

RI Water Resources Board
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PROPERTY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

Thursday, January 27, 2005

Members Present: Members Absent:

Frank Perry, Chair William Penn

Tom Dupree William Parsons

Staff Present: Guests

Kathleen Crawley Josef Gorres

Elaine Maguire Anne Veeger

I. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Mr. Perry called the meeting to order at 12:04 PM.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Parsons, seconded by Mr. Dupree, the minutes of the December 9, 2004 meeting were approved unanimously.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

IV. ITEMS FOR ACTION:

A. Big River Management Area- Land Use Study- Determine Scope of Work- Request for Approval

Dr. Josef Gorres, briefed the committee on the increased demand for water and the need to add capacity by developing ground water supply wells in the BRMA. Evaluation of this scenario requires that the BRMA land use plan be updated with an addendum that incorporates the information collected since 1997. This land use plan should reflect the present focus on ground water development and recognize the need to maximize withdrawals while protecting the

ground water resource and minimizing ecological impact. The consultants will be Josef Gorres, Anne Veeger, Stephen Hamburg, and Lynn Carlson. The work plan will identify land uses that are consistent with current ground water development, identify future resources and demographic data collection, propose forest management based on an updated timber inventory, and begin in the early spring to determine the extent of critical habitats such as vernal pools. Dr. Veeger's role will be to evaluate the pumping scenarios from the optimization study. Most of the fieldwork will be done in the summer by August with a final report in November 2005. Economic and residential development in Rhode Island has placed additional demands on public water supplies in the State. For example, demand in the area served by Kent County Water Authority is already exceeding the available supply rates in its peak months by several million gallons, with the development of Center of New England and Amgen on Hopkins Hill Road in West Greenwich, "The demand is here," stated Dr. Gorres.

V. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. Boyer Associates- BRMA Land Survey Update-

Elaine Maguire, Property Manager, briefed the committee on the status—the survey is complete and Mr. Boyer will make a presentation at the Board's regular monthly meeting in February. Mr.

Perry requested that Property Manager notify Mr. Boyer to have handouts (showing the entire survey area) at the meeting to follow along with Mr. Boyer at the presentation.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

The property manager's activity report was provided for review and discussion.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Dupree, seconded by Mr. Parsons, the meeting adjourned at 1:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Perry

Chair

***Note: The full proceeding of this meeting is available on audiotape by request.**

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