

Work Session Summary

August 26, 2011

Attendance: Edward Coar (Chairman), Commissioner Brian Smith, Chris Barrett, Michele Stahl, Bob Suhosky

Public Meeting – Chairman Edward Coar initiated a discussion on the August 24th public meeting that was conducted at the Park Street Complex. The event was co-sponsored by the Task Force and the Penn State Cooperative Extension. The featured speaker was Timothy W. Kelsey, PhD., State Program Leader, Economic Community Leader, Penn State University. The event was well attended and very informative.

Next Public Meeting – A discussion took place on the next public meeting. The topic for the next public meeting will be methane migration. Dave Messersmith is currently working on the guest speakers for that meeting. The meeting will likely be scheduled for the end of September or early October.

New Task Force Website – Mr. Coar and Chris Barrett reviewed the new Task Force website with the Task Force members. The website was also presented to the public at the meeting that took place on August 24th. The website was recently revised and the new setup will enable content to be added in a more efficient manner. As an example, Mr. Kelsey's presentation slideshow from the public meeting the night before was already posted on the website. Also, there was a discussion that took place at the public meeting on newly released USGS estimates for recoverable gas in the Marcellus Shale formation. Information on this topic was also posted on the 'News & Information' page of the Task Force website and it can be found by clicking [here](#). The newly released figures represent a tremendous increase in the amount of recoverable gas from the previous USGS estimates.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Planning – Mr. Coar reported that there is a link added to the Task Force website that lists a number of resources for municipal ordinances that deal with natural gas exploration. This link, which is to the [Penn State Law – Agricultural Law Resource and Reference Center Marcellus Shale Resource Area](#) can be found under the 'Education' heading on the 'Links' page of the Task Force website. To view this page, click [here](#).

Outreach – Michele Stahl reported that they will be trying to secure a date and guest speakers for the next public meeting. More information will be forthcoming as it becomes available.

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Government – The next regular meeting of the DRBC is scheduled for September 19th. It is not known what the DRBC will do in regard to the proposed natural gas drilling regulations at this point. Commissioner Smith mentioned that there is a lot of information in the Governor’s Marcellus Shale Advisory Commission Report. He and fellow Commissioner Tony Herzog did meet with some other County Commissioners and Lt. Governor Jim Cawley recently and this report was discussed. There is uncertainty in regard to how this report may impact the development of future regulations.

Economic Development – Bob Suhosky reported that Mary Beth Wood and a marketing representative for the Sterling Business Park attended a trade show in Tioga County. They were there to market the business park. Mr. Suhosky mentioned that they are also targeting businesses in the New York and New Jersey metropolitan areas in addition to the gas companies.