



MINUTES OF THE MEETING

First meeting Dnieper basin council

Mogilev, Belarus

3 March 2016

Venue: Hotel «Gubernskaya»
Leninskaya str., 56/6
Mogilev 212030, Belarus

Agenda

Agenda of the First meeting Dnieper basin council meeting in Mogilev, Belarus is attached to the minutes (*Annex 1*).

Participants

List of Participants from the meeting is attached to the minutes (*Annex 2*).

Summary of discussions

1. Opening meeting of Dnieper basin council, presentations of the participants

Speech: **O. Chikida, I. Kachanovskiy, Z. Jincharadze, S.Zavyalov**

Mr. Zavyalov reported the main activities of the Dnieper basin Council, its objectives and mechanisms in formulating management decisions.

Mr. Jincharadze presented information about the results of operations in the Republic of Belarus of the international technical assistance project "Environmental Protection of international river basins".

Mr. Chikida and Mr. Kachanovsky noted that the establishment of the Dnieper basin council is a significant event for the Republic of Belarus on the way of carrying out the harmonization of the national legislation in the field of protection and use of water laws of neighboring countries, including the European Union. It will promote close international cooperation with attraction of the international investments aimed at restoring (saving) the ecological status of water bodies of blue-eyed Belarus, as well as give the opportunity for the development of new economic relations, water tourism and intercultural dialogue.

Mr. Kachanovsky and Mr. Zavyalov expressed gratitude to the international project "Environmental protection of international river basins" for their assistance in the organization of the first meeting of the Dnieper basin Council.

2. Election of Vice-Chairman and Secretary of the Dnieper basin Council

Speech: **O. Chikida, S. Zavyalov**

Basin council received nominations for the election of the Vice-Chairmen of the Dnieper Basin Council and its Secretary. Members of the Dnieper basin council approved the nominations for a vote.



Also basin council decided to elect only one vice-chairman.

Basin council decided:

Unanimously elected to the position of Deputy Chairman of the Dnieper basin council - Deputy Minister of natural resources and environmental protection of the Republic of Belarus Igor Kachanovskiy, the position of Secretary of the Dnieper basin Council – head of unit state control for protection and use of water resources of the Mogilev oblast Committee of natural resources and environmental protection Sergey Kazinkov.

3. Project of river basin management plan of Upper Dnieper

Speech: **V. Korneev, S. Zavyalov**

Members of the basin Council was informed about the results of the development of the basin management plan of the Dnieper river, prepared the Central research institute for complex use of the water resources in the framework of implementation of international project "Environmental protection of international river basins" in the period 2013 – 2015.

Mr. Korneev, who presented the plan, noted, that basin management plan of the Dnieper River is being developed with the prospect of its implementation for 10 years and includes:

- evaluation of quantitative and qualitative indicators of water status within the river basin;
- steps to determine the ecological condition (status) of surface water bodies (parts thereof), if such condition (status) is not defined;
- determination of environmental problems of the river basin and ways of their solution;
- layout of observation stations of the state network of observation of surface water and groundwater;
- results of studies on the prospective use of water resources;
- water balances;
- measures aimed at improving ecological condition (status) of surface water bodies (their parts), timing and expected indicators of achievement.

Basin council decided:

The draft river basin management plan of the Dnieper River meets the requirements of article 15 of the Water code of the Republic of Belarus. This document needs a bit to be updated in order to refine the proposed measures aimed at improving ecological condition (status) of surface water bodies (their parts), including those who is responsible for their implementation. The revised document will be used for the coordination with the Ministries in order to its subsequent approval. The results of the national adoption will be discussed at the next meeting of the Dnieper basin council.

4. Results of the pilot project implementation for assessment flood risk regarding the territory of the city Dobrush and development protected measures

Speech: **K.Tytov**

A basin Council was informed about the results of the pilot project "Assessment and mapping of flood risk in the basin of the upper Dnieper, including areas at risk of flooding, field research, mapping



and development of preliminary protective measures".

Result of the works is flood risk assessment and drawn up hazard maps and flood risk for city Dobrush for 25% (1 in 4 years), 10% (1 every 10 years), 5% (1 in 20 years), 1% (1 every 100 years) and 0.5% (once in 200 years) probability of exceedance of spring high water, as well as a preliminary programme of measures to reduce the negative effects of water.

Basin council decided:

Take note of information about the work done. To consider as reasonable carrying out similar works for sections of rivers with a high level of probability of flooding of territories.

5. Results of the pilot project implementation for detailed assessment sources of pollution of potable GW sources supplying the "Novinki" region in the territory of Minsk

Speech: **O. Vasniova**

Vasniova provided information about the results of a pilot project with the creation of a database for intake "Novinki", the project developed recommendations for improving the status of groundwater quality, conducted a monitoring study of groundwater, as well as a GIS-map of the location of potential sources of groundwater contamination.

Basin council decided:

Developed recommendations aimed at improving groundwater quality in the area of the intake "Novinki" should be included in the river basin management plan of the Dnieper basin.

6. The work plan of the Dnieper basin Council in 2016, time and place of its next meeting

Speech: **I. Kachanovskiy, S.Zavyalov**

The members of basin council heard and discussed proposals for the main activities of the Dnieper basin Council in the coming period, and the date and venue of its next meeting.

They noted that the first meeting of the Dnieper basin Council was held in the spirit of constructive cooperation, friendship and understanding.

Basin council decided:

To approve the work plan of the Dnieper basin Council (*Annex 3*) in 2016. The next meeting of the Dnieper basin Council is to be held in September 2016 in Minsk.

Chairman of Dnieper basin council

O. Chikida
/First Deputy Head Mogilev
Oblast Executive Committee/

Secretary

S.Kazinkov