

Groundwater Advisory Committee (GAC) Meeting
Meeting Minutes: November 30, 2006 10:00 a.m. –1:00 p.m.
DNR GEF 2 Room G 09
101 South Webster, Madison

Members Present: Mike Carter, Dan Duchniak, Andy Graham, Stuart Gross, Jodi Habush-Sinykin, Todd Ambs, Lawrie Kobza, Ron Kuehn, Carol McCartney, David Holdener and Bob Nauta

Welcome: Chair Kuehn welcomed everyone.

Consideration of Minutes from Previous Meetings: The draft minutes for the October 18, 2006 meeting were modified to reflect a minor typographical error and the October 11, 2006 minutes were modified to include discussion of a failed motion to designate the Little Plover River Watershed as a GMA. With these two changes, the minutes from meetings and teleconferences held on September, 28, 2006, October 5, 2006, October 11, 2006, October 18, 2006, November 1, 2006 and November 14, 2006 were approved.

Discussion of the [Draft 2006 Report](#) to the Legislature:

- Consensus was declared for item 34a of the [Consensus Table](#) (Version dated 11/22/06)
- Consensus was reached to eliminate item 34b. Members found the item to be confusing and too restrictive in that it only referred to Groundwater Attention Areas
- The GAC had an extensive discussion of item 41 as proposed to be modified by the process laid out in a November 22, 2006 [memo from Todd Ambs](#). The Committee discussed whether it is appropriate for the DNR to designate future GMAs or whether such responsibility should lie with the Legislature. Consensus was reached to modify item 41 by eliminating the phrase “..and identify other areas to be designated as a GMA.” and to incorporate the general process proposed in the 11/22/06 memo.
- The GAC considered the specific details of the process proposed in the 11/22/06 memo. The GAC discussed the necessary frequency of review and recommendation of new GAAs and GMAs, the appropriate roles of the Groundwater Coordinating Council, the DNR and other groundwater research organizations. The GAC voted on a number of motions and took the following action:
 - The GAC passed a motion to amend the third bullet limiting the DNR’s ability to make a recommendation to the Natural Board only if the GCC recommends that additional GAAs or GMAs should be designated.
 - A motion to amend the first bullet to increase the frequency of review to every two years and to specifically include consultation with other “university partners” was defeated.
 - A motion to modify the first bullet item to read “Every other year, beginning in 2010, the WGNHS in consultation with the USGS,..” was passed.
 - Consensus was reached to adopt the process outlined in the 11/22/06 memo as modified.
- Item 34c was modified to read “Funds dedicated to mitigation activities in GMAs shall be distributed in accordance with the funding guidelines established by the DNR.” and was approved by the GAC.

- Item 34d was modified to read “In developing the funding guidelines, DNR should consider funding of mitigation in GMAs on a cost-sharing basis.” and was approved by the GAC.
- Consensus was reached to eliminate item 34e.
- Consensus was reached to accept item 34f.
- Consensus was reached to accept item 42.
- The GAC reached consensus on a motion to include steps for changing the designation of an area into the process outlined in item 41. The GCC should make recommendations concerning changes in a designation to either DNR or the Legislature, as appropriate.
- The GAC discussed specific suggested modifications to the Draft report and agreed to provide additional suggestions to DNR by noon on Monday December 4th. DNR staff will modify the Draft Report and distribute a revised version for GAC consideration. GAC will meet at 10:00 a.m. on December 7, 2006 to consider approval of the final report.

The meeting adjourned shortly before 1:00 p.m.