work mapping all of the systems that were funded last year should begin this summer. John suggested that all of the systems meet before the field work begins to discuss what attributes would be the most beneficial for the operators in the future.

Monitoring Equipment Project Update

Charlie provided background information on how she had contacted several vendors. The subcommittee formed at the last meeting has met in the interim and they eliminated the vendor proposals that were in excess of the available funds or could not meet our minimum needs. Charlie developed a chart showing a side-by-side comparison of the three remaining vendors. There followed an active, lengthy discussion of the pros and cons of each. Following the discussion, Charlie asked for a vote to select a vendor, and the unanimous choice was Campbell Scientific.

Next Meeting

John suggested that the next meeting be scheduled for February 8, 2017 to maintain our normal meeting schedule. Charlie will contact Campbell Scientific to arrange for a representative to be present at this meeting. The group agreed to postpone making any definite commitment to Campbell until after meeting with their representative to discuss the project in detail.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:00.