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**Water Asset Management Council**  
Constitution Hall – Con Con Room, Atrium Level South  
Thursday, December 19, 2019  
9:30 am – 12:30 pm

## MINUTES

### Members Present:

Sue McCormick, Chair – via phone  
Scott House, Vice Chair  
Carrie Cox  
Jane Fitzpatrick  
Doug LaFave  
Scott Noesen – via phone  
Evan Pratt  
Cameron Van Wyngarden  
Aaron Keatley, non-voting member  
Suzanne Pauley, non-voting member

### Support Staff Present:

Bob Schneider, EGLE  
Candra Wilcox, EGLE

### I. Call to Order

Scott House, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. with a quorum established.

### II. Approval of November Meeting Minutes

**Motion:** Doug LaFave made a motion to approve the minutes as provided; Jane Fitzpatrick seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members present.

### III. Approval of Agenda

**Motion:** Doug LaFave made a motion to approve the agenda as provided; Cameron Van Wyngarden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members present.

#### **IV. Public Comment**

Dan Faulkner, Village of Lawrence, was in attendance to see what is on the horizon for small communities.

#### **V. Introduction of new WAMC member**

Jane Fitzpatrick's term was extended; new member, Randy Scott, represents those with experience.

#### **VI. Disadvantaged determination for Otsego Township**

Otsego applied for a drinking water contamination remediation grant and requested a waiver of the match requirement. The Township does not meet the disadvantaged criteria established under the State Revolving Fund Programs (SRF).

Sue expressed concern with the 120% number in SRF as other programs use 150%. The SRF criteria is established in state statute. Need to look at this type of criteria moving forward. The WAMC asked that the subgroup work on the criteria.

**Motion:** Doug LaFave made a motion to deny Otsego's waiver based on the existing criteria; Cameron Van Wyngarden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members present.

#### **VII. WAMC template update**

Bob Schneider provided an update on the WAMC template. The template guidelines will have a detailed explanation on what the questions are asking and how to best answer. The intention is that all the questions should be answered but may have to have not applicable for some questions, especially those that have stormwater assets. The template letter will be reviewed at the WAMC meeting in January.

#### **VIII. EGLE Budget process related to WAMC**

Amy Epkey, EGLE Senior Deputy Director, provided a budget update. EGLE received \$105 million for water infrastructure funding in the 2020 budget and is establishing appropriate processes in place for the distribution of the money. EGLE is working with the Governor's Office and the State Budget Office on the 2021 budget.

The WAMC members expressed concern on the lack of funding and the resources to support the Council.

#### **IX. Definitions and Standards Subgroup Update**

There is no update at this time.

## **X. MIC Update**

The State Treasurer was at the MIC meeting and funding was a discussion and is a long-term goal.

Jessica Moy stated that the fall summits are concluded. They were well received and there was great participation. MIC has moved to quarterly meetings, and the next meeting is scheduled for end of March.

## **XI. Closing Remarks**

Doug LaFave stated that he appreciated being a part of WAMC and would be happy to participate in subgroups going forward.

## **XII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

**\*APPROVED at the WAMC Meeting on January 23, 2020\***