

STATE WATER RESOURCES BOARD MEETING

CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

July 20, 1972

The State Water Resources Board met at 9:30 a. m., July 20, 1972, at 1201 Greenbrier Street, Charleston, West Virginia. Those present were:

Mr. John C. Ailes

Mr. Luther Dickinson

Mr. Herman Kirchner

Mr. Edgar N. Henry, Chief, WRD

Mr. John H. Hall, Jr., Assistant Chief

Mrs. Frances Hunter

The first order of business was the appointment of a chairman as set forth in the statute. A motion was made by Mr. Kirchner that Mr. Ailes be reappointed chairman. This was seconded by Mr. Dickinson - motion carried.

Question was brought up if Mr. Holland had been reappointed as a member of the Board - it was learned that he had.

Discussion then turned to the Linan case. Mr. Henry described how more new openings were being processed for the Shavers Fork area. Also discussed was the West Dunbar PSD - why the project was not moving - the Federal people said they violated the implementation plan by not complying - project has been submitted to the EPA three - four (3-4) months ago. Many towns are waiting to see if the State will come up with matching funds.

Status of the "State Water Authority" was discussed - if the Federal government puts in 15 - 16 million dollars, the State does not have enough matching money. Appointments are being made - but not to the Authority.

Discussion moved to the ORSANCO meeting - four (4) regions, eight (8)

States were represented.

Mention was made of the EPA's moving into industry using a new set of standards, especially on the Ohio River. Permit would be issued for building treatment with 92% BOD removal.

(EPA accepted those standards set by ORSANCO).

Having the EPA take over the permit system was brought up - want it worded so States will issue all permits - the EPA take over - then turn it back to the State. Mr. Hall stated that a "blanket type" permit system might be in order. The EPA would supercede WRD - give the State authority if it would "back fire" - it would fall back on us.

Question came up: can the EPA revoke Water Quality Standards? If an EPA permit is given, we may find our system violated - makes the State the "dog". Comments were made also on Water Quality Criteria.

Mr. Henry reported that ten (10) new positions for WRD were requested - the State Senate finally approved all positions.

Discussion moved on to the Staff meeting scheduled for the afternoon.

Question arose as to whether any new appeal cases would be coming up in the next few months.

Mr. Henry reported that a permit had been denied yesterday (July 19, 1972) - an oil and gas disposal well in Kanawha County because of a salt water problem.

The meeting was then adjourned - Board and Staff to meet in the afternoon.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances E. Hunter
Secretary