

**MINUTES OF THE WILGE FORUM MEETING HELD ON 16 FEBRUARY  
2005  
AT THE BETHLEHEM TOWN HALL.**

**1. WELCOME**

The chairperson welcomed all members present.

**2. ATTENDANCE**

D Phaleng	DP	Department of Water Affairs and Forestry
I Phalane	IP	Department of Water Affairs and Forestry
JJ Rademeyer	JIR	Department of Water Affairs and Forestry
JJ Herbst	JJH	Leach Piggeries
P Swart	PS	Maluti a Phofong
A Mosima	AM	Department of Health: Bethlehem
M Madikane	MM	Department of Health: Bethlehem
Z Nyokong	ZN	Department of Health: Bethlehem
LB Sello	LBS	Department of Health-TMDM
K Chetty	KC	Rand Water
T Ntholi	TN	Rand Water
MB Makhabu	MBM	Department of Health-MAP
T Sekhobo	TS	Maluti A Phofung
Morena Q Moloji	QM	House of the Traditional
F du Plooy	FduP	Dihlabeng
F Weyers	FW	Sedibeng
P Rose	PR	Amanziwethu
S Mdleltshe	SM	Eskom: MWP
F Louwinger	FL	Eskom: MWP

**3. APOLOGIES**

BS Neghova	BSN	Dihlabeng
MF Motlatla	MFM	Department of Health

**4. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

**5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

**5.1. PLAY PUMPS**

Free State Regional Office donated six play pumps and Ian donated the tanks. MBM reported that there was a problem with the Department of Education regarding the installation of play pumps in the schoolyards, however the pumps were installed at the following schools.

1. Warden
2. Phumelela
3. Makgolokeng

Action: MBM

## **5.2. ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES IN THE ELANDS RIVER**

IP reported that Sebenza Trading, owner Mr Mphuthi, claimed that since he has a registration with cc then he has the right to do mining activities in the river. The matter was taken up with the Department of Minerals and Energy and they have no records of such activity. The matter is now been investigated by DME.

## **6. POLLUTION INCIDENTS OR WATER QUALITY PROBLEMS**

### **6.1. Sewage Works**

- A site visit has been conducted and it was found everything was found to be in order but three days after the visit it was reported that the Pump Station at Namahadi Sewage Works was broken and that raw Sewage was flowing into the Wilge River. The Department of Water Affairs and Forestry is now working together with the Department of Provincial and Local Government (DPLG) to try and allocate funds to the mismanaged Sewage Works.
- LBS reported that an administrator has been appointed to help facilitate the pollution problems around Warden. FW added that a task team from Sedibeng has already compiled a business plan and they are busy solving the pollution problems.
- JIH wanted to know about the letter sent to DWAF in September about Quantani resort throwing raw sewage into the Sterkfontein Dam. PR reported that he has received the same letter as well.

Action DP

## **7. PROGRAMME OF ACTION**

It was agreed that one meeting quarterly will be appropriate and that the next meeting is scheduled for 18 May 2005.

## **8. PLANNING FOR THE NATIONAL WATER WEEK**

DP reported that there will be no funds from DWAF to celebrate the National Water Week and that the theme for this year is WATER FOR LIFE and the focus should be more on sanitation. KC reported that she has made a request to Rand Water to sponsor the Wilge Water Week celebrations. FW will do a request to Sedibeng to sponsor for the celebrations of the Wilge Catchment. MBM and TS suggested that a task team be established for the future and these coming Water week Celebrations.

Volunteers for the Task Team:

DP	DWAF
KC	RAND WATER
FW	SEDIBENG
LBS	DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
SM	ESKOM

## **9. PRESENTATIONS**

KC did a presentation on the Water Quality Status in the Catchment. FL did a presentation on the Braamhoek Pumped Storage Scheme.

## **10. LICENSING STATUS OF THE WATER USES**

DP reported that there are still sewage works that are not licensed and asked the managers to apply for a license. She added that it is important for DWAF to know what the sewage works is doing with the final effluent when they make an appointment because there are different types of forms for different water uses.

## **11. GENERAL**

The forum requested a copy of the attendance list when they are sent a copy of the minutes for the previous meeting.

## **12. CLOSURE**

The meeting was closed at 13:10 pm.

Date of next meeting-18 May 2005