

**Groundwater Advisory Committee (GAC) Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, October 4, 2007**  
**Department of Natural Resources Conference Room G09**  
**101 South Webster, Madison**

Present: Ron Kuehn, Carol McCartney, Jodi Habush-Sinykin, Keith Meyers, Bob Nauta, Mike Carter, Valerie Dantoin, Todd Ambs, Stuart Gross, Dan Duchniak

1. Co-Chair McCartney called the meeting to order at 9:35.
2. The [September 11 meeting minutes](#) were approved as written.
3. The committee decided to meet on Friday October 19 from 9:30 to 1:30 rather than on October 18. They also decided to meet Friday November 9 rather than November 13.
4. Copies of [NR 142, Wisconsin Administrative Code](#), for everyone. There were no further comments on consumptive use after Ambs provided the following definitions from 281.35, Stats:
  - (1)(c)"Consumptive use" means a use of waters of the state, other than an interbasin diversion, that results in a failure to return any or all of the water to the basin from which it is withdrawn. "Consumptive Uses" include, but are not limited to, evaporation and incorporation of water into a product or agricultural crop.
  - (1)(d)"Great Lakes basin" means the watershed of the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence River upstream from Trois Rivieres, Quebec.
  - (1)(g)"Interbasin diversion" means a transfer of the waters of the state from either the Great Lakes basin or the upper Mississippi River basin to any other basin.
  - (1)(l)"Water loss" means a loss of water from the basin from which it is withdrawn as a result of interbasin diversion or consumptive use or both.
5. Nauta provided a [springs memo](#) from McCartney, Bradbury and himself. It was suggested that elements of [Dantoin's paper](#) be collaboratively incorporated into the springs memo as the basis for a position paper. A position paper supporting the status quo is needed.
6. Discussion of the [well approval process](#) focused on whether such changes were needed given the requirements in NR 820. There were brief discussions of the [1200-foot setback](#) for Groundwater Protection Areas and [water conservation](#). A position paper for the status quo is needed.
7. DNR provided a [draft outline](#) for the report. GAC members will have the opportunity to edit background information after it is written by DNR staff. Resources provided by scientific and technical advisors could be available on a CD included with the printed report.
8. Ambs stated that DNR could provide funding estimates for the alternatives presented for the report.
9. Items for the October 19 meeting:
  - Prepare and circulate position papers on springs (status quo and alternative) and the 1200 foot setback for GPAs (status quo and 1 or 2 alternatives) for discussion.
10. Next scheduled meetings are Thursday November 1, Friday November 9, and Thursday December 6.
11. The meeting adjourned at 1:30.

Next meeting – Friday October 19, 2007 in Conference Room 613, GEF 2, Madison