

**MINUTES OF THE WILGE FORUM MEETING HELD ON 31  
AUGUST 2005  
AT THE BETHLEHEM TOWN HALL.**

**1. WELCOME**

The chairperson of the day, Mr Sello, welcomed all members present.

**2. ATTENDANCE**

1.D Phaleng	DP	Department of Water Affairs and Forestry
2.J Van Der Berg	JvdB	Department of Water Affairs and Forestry
3.JJ Herbst	JJH	Leach Piggeries
4.H Maringa	HM	Maluti a Phofong
5.EJ Van Rensburg	EvR	Department of Health: Bethlehem
6.M Madikane	MM	Department of Health: Bethlehem
7.A Mosima	AM	Department of Health: Bethlehem
8.Z Nyokong	ZN	Department of Health: Bethlehem
9.T Mofokeng	TM	Department of Health
10. LB Sello	LBS	Department of Health-TMDM
11. MB Makhabu	MBM	Department of Health-MAP
12. C Oliphant	CO	Department of Health
13. Morena Q Moloi	QM	House of the Traditional
14. D Van Aswegen	DvA	Metsi Metseng
15. F du Plooy	FdP	Dihlabeng
16. T Sekhobo	TS	Maluti A Phofung
17. J Jacobs	JJ	Mafube
18. EJ van Zyl	EJZ	Mafube
19. RZ Muller	RZM	Department of Health (Fazile Dabi District Municipality)
20. T Govender	TG	Department of Health
21. K Chetty	KC	Rand Water

**3. APOLOGIES**

JI Rademeyer	JIR	Department of Water Affairs and Forestry
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**4. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

**5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

**5.1. PLAY PUMPS**

**Point of correction from the previous minutes**

Three schools have received play pumps i.e.

1. Kganyeng school in Warden
2. Tshepong
3. Makgolokeng

Dihlabeng Municipality requested that the forum help them to donate play pumps to the informal settlement in Harrismith, however, DP highlighted that the play pumps are only designated for farm school and it will therefore not possible for DWAF to assist them. Further more the municipality should have made provision for such informal settlement and therefore the municipality must make sure that those people in the informal settlement must have access to clean and safe water

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

A site visit conducted by DP and MBM to investigate Quantani resort on the report that they are throwing raw sewage into the Sterkfontein Dam. DP reported that the Resort has a mini treatment plant where they treat their sewage and then irrigate with the final effluent. It was noted that when they are irrigating some of the effluent flows into the Sterkfontein Dam. The matter was taken up with the manager and water samples were taken from the Dam, however the dam water was still of acceptable quality.

## **7. PRESENTATIONS**

KC did a presentation on the Water Quality Status in the Catchment; JvdB did a presentation on Integrated Vaal River System and DP on Pollution incidents in the Catchment. (documents attached)

The presentations ended in a debate on how and where can we assist each other in resolving water quality problems. DP suggested that we form a task team and engage with the municipalities in the form of a meeting to present our concerns and try to come up with solutions. The suggestion was seconded by forum members. It was agreed that these meetings be held at the municipal offices and should include HR managers, Technical managers and the municipal manages as it was highlighted by JJ that they are aware that most of the operators are unskilled and it becomes very difficult to manage the sewage works. Meetings will be held with individual municipalities and will consist of DWAF, Rand Water, and Department of Health (Environmental Health Officers)

DP

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

DWAF still does not have records of Phuthaditjaba sewage works on their license application. FW promised to bring a copy of the application to the forum, but he was not present to do so.

**9. GENERAL**

**10. CLOSURE**

The meeting was closed at 12: 55 pm.

Date of next meeting-30 November 2005