



## ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD

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### MINUTES

### WEST VIRGINIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD

November 24, 1997

#### I. General

The West Virginia Environmental Quality Board (the "Board") met on November 24, 1997, at 8:45 a.m. The meeting was held at 1615 Washington Street, E., Charleston, West Virginia. Edward M. Snyder, Chair of the Environmental Quality Board, called the meeting to order. Board members present included:

Edward Snyder, Chair  
Donald Tarter, Vice-Chair  
Betsy Dulin  
Charles R. Jenkins - By Phone  
David Samuel

Staff Members Present:

Becky Charles, Legal Counsel  
Libby Chatfield, Technical Advisor  
Margaret Chico-Eddy, Clerk of the Boards  
Ann Holstein, Administrative Secretary

#### II. Administrative Matters

##### 1. Water Quality Standards

David Yaussy, representing the Upper Blackwater River Watershed Association, spoke to the Board about the proposed Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for the upper Blackwater River. Due to natural conditions, the dissolved oxygen criterion of 6 milligrams per liter, is not being met in the upper Blackwater River, which runs through Canaan Valley State Park. The Association is considering requesting a change in the DO limit or a removal of the troutwater designation in that stretch of the river.

## **2. Public A Water Use Category**

David Yaussy, representing the West Virginia Manufacturers Association (WVMA) indicated to the Board that the West Virginia Coal Association is considering proposing changes to the standards relating to the implementation of manganese in Public A waters. The Board requested hearing from various organization on this issue and would like this issue to be added to the December 19, 1997 agenda.

Bill Herold from the WV Bureau of Public Health spoke to the Board about that agency's concerns about manganese in water supplies. Mr. Herold indicated that manganese is usually a groundwater problem, which makes the water slimy, stains clothes, has a bad taste and an odor. He further discussed some treatment methods for removal of manganese.

Ben Greene from the West Virginia Coal Association spoke to the Board regarding implementation of the human health value for manganese in Public A waters.

The Board asked Libby Chatfield to find out how other states are implementing the manganese criterion.

## **3. Minutes**

David Samuel made a motion to accept the minutes as written, which was seconded by Don Tarter. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

## **4. Office coverage on December 25**

David Samuel made a motion to close the office on December 26, which was seconded by Betsy Dulin. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

## **5. Pending Case Sheet**

Margaret Chico-Eddy informed the Board that the present case load is light. The Board wanted to know more about the John Stenger case. Becky Charles discussed that case with them.

## **6. Employee Handbook**

The Board wanted the Employee Handbook used as a guideline and decided to vote on it at the January 23, joint Board meeting.

## **7. Performance Evaluations**

Libby Chatfield informed the Board about staff training from the Division of Personnel on performance evaluations. The Board requested Ann Holstein to supply the Board chairs with a

schedule of raises over the last two years.

**8. Dissolved Metals Committee**

The Board agreed to include D.K. Bhumbla from West Virginia University on the committee.

**9. Executive Session**

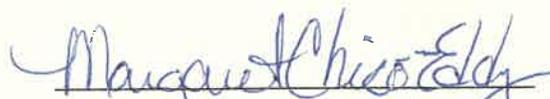
Ed Snyder made a motion to go into an executive session to discuss personnel matters, which was seconded by Don Tarter. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**10. Webster County Solid Waste Authority**

Becky Charles briefed the Board on this case and the case in the Circuit Court of Webster County. The Board rescheduled this case until January 22, 1998.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the proceedings of the meeting held on November 24, 1997 by the West Virginia Environmental Quality Board.

Submitted this 19th day of December 1997.

  
Margaret Chico-Eddy  
Clerk of the Boards