

MINUTES OF STATE WATER RESOURCES BOARD MEETING

The Water Resources Board met on August 6, 1980 in the conference room - 1205 Greenbrier Street, Charleston, WV beginning at 9:30 a. m. with the following members present:

Mr. John C. Ailes, Presiding

Dr. Donald Brannon, Member

Mr. William Plass, Member

Members absent: Mr. Forrest H. Kirkpatrick

Mr. Larry George

There were no formal motions made or votes taken on any matter.

Discussion was held on the Appalachian Timber appeal. The Kingwood Water Co. appeal which was to be decided on this date was continued.

The next meeting of the Board (unless something would come up) will be the hearing at the Mountainlair Theatre in Morgantown, WV on August 25th, 1980 - 7:00 p. m. on the Water Quality Standard Regulations.

MEMORANDUM TO: MR. JOHN C. AILES
MR. FORREST H. KIRKPATRICK
DR. DONALD G. BRANNON
MR. LARRY W. GEORGE
MR. WILLIAM T. PLASS

SUBJECT: BOARD MEETING

THE STATE WATER RESOURCES BOARD MEMBERS WILL
BE MEETING AT 9:30 A. M., CONFERENCE ROOM LOCATED AT 1205
GREENBRIER STREET ON AUGUST 6, 1980.

THIS MEETING IS CALLED FOR DELIBERATION AND
DECISION-MAKING IN THE KINGWOOD WATER COMPANY (PATRIOT MINING)
APPEAL NO. 121.

Ernest Hunter
Secretary

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER IV
GOVERNOR

Dear Dave,

It is my understanding that the Joint Committee voted not to provide money to undertake the legal work necessary for the state to take over the EPA responsibilities in connection with NPDES. It is also my understanding that the alternative to the state's takeover of the permitting process will be the federal continuation and extension of the paper delays in the mining permits that we need and expect in our state.

The federal government, by their extension of rules and regulations and their environmental impact statement requirements, could cause unnecessary delays without improvement in water quality or significant environmental impact. Accordingly, it is my direction that:

1. The Water Resources Board undertake whatever steps are necessary to get their regulations in shape to allow the takeover of the EPA permitting process on an accelerated basis.
2. The Department of Natural Resources apply to the EPA for grant funds to directly assist the Water Quality Review Board in this effort and that, in the absence of such grant authority, the DNR provide funding from other program sources to accelerate the process.

I know from our discussions that you share my concern with the paperwork burdens that impede progress in our state's mining operations. We will continue to work together to see that no problems of form keep or delay coal operations in the state from producing the energy that our country so desperately needs.

Sincerely,

John D. Rockefeller IV

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