

Groundwater Advisory Committee (GAC) Meeting Minutes
Friday, November 9, 2007
Department of Natural Resources Conference Room G09
101 South Webster, Madison

Present: Ron Kuehn, Carol McCartney, Jodi Habush-Sinykin, Keith Meyers, Bob Nauta, Dan Duchniak, Valerie Dantoin, Todd Ambs, Andy Graham, Doug Hahn, Lawrie Kobza

1. Co-Chair McCartney called the meeting to order at 9:40.
2. The agenda was modified to include Nauta's option submitted that morning.
3. The [November 1 meeting minutes](#) were approved as written.
4. Jonas provided an initial draft of the [2007 Report to the Legislature](#) for consideration and asked that Committee members send their comments to Larry Lynch by Friday November 16. A revised document will be sent to the GAC on November 29. Members can return comments by December 3rd for discussion at the December 6th meeting.
5. The GAC agreed to attempt consensus on the options presented at this meeting. If consensus could not be reached, then members would be free to vote on all the options. Votes will be recorded as Yes, No, or Abstain. Lack of a vote would also be recorded.
6. Springs Options:
 - a. The committee further [revised Ambs springs](#) option to reflect concerns about completing the springs study and the duties of the recommended Advisory Committee. Ten members voted yes (Dantoin, Habush Sinykin, Duchniak, McCartney, Kuehn, Hahn, Kobza, Ambs, Graham, Meyers) and 1 member voted no (Nauta).
 - b. No votes were taken on options prepared by Nauta or Kuehn. For the ballot, [Kuehn will revise](#) his paper by removing some language.
 - c. Because consensus was not reached on Ambs' option, members may vote on any or all of the options.
7. State Water Management Plan:

The [option was revised](#) to say that as the state develops water management legislation, it concurrently develop a comprehensive statewide water management policy. The straw vote of those present was unanimous in support of this option. However, because not all members were present at this point in the meeting, this option will be on the ballot.
8. Groundwater Protection Areas:
 - a. No vote was taken on either the option to designate additional water resources for protection or the option to replace the 1200-foot setback with a process that evaluates potential impacts on near surface water resources.
 - b. No vote was taken on Ambs' recommendation for a 4000-foot setback combined with a new screening tool.
 - c. No vote was taken on retaining the status quo.
9. Adaptive Management:

McCartney will submit two separate recommendations: one to regularly assess the law and one to change the rule and its implementation. No vote was taken.
10. Conservation:

The option was unchanged and no vote was taken.

11. Because three members were unable to attend the entire meeting, option papers will be revised according to the discussion and then sent to all members for a final vote. Options papers must be completed and sent to DNR by November 14. DNR will distribute an electronic ballot on Thursday November 15. Voting is to be completed and ballots returned to DNR by Wednesday, November 21.
12. Ambs will convene a teleconference for the Task E (funding) group to list options and to finalize general funding statements.
13. The 2007 Report to the Legislature will be finalized at the December 6 meeting.
14. The meeting adjourned at 1:30.

Last meeting – Friday December 6, 2007 in Conference Room G09, GEF 2, Madison