

NORTHWEST WATER PLANNING ALLIANCE

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2011

Present: Aurora Mayor Tom Weisner, Chairman; Kane County Board Chairman Karen McConnaughay, Vice-Chair; North Aurora President Dale Berman, Fox River Grove President Bob Nunamaker, McHenry County Board Chairman, Bonnie Carter, Lake County Board Member, Wauconda President Mark Knigge, Mary McCann, McHenry County Board member; (alternate); Maggie Auger, Kane County Board member (alternate), Montgomery Village President Marilyn Michelini, Elgin Mayor David Kaptain, Kendall County Board Chairman John Purcell, Tower Lakes President Kathleen Leitner. Barrington Hills Mayor Robert Abboud.

Also Present: David Husemoller, Lake County Planner; Angela Zubko of Kendall County, Anna Bicanic-Moeller, McHenry County Council of Governments Executive Director, Janet Agnoletti, Barrington Area Council of Governments Executive Director, Chris Staron of Northwest Municipal Conference, Paul Schuch of Kane County, Peter Wallers, President EEI, TAC Chairman; Colin Duesing, Will County Land Use Planner; Steve Andersson, NWPA legal counsel; Mary Randle, Metro West Executive Director, and Chris Gentes, Lake County Municipal League Executive Director.

Mayor Weisner opened the meeting at 10 a.m.

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the September 8 and July, 2011 executive committee meetings were approved after a motion by Bonnie Carter and a second by President Berman

Financial Report: Interim Administrator Mary Randle stated that the Northwest Water Planning Alliance bank balance stands at \$6,641.75 as of October 31, 2011. The report was approved after a motion by President Leitner and a second by President Michelini.

Program: John Bauer President of Wahaso Water Harvesting Solutions presented. Wahaso designs and manufactures systems for rain water and greywater harvesting and collection in commercial and institutional buildings. Harvesting opportunities in and on commercial properties include parking areas, flushing, boiler and “makeup”, evaporation and cooling towers, irrigation landscapes and rooftops. They install filtration systems depending on the sources of water and use both mechanical and biological methods. They clean and clear water for re-use.

Some of their projects include the Chicago Park Districts Fieldhouse, Fields Volvo, and the Harold Washington Social Security Building in Chicago. Mayor Weisner thanked Mr. Bauer for the presentation.

Approval of Bylaws: Steve Andersson reviewed several requested changes to the bylaws and noted that the executive committee had gone through the proposed bylaws in detail in July. The changes expand the role of treasurer, change the annual meeting, clarify to role of chairman and include some language about audits. The Northwest Municipal Conference distributed a letter for the record stating their concerns about the lack of an external audit requirement. They also stated, though, that they understand the NWPA’s severe financial constraints. The NWPA will annually review the finances and budget and will decide when an audit is called for. Mary Randle discussed some of the other financial

controls that are available to us through sound financial policies including the posting of the 990 tax return on the website. She stated we could also appoint an internal audit review committee.

After discussion and a motion by President Berman and a second by President Nunamaker, the bylaws proposal was unanimously approved.

Technical Advisory Committee Report: TAC Chairman Peter Wallers stated that the Technical Advisory Committee is recommending that the executive committee consider entering into the WaterSense promotional partnership. The TAC members think this would be a good test case for our ability to something approval by all NWPA municipalities and counties. The NWPA is a WaterSense Partner but we would like to have all members also join individually. Mr. Wallers noted that it is very easy to join and is free of charge. They provide excellent educational materials for school and provide sample press releases, among other benefits. The executive committee will be asked to approve the proposal in January. We will send out the WaterSense username and password to executive committee members.

Mary McCann mentioned that there will be a grant available for the Fox River Watershed. She will send out information on this.

Mr. Wallers also reviewed a letter to our state legislators supporting a separate line item in the budget for the Illinois Scientific Surveys. We are awaiting a bill number from Senator Frerichs. After a motion by McCann and a second by Berman, the executive committee voted to approve the letter and to send it after we receive the bill number.

Waller discussed the draft drought plan and reported on the water level measurement campaign. We don't have 100% response but it is still have a good amount of data. Metropolitan Planning Council is planning to collect water ordinances from among NWPA members and draft a model ordinance.

McHenry County has passed its Water Resource Action Plan.

The TAC is still meeting monthly. Wallers noted that we are getting great cooperation from our consulting partners.

Chris Staron stated that he attended a CMAP meeting yesterday. They are trying to ensure that they have some funding for water planning. Most of the money has been going to transportation issues but they want to also have some water planning funds as well.

Mayor Weisner thanked the executive committee members for today's excellent attendance. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Submitted by _____

Mary Randle, Recorder