## Agenda Item

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order about 7:00 pm by Tracy Rouleau, WQAG co-chair (attending via phone). Tim Stemann took the May minutes. (Sub for Lakisha)

a. The Agenda was approved with two changes: to Add Approval of minutes to Call to Order, and to add the recent Council Vote to the Business Agenda.

b. The Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.
Business Agenda

a. Debriefing on April 10 Meeting with County Executive (CE) – presented by Tracy Rouleau:
   • Overall went well – gave background on the group and focused on communication and types of activities afforded by the Water Quality Protection Charge (WQPC)
   • Mr. Leggett appreciates the work of the group and feedback as the WQPC was his work
   • Communication issues were shared with him, although not much time for great depth
   • No feedback from CE on the letter from WQAG about communication (still no response)
   ACTION ITEM from discussion: Follow-up with CE office
   1. DEP staff to investigate if there was any correspondence
   2. WQAG co-chairs to follow-up with Council/CE on status

b. Discussion of next steps for improving communications:
   • Amy Stevens presented two different draft materials from DEP
     1st – regarding Watershed Restoration – distributed at events and on website
     2nd – MS4 – program accomplishments
   Feedback/Suggestions from Group:
   • Make available at Libraries/Schools/Community Centers
   • Is “MS4” too technical
   • More simple quantitative measures needed
   • Like the use of “an area the size of Silver Spring”
   • Like number of trees planted
   • Something concrete citizens can appreciate

c. County Council Vote regarding DEP budget (on May 14)
   • Discussion in relationship to “Design-Build-Maintain” process vs. current “Design-Bid-Build” process
   • New MS4 forthcoming in the fall – process may still change?
   • DEP has to re-do their budget and determine how projects fit in and revisit
   • Council voted in favor of recommendation of T&E to reconsider this in 6 months
### Committee Business

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| **a.** | Discussion of any topics from April meeting – Discussion of future speakers (topics)  
- Nutrient trading (no real regulations yet)  
- Rainscapes (possible field trip in July?)  
- Enforcement (June?)  
- Communications  
Discussion of someone coming to offer free advice – unclear if this is what WQAG should do – decided to wait until a response from the C.E. on previous memo is accepted |
| **b.** | Status of Vacancies  
- Currently a handful of openings  
- Discussion on where to advertise to get more business folks – Maryland Building Industry Association (MBIA), American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), Maryland Society of Surveyors (MSS) |

### Updates & Announcements

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### Confirm Next WQAG meetings and Future Speakers

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### Adjournment

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### Action Item Registry:

1. Lakisha Harris will take the minutes for June  
2. Find Craig Rice’s video for the June meeting  
3. DEP staff to find out if any feedback from C.E. or Council on the communications memo sent in March – WQAG chairs to follow-up as needed  
4. Set up future speakers topics:  
   June – Enforcement  
   July – Rainscapes site visit  
   September – Communications expert/advisor?  

### Collection of Suggested Topics/Tours/Guests for Future WQAG Meetings:

- 10-Year Water and Sewer Plan (Winter 2018)  
- Educational Outreach – Other Organizations  
- Blue Plains and Seneca Treatment Plants Tours  
- Rainscapes Update  
- Geese and deer management (Potential speakers from DNR)  
- Expert panel on water quality benefits on stream restorations (Tom Schueler &/or Pamela Parker)
• Community gardening
• E&S plan transparency – Dan [On Hold]
• Chesapeake Bay TMDL, nutrient trading, and growth offsets
• Mont. Co. Sustainability Committee report & water related issues [TBD]
• WSSC discharges from Potomac Filtration Plant and the ensuing litigation [TBD]
• WSSC drinking water testing for EPA unregulated contaminants - Annette [On Hold]
• Quantitative approaches to stormwater management