

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 4, 2015
TO: Mason Dixon Task Force
FROM: Robert Thaeler, Vice-Chairperson
SUBJECT: Minutes of April 23, 2015 Meeting

Attendees at the Mason-Dixon Task Force Meeting were:

Jason Boothe	Cecil County
Sherri Clayton	Adams County
Carrie Conwell	Chester County
Lindsay Gerner	York County
Joe Heffner	York County
Tony McClune	Harford County
Robert Thaeler	Adams County
Erin Wisnieski,	Baltimore County
Martin Wollastin	Univ. of Delaware

I. Administrative:

- **Minutes of the February 12, 2015 Meeting.**

The minutes of the February 12, 2015 meeting were mailed to the members. Ms. Conwell motioned to approve the minutes. Ms. Wisnieski seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

- **Treasurer's Report.**

Ms. Conwell reported that the checking account balance was \$7,880.42 as of April 10, 2015. This figure include \$0.24 interest accumulated by that date.

- **Correspondence.**

No written correspondence was received.

- **Membership List**

Mr. McClune requested that the members review the current membership list for adjustments. Adjustments were noted for Baltimore and Adams, and for the IPA. York County may be adding a new alternate representative shortly.

II. Adams County Program:

The members discussed two potential programs options for the upcoming Adams County program. These included an option focused on activities at the Gettysburg National Military Park and an option focused on activities within the Adams County Fruitbelt. Mr. Thaeler indicated that costs for both program options would be evaluated and provided to Mr. McClune. A majority of the members in attendance indicated that a program with a tour of Battlefield sites would be desirable. Mr. McClune indicated that he would poll the entire membership on a preferred date for the program – either September 10, 2015 or September 17, 2015.

Mr. Boothe indicated that a potential future program focused on the Excelon Dam could be pursued. The members indicated that this may be an interesting opportunity.

III. Member Updates

Chester County: Ms. Conwell indicated that the Chester County Planning Commission executive director has left. The position is expected to be filled shortly.

Cecil County: Mr. Boothe indicated that Cecil County is also experiencing staff turnovers. He also discussed the ongoing EPA audits of stormwater management and water management activities within the County. He indicated that this involves everything from bus cleaning to dumpster lids. He also discussed the forthcoming changes with FEMA floodplain mapping, noting the County is changing from the riverine to coastal model. He indicated the County's concern with quality control of the recent mapping. Mr. Boothe concluded with an update on the County's agricultural preservation program, especially with regard to Tier issues. He noted the County's desire to preserve a large orchard property through the program, but difficulties have arisen as the property is located in a future sewer service area.

University of Delaware: Mr. Wollastin indicated that the University President is leaving for a position with the Federal Reserve in Philadelphia. This will result in a large administrative change with new staff. He feels that this will be a positive change. Mr. Wollastin also indicated that New Castle County is also looking for a new planning director.

IV. York County Presentation

Ms. Gerner provided a presentation on York County's program on water resources and associated regulatory requirements. She discussed the County's Integrated Water Resources Plan (IWRP), the County's Watersheds Improvement Plan (WIP), the County's involvement in the regional Chesapeake Bay Pollutant Reduction Plan (CBPRP), and the potential creation of a stormwater authority.

The IWRP was completed several years ago. Its core element is the large flowchart that provides substantial detail regarding the water resources permitting and regulatory structure. Professionals and residents have found the flowchart to be useful in navigating the complex regulatory environment associated with water resources.

The WIP was completed in 2013 and endorsed by the York County Commissioners in August of that year. The plan was developed in partnership with the York County Coalition for

Clean Waters (YCC4CW). The plan inventories a wide range of Best Management Practices (BMPs) and advocates their use with regarding water resource management.

The regional CBPRP has been pursued as an effort to develop a region-wide pollution reduction plan rather than having individual municipalities conduct individual plans. York County includes 44 MS4 municipalities, and all must have a pollution reduction plan. The County invited all municipalities to be included in the project. The plan moved forward with 46 municipalities, and included all but one of the MS4 municipalities. The CBPRP has identified 72 potential pollution reduction projects and has chosen 9 projects for the 2014-2015 Action Plan.

Out of the original 46 participating municipalities, 43 have opted into the Plan. York County government has also opted into the Plan. In terms of management, the York County Planning Commission manages the regional group and collects and manages fees. The Regional Committee decides on which implementation project to pursue, and the Management Committee handles the detail management of each project once initiated. The CBPRP is being reviewed for potential approval by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The main issue that may affect said approval is the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement that would be needed for the Plan.

V. Adjourn

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.