

**PIPELINE TASK FORCE WORKSHOP  
THURSDAY, January 28, 2021  
TELE CONFERENCE  
FINAL MINUTES**

**Members Present:**

Caroline Hughes, Chair; Bill Wegemann, Vice Chair; Members: Jim Christenson, Judi DiFonzo; Christina Morley, Gerry Sexton

**Others Present**

David Shuey, Township Supervisor; Rick Smith, Township Manager

**COMMON ACRONYMS:**

<i>ACOE</i>	<i>Army Core of Engineers</i>
<i>BI&amp;E</i>	<i>Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement</i>
<i>BOS</i>	<i>Board of Supervisors</i>
<i>CCATO</i>	<i>Chester County Association of Township Officials</i>
<i>DCNR</i>	<i>Department of Conservation and Natural Resources</i>
<i>DEP</i>	<i>Department of Environmental Protection</i>
<i>EGT</i>	<i>East Goshen Township</i>
<i>EGSEA</i>	<i>East Goshen Safety and Environmental Advocates</i>
<i>ET</i>	<i>Energy Transfer Company</i>
<i>FOI</i>	<i>Freedom of Information</i>
<i>HDD</i>	<i>Horizontal Directional Drilling</i>
<i>IR</i>	<i>Inadvertent Return</i>
<i>ME1</i>	<i>Mariner East 1</i>
<i>ME2</i>	<i>Mariner East 2</i>
<i>PHMSA</i>	<i>Pipeline Hazard Materials and Safety Administration</i>
<i>PUC</i>	<i>Public Utility Commission</i>
<i>TF</i>	<i>Task Force</i>

**Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**

Caroline called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Moment of Silence**

Caroline called for a moment of silence for first responders, those protecting our country, health care workers and those fighting COVID.

**Recording**

The meeting is recorded to the cloud via Zoom meeting settings.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from January 14, 2021, were unanimously approved as amended.

## **Public Comment – None**

### **Chairperson's Report**

Caroline stated that she gave an update at the Annual ABC meeting on 1/26/21. She is amazed at the sheer volume and breadth of what the TF has discussed, processed and accomplished. She formally thanked the TF and said that everyone should be proud.

### **Legislative Update**

Bill reported the following local election results:

- Dianne Herrin is the Representative of the 156th District (previously Carolyn Comitta).
- Carolyn Comitta is the State Senator of the 19<sup>th</sup> District.
- John Kane is the State Senator of the 9<sup>th</sup> District.

Bill stated that EGSEA will be setting up Zoom calls with Dianne Herrin's office staff at their earliest convenience. Bill noted that Carolyn Comitta has also been named as the Democratic Chair of the Senate Environmental Committee.

Caroline stated that the TF needs to have repeated and coordinated communication with these offices. She encouraged the TF to communicate as a constituent with these offices. Christina suggested that we invite one staff member from each of these offices to be a liaison to the TF.

### **Update on Dr. Ira Sasowsky's progress**

Caroline stated that Dr. Sasowsky will be communicating with the whistleblower. Bill provided an update on Dr. Sasowsky's work. Christina added that Dr. Sasowsky is interested in the history of the area and has corresponded with the Township and the TF.

### **Surface Water Testing Results**

Gerry stated that he has reviewed all the materials and fine details on the water testing results. He suggested that the Township/TF have Dr. Sasowsky investigate the water testing results after the subsidence report is completed satisfactorily. If it is decided to have Dr. Sasowsky review the water test results, Gerry will put together a list of questions.

Christina questioned whether Pennoni has the capability to run a report from TestAmerica.

Bill asked why the water test was conducted. Rick explained that the test was done because a resident was concerned about the runoff from the Sunoco site. Three areas were tested in order to perform comparisons. There was discussion about the ability to test for bentonite. Christina will give Rick the information on testing for bentonite. There was discussion about the additive chemicals that Sunoco uses in the drilling mud.

### **Monthly Time/Date for Meeting**

The TF agreed that their regular monthly meetings would be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm and workshops would be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 6:30 pm as needed.

### **Reorganization**

- Bill nominated Caroline to serve as Chair for 2021. Judi seconded. The nomination passed unanimously.
- Caroline nominated Bill to serve as Vice Chair for 2021. Christina seconded. The nomination passed unanimously.

There was discussion about assigning TF members as liaisons to other ABCs. David explained that the role of a liaison would include:

- Reviewing at upcoming agendas for topics that intersect.
- Requesting topics to be placed on an ABCs agenda when there is a need to collaborate.

### **Reassess and redefine the Pipeline TF purpose statement.**

Carolyn will share with the group a report on the financial impact of ME.

For the next meeting:

- Discuss a mission statement and reprioritize the list of initiatives from the Action Summary from February 2019. Caroline said the BOS suggested at the ABC planning meeting that TF look at how to inform residents about the restoration process that is and will be done by Sunoco.
- Newsletter article to help increase public communication. Due 2/25/21.
- Discuss Liaisons with other ABCs.
- Discuss Communication with Local Elected Officials

Caroline acknowledged receipt of the letters from the PUC and Attorney General.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

The next meeting is Thursday, February 11, 2021, at 6:30 pm via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Susan D'Amore*