

Groundwater Advisory Committee (GAC)
Meeting Minutes: August 3, 2006 10:00 – 1:00
DNR GEF 2 Conference Room G09
101 South Webster, Madison

Committee members in attendance: Ron Kuehn, Jill Jonas for Todd Ambs, Mike Carter, Dan Duchniak, Andrew Graham, Jodi Habush-Sinykin, Doug Hahn, David Holdener, Carol McCartney, Bob Nauta

Welcome and introductions: Chair Kuehn welcomed everyone.

Agenda Repair: There were no agenda repairs.

The [June 1, 2006](#) meeting minutes were approved as drafted.

Update from the GMA Subcommittee: McCartney added a [fifth page](#) to the [revised consensus table](#) and explained that the document is a reorganization of the [GMA table](#) prepared by Lawrie Kobza combined with concepts from the [strawman GMA planning rules](#) and the [GPA task framework](#). The committee agreed to address each consensus item in order. The minutes will address only those numbered items for which there was discussion. Because this is the first opportunity for the committee to discuss the revised table, they will determine consensus at the October meeting. McCartney will revise the table based on today's discussion and distribute it to the committee.

Item 5: Discussion of preserving vs protecting resources. McCartney will revise.

Item 6: McCartney will revise to reflect discussion of who should authorize sub-state planning agencies and whether all municipalities must support the Groundwater Management Plan.

Item 7: The GMA subcommittee prefers development of a process to designate any so-called "pre-GMAs" or Groundwater Areas of Concern. Kraft handed out a [process for designating future GMAs](#) but it was not discussed. Given the presentations later in today's meeting, the committee will discuss designating additional GMAs in October.

Item 9: John Jansen will provide additional explanation of buffered management practices.

Item 10: Discussion of the current practice of DNR approvals with conditions for high capacity wells versus renewable permits. Collaborative management between water utilities and high capacity well owners would be a big change in practice and some members were concerned about the effect of an allocation or collaboration on the economy within the GMA. Jonas noted that up-front planning can be more proactive and protective as well as use less financial resources. McCartney will provide several options for consideration at the next meeting.

Item 12j: Graham will revise based on existing stormwater standards.

Item 13: Discussion about whether quantitative analysis would be required only of drawdown impacts or if other impacts such as those to surface water should be analyzed. Discussion that this should be combined with item 10 or item 30 and that it would not be required statewide.

Discussion and possible action regarding designation of additional Groundwater Management Areas: (this is also item 15 of the consensus table)

Dane County – [presentation by Jim Krohelski](#), USGS ret.

Central Sands – [presentation by George Kraft](#), UW-Stevens Point, see also

St. Croix County - [presentation by Jim Krohelski](#), USGS ret.

Because of the time, the committee decided to postpone action on this item.

Update from the GPA Subcommittee: Sinykin asked for and accepted volunteers for tasks A through D as listed in the [GPA framework](#) and will contact others who might be interested in those topics. The committee decided to combine Task E with Task B because they both pertain to the high-cap well permitting process.

Draft Administrative Rule NR 820: Larry Lynch presented the [initial draft](#) of the administrative rule that will be presented to the DNR Board at the September meeting. He explained that definitions and concepts are much the same as those in Act 310. DNR staff will distribute electronic copies of the proposed rule to the committee so that they can provide comments by August 31. Based on the committee's preference, either a conference call or a meeting will be held that day. This will allow time for revisions or responses to those comments prior to the Board meeting. Larry reminded the committee that there will be ample opportunity for additional comments throughout the rule-making process.

Springs Field Trip: Realizing the time constraints of having a field trip on the same day as a meeting, the committee asked that staff provide a tentative itinerary for a field trip for this September or October and ask who could attend. If there is not enough interest, the trip would be held next spring.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 1:00.

Next regularly scheduled meeting – October 5, 2006