

MEETING MINUTES

Agriculture Water Quality Authority

Thursday November 17th, 2016 - 9:30 am

In attendance: Ms. Kim Richardson, AWQA Chair and Director, DOC; Mr. David Rowlett, President, KACD; Mr. Larry Thomas, KY Farm Bureau; Dr. Amanda Gumbert, UK-DOC; Ms. Karen Woodrich, NRCS; Mr. Allen Kyle, member-at-large; Mr. Peter Goodman, KDOW; Mr. Keith Rogers, Dept. of Ag.; and Mr. Lee Robey, member at large.

Also in attendance: Ms. Johnna McHugh, Assistant Director, DOC; Mr. Pete Cinnotto, USGS; Mr. Joe Cain, KY Farm Bureau; Mr. John Pitcock, KY Department of Agriculture; Dr. Steve Higgins, UK; Mr. Michael West, EEC; Mr. David Chinn, Monty's Plant Food; Ms. Laura Knoth, KY Small Grains; Mr. Maury Cox, Dairy Development Council; Mr. Earnest Collins; Mr. John Pitcock; Mr. Jack Stickney, KY Rural Water Association; and Mr. Jeff Gravitt, DOC.

Quorum was met.

Meeting Called to Order - at 9:30 a.m. by Kim Richardson.

Approval of Minutes from February 2, 2016 Meeting - Approval for February 2, 2016 minutes was discussed. Two grammar changes were made. Mr. David Rowlett made motion to approve. Mr. Larry Thomas seconded motion. **Motion carried.**

September AWQA meeting – Ms. Kim Richardson discussed the September meeting at Eden Shale and stated that the quorum was not met.

Update Review of Streams and Other Waters – Mr. Peter Goodman explained stream flow obstructions and their current importance.

Dr. Amanda Gumbert presented BMP's 1-4 and discussed changes.

- BMP # 1 Stream Crossing for Farm Equipment
- BMP # 2 Sand and Gravel Removal
- BMP # 3 Stream bank and Shoreline Protection
- BMP # 4 Stream Drainage.

A discussion ensued as to how much authority the AWQA had to enforce the BMP's. Mr. Pete Goodman moved to defer consideration until next meeting to allow for more clarification. Motion was seconded by Mr. David Rowlett. **Motion carried.**

Dr. Amanda Gumbert reminded everyone that the state plan is available online and that it's the most up to date version and is the governing document.

Nominating Committee Report – The Nomination Committee addressed the resignation of Mr. Kevin Jeffries. This left the committee without a Vice-Chair. Mr. Larry Thomas was nominated by Mr. Lee Robey and was seconded by Mr. Peter Goodman. **Motion carried.**

A new nomination committee was formed with Mr. Larry Thomas, Mr. Peter Goodman and Mr. Keith Rogers all to serve.

Water Resources Board – Mr. Peter Goodman stated that the board has met four times and the last meeting was to propose projects to board members. The board will rank them in December and pick which ones will move forward and find funding. The board will be seeking resources to develop a State Water Resources Strategic Plan.

Sample Projects

- Super Gauges / Mesonet Stations
- Groundwater Monitoring network
- Demonstration Projects by Steve Higgins

Mr. Pete Goodman gave an update on Kentucky's drought situation. Most streams and ponds are below projected levels, and there are new concerns of high winds in the forecast affecting current forest fires. The drought situation has affected beef farmers yearly feeding schedule. This could be a strain on the hay availability with farmers already feeding with hay this early in the year. The committee has activated and is following Kentucky's drought plan.

Dr. Amanda Gumbert presented videos featuring Mr. Jim Morse, Mr. Mark Turner and Mr. Bob James. These videos could be used by the Authority and the member organizations for educational purposes.

Comments from AWQA Members – Mr. Pete Goodman gave a harmful algal bloom (HAB) update. There hasn't been a problem this year. Ms. Karen Woodrich asked Mr. Pete Goodman about the Authority presentation. Mr. Peter Goodman said he wanted to add corrective measures. Mr. Pete Cinotto also discussed KSMC executive meeting and how notes are on KSMC website.

Comments from Interested Parties –

- Dr. Steve Higgins gave an update on the Eden Shale project. They've tried many best management practices with different configurations. They're planning to create an interactive website where landowners can learn more about the practices.
- Mr. Maury Cox reported that the KDDC is working with several farmers on getting Ag water quality plans and Kentucky nutrient management plans.
- Mr. Jack Stickney spoke on how the water utilities are worried about the drought and how it's going to affect Kentucky's water quality.
- Mr. Pete Goodman suggested that we ask for the DOF to send a representative to talk on the impact of the forest fires have had on KY.
- Mr. Pete Goodman stated the DOW has revised the agricultural KNDOP permit so people will have to renew their AWQPs. Mr. Pete Goodman will get permitting and enforcement information to Ms. Kim Richardson to share with the conservation districts so when people get their notifications and come into conservation districts, the districts will be prepared.

Meetings dates for upcoming year -

- February 2nd 2017 – trying to meet with water resource board.
- May 25th 2017
- August 24th 2017 @ 2:00 p.m.
- November 16th 2017

Adjourn – Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. David Rowlett and was seconded by Mr. Peter Goodman. **Motion carried.**