

**Groundwater Advisory Committee (GAC)**  
**Meeting Minutes: November 14, 2006 12:30 – 3:30**  
**DNR GEF 2 Conference Room 613**  
**101 South Webster, Madison**

**Committee members in attendance:** Dan Duchniak, Stuart Gross, Jodi Habush-Sinykin, Doug Hahn, Jill Jonas for Todd Ambs, Lawrie Kobza, Carol McCartney, Bob Nauta

- 1) **Welcome and introductions:** Kobza welcomed everyone and chaired the meeting in the absence of Chairman Kuehn.
  
- 2) **Continue discussion of [consensus document rev 11/01/06](#)**
  - a) **[Staff report on funding](#)**

Jonas introduced Mary Rose Teves of DNR's Community Financial Assistance program. Mary Rose introduced Options for Funding and answered questions about funding planning and mitigation in GMAs. The GAC approved staff providing the final language of the following concept for approval at the Nov. 30 meeting:

    - DNR should develop a rule for funding local aids and mitigation in GMAs and GPAs which:
      - divides the allocation into sub-categories allowing flexibility
      - requires cost-sharing
      - alerts legislative committees of the need for additional funding including utilization of the 13.10 process.
  
  - b) **Funding (Items 33 and 35)**

Modified and approved item 35 in the consensus table to read:

    - The Legislature should provide renewable funding for planning, management and mitigation for GMAs, GAAs, and potential areas of concern.

Item 33 was deleted.
  
  - c) **Mitigation**

Mitigation was discussed in items a and b. Mitigation in GPAs will be addressed in the 2007 report.
  
  - d) **Enforcement of Groundwater Management Plans**
    - i) Consensus Table Item #11  
Item 11 was deleted.  
Item 40 was approved as follows:
      - DNR will act consistently in regulatory and non-regulatory activities to further the goals of the plan.

Item 11b was deleted.
  
- 3) **Groundwater Attention Areas** (“other areas needing coordinated attention”)

Approved the following additional recommendation (#41):

  - After 10 years the legislature shall establish a committee to evaluate the effectiveness of the statute (281.34) and identify other areas to be designated as GMAs.

Approved staff providing the final language of the following concept (#42) for approval at the Nov. 30 meeting:

  - DNR should utilize existing resources to proactively facilitate local entities in GAAs (areas needing coordinated attention) with regional water use management through stakeholder processes, research, and planning.
  
- 4) **[Additional Items](#) proposed by McCartney and Nauta.**

Items B through G were deleted.

Item A (new item #43) was revised as follows and approved:

- Designation of GMAs should not be restricted to 150-foot drawdown in a confined aquifer or exclude unconfined aquifers.

**5) DNR Staff check-in**

**a) Communication**

Staff will contact the affected local units of government to tell them of the GMA and GAA designation, progress on report to the legislature, and links to information on the internet.

- Approved including both the surface watershed and groundwater-shed in the area designated as the Little Plover River Watershed.

**b) Report outline**

Staff will have a draft report ready for distribution to the GAC before the Thanksgiving holiday.

Final revisions will be made at the November 30 meeting. Final approval will take place at a meeting to be held during the week of December 3.

**6) Next Meeting:** Thursday, November 30 from 10:00am to 1:00pm.

**Adjourn:** at 3:30pm.