

**INTERSTATE COMMISSION ON THE POTOMAC RIVER BASIN
CO-OP SECTION**

**FIRST QUARTER 2018
DECEMBER 5, 2017**

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FINAL MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Sussman called the First Quarter 2018 CO-OP Meeting to order at 8:30 AM on December 5, 2017. The following commissioners, staff, and guests were in attendance in whole or in part.

COMMISSIONERS

District of Columbia

Hamid Karimi (Commissioner)
Willem Brakel (Commissioner)
Tiffany Potter (Alt. Commissioner)
Kimberly Jones (Alt. Commissioner)

Maryland

Robert Lewis (Commissioner)
Virginia Kearney (Alt. Commissioner)
Aruna Miller (Commissioner)
Nancy Hausrath (Alt. Commissioner)

Virginia

Scott Kudlas (Alt. Commissioner)
Paul Holland (Alt. Commissioner)
Jackson Miller (Commissioner)

United States

Robert Sussman (Chair, Commissioner)

West Virginia

John Wirts (Alt. Commissioner)

STAFF AND GUESTS

Staff

Carlton Haywood (Executive Director)
Robert Bolle (General Counsel)
Bo Park (Dir, Administration)
Cherie Schultz (Dir, COOP Operations)
Curtis Dalpra (Communications Manager)

Guests

Ronald Stanley (Commissioner)
Chris Kimple (for D. Moul, PA)
Saeid Kasraei (MDE)
Teresa Wong (MDE)
James Tsai (Visitor, DC)
Dennis Hogan (Visitor, AECOM)

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Commissioner Kudlas made a motion to approve the agenda, which was seconded by Commissioner Holland. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 29, 2017 MEETING MINUTES: Commissioner Kearney made a motion to approve the Minutes, which was seconded by Commissioner Lewis. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Follow-up from August Action Items: Mr. Haywood gave an update on the follow-up action items from the August meeting.

- An update on the communications plan for the Alternatives Study will be discussed in Agenda topic 4.D.

- Commissioner Madden offered to provide contacts at the Department of Human and Health Services for the Travilah and vulnerability of water supply. Staff has yet to receive the contact information. Further activities related to Travilah quarry will be discussed in Agenda topic 4.C.

Section Quarterly Report: Dr. Schultz reported on a few items from the Section's quarterly activities.

A key goal for this fiscal year is to focus on step one of the recommendations made in the Water Supply Alternatives Study. There were 10 proposed alternatives to keep the system reliable in the planning year 2040 and long-term projections for 2085. Of the 10 alternatives, there are combination of alternatives. And two recommended options are the cooperative use of Loudoun Water Quarry A and Loudoun Water's Beaverdam Reservoir. Other options include better stream flow forecasts and use of the water quality storage at Jennings Randolph Reservoir during drought emergencies. As two options involve Loudoun Water, discussions of Loudoun Water joining the CO-OP continues. Loudoun Water has been attending the water supplier Operations Committee and work group meetings and are showing interest in joining the COOP.

One of the operational alternatives is the use of the Corps Jennings Randolph water quality storage during drought emergencies. A scoping project for a revision of the Water Control Plan for Jennings Randolph Reservoir is continuing into this fiscal year.

The annual Washington metropolitan area drought exercise was conducted in this past quarter. A new pilot operational tool, developed in R language by staff member, Zachary Smith was demonstrated. Fairlawn Hydroelectric is planning to start constructions at Jennings Randolph Reservoir this spring. Dr. Schultz has provided comments to Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) on the draft water appropriation use permit. The comments were primarily to maintain consistency between the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) permit and the MDE permit.

Update on Travilah Quarry Outreach: Mr. Haywood informed that the Commission's role is to assist with the progress, but not in a leading role. There is a large cost involved and at this time it is unclear which organization (water utility or utilities, or local government) should take the lead.

The Alternatives Study has a structural recommendation to construct a water storage facility in Montgomery County, Md. There have been conversations with some parties to move forward, as it is an expensive project, \$300-400 million. Currently there are three paths that may need to occur concurrently. The Department of Defense has been identified as a possible funding avenue as this issue relates to national security involving the drinking water for the national capital region. The second path is contacting Aggregate Industries, the owners of Travilah Quarry, to determine their position on the issue. The third path is to brief the local governments, planning boards & government councils. There is a general agreement by the utilities to speak with one voice on their position. Tom Jacobus, Washington Aqueduct, has been briefing different offices at the Department of Defense. It is unclear who should take the lead on this initiative.

Commissioner Potter added that there could be seed funding if there is a revenue model. A range of alternatives and financing options would need to be identified. Chairman Sussman suggested calling the congressional offices, a set of representatives of various jurisdictions. Commission Kudlas suggested integrating this issue into the Water Supply Coordination Agreement discussions. Dr. Schultz added that the workgroup is already discussing this matter. And going forward, this issue will be kept on the agenda for the workgroup. Commissioner Holland added that there are existing programs at the Department of Defense that work with conservation organizations. Commissioner Kudlas can offer assistance connecting with the Fairfax County, County Administrator if needed. Commissioner A. Miller can contact Congressman John Delaney who has jurisdiction over Travilah Quarry, as she is the MD state delegate representing the area. She can be a resource in reaching out to the congressman. Commissioner Karimi suggested forming a task group to work on this issue. Chairman Sussman asked the volunteers for this task force to contact Dr. Schultz.

Update on Communications Plan for the WMA Water Supply Alternatives Study: This topic will be deferred to the Business Meeting.

Financial Statement: Mr. Haywood informed that with one month of financial activities, there is not much to report at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Utilities Cost-Share Discussions: Dr. Schultz gave a presentation describing the membership and recent activities of the Revised Water Supply Coordination Agreement Work Group, established in June by the Operations Committee. She also presented historical data on water demands and demand forecasts which were available at the time that the original Water Supply Coordination Agreement was being negotiated. One of the goals of the new agreement is to be sufficiently flexible and general so that a new entity can easily join.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kudlas made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Holland. The CO-OP Section meeting adjourned at 9:40AM.

Draft Minutes written by: Bo Park, Director, Administration
Reviewed by: Cherie Schultz, Director, CO-OP Section
Approved by: H. Carlton Haywood, Executive Director