

Groundwater Advisory Committee (GAC)
Meeting Minutes: October 5, 2006 10:00 – 1:00
DNR GEF 2 Conference Room G09
101 South Webster, Madison

Committee Members in attendance: Ron Kuehn, Lawrie Kobza, Andrew Graham, Doug Hahn, Jill Jonas (for Todd Ambs), Mike Carter, Robert Nauta, Carol McCartney, Jodi Habush Sinykin, Dan Duchniak

Welcome and Introductions: Kuehn welcomed everyone and briefly restated his preference that department staff be initially charged with drafting of the report due at the end of 2006.

Agenda Repair: It was agreed to move the agenda item pertaining to the Report Structure – Initial Outline so that it precedes the discussion of the Updated Consensus Items.

Approval of the August 3, 2006 meeting minutes: The [August 3rd minutes](#) were unanimously approved as posted.

Review [First Charge in Committee Charge](#): Jonas reviewed the critical elements of the First Charge assigned to the GAC in March 2005. Jonas described the necessary elements of the report due at the end of 2006 as specified in Act 310. She emphasized aspects of the charge related to implementation of a mitigation program and consultation with affected local governmental units, pointing out that, to date, the GAC has not had extensive discussions regarding either of these two issues. Kobza pointed out that the charge does not require the GAC to designate other areas of concern as Groundwater Management Areas (GMA). Rather, it provides the GAC with flexibility to address those areas as something less than a GMA.

Discussion of [Report Structure – Initial Outline](#): The draft outline was modified to include specific discussions and recommendations on funding in each of chapters 2, 3 and 4. It was agreed that DNR staff could begin drafting the introductory portions of the report as well as the discussions related to the two GMAs created by Act 310. There was also recognition that the bulk of the recommendations in the report pertaining to GMAs will be based on information developed by the GMA subcommittee as well as the recommendations in the Consensus Items. The title and content of Chapter 3 was modified to better reflect the charge of the GAC. Chapter 3 will address “Other Areas Considered for Coordinated Management” and will explicitly describe each of the three areas that the GAC has identified. The draft report outline, as modified, was unanimously approved.

Discussion of [Updated Consensus Items](#): Items 6, 9, 9a, 9b and 9c were approved as written. Items 3, 4, 5, 5a, 5b, 5c and 10 were approved as modified. Approval of item 7 was tabled until a future meeting. Item 11 was modified and approval was tabled until a future meeting. A new item 5a iv, relating to criteria for GMA planning agencies was created and tabled until a future meeting.

Meeting Dates: The committee will hold two conference calls to continue its discussion of the Updated Consensus Items. The calls are scheduled for October 11, 2006 from 1:30 – 3:30 and October 18, 2006 from 9 – 11. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the GAC is November 30, 2006 at 10:00.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned shortly before 1:00 pm.