



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2013

Present: Aurora Mayor Tom Weisner, Chairman; 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; Ruth Ann Tobias, DeKalb County Board member; Montgomery Village President Marilyn Michelini, Tower Lakes President Kathleen Leitner, Patsy Smith, President Campton Hills; Melisa Taylor Kane County Board member and Joe Haimann, Kane County Board member (alternate.)

Also Present: Chris Staron of Northwest Municipal Conference, Paul Schuch of Kane County, Peter Wallers, President EEI, TAC Chairman; 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. He welcomed two new members to the executive committee: Melisa Taylor and Joseph Naimann (alternate) representing Kane County. He also noted that Chairman John Shaw will serve representing Kendall County with John Purcell as alternate. Mary McCann will now serve as McHenry County's primary representative.

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the January 2013 executive committee meeting was 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 on February 28, 2013 was \$6,146.30. The report was approved after a motion by Mark Knigge and a second by President Michelini.

501(c)3 application fee: Mary Randle stated that there would be costs involved in applying for 501(c)3 status for the NWPA. The executive committee confirmed payment of the appropriate application fee required by the Internal Revenue Service after a motion by Mary McCann and a second by Mark Knigge.

Program: Steve Andersson, NWPA Legal Counsel, presented on issues related to municipalities imposing water ban requirements on private well users. The answer depends on several factors. One of those is whether the municipality has a municipal water system. In the 2003 case of the Village of Algonquin vs. Tiedt, the court rules that municipalities have the right to regulate water as a basic government activity. Pure water is necessary for public health. In those cases, there is a rational basis for preserving the very existence of the water supply by limiting withdrawals. The matter changes, though, in cases in which the municipality does not have a municipal water supply. Mr. Andersson will make the Power Point presentation available with an accompanying memo for the executive committee.

Election of Officers: Ruth Anne Tobias presented a slate of officers recommended by the Nominating Committee. President: Tom Weisner, Mayor of Aurora. Vice-President: Mary McCann, McHenry County Board member; Secretary: Kathleen Leitner, Mayor of Tower Lakes, and Treasurer: Mark Knigge, Mayor of Wauconda. The slate of officers was unanimously approved.

President's Comments: Mayor Weisner reflected on how the NWPAs has proved that counties and municipalities are able to work together. We are able to educate ourselves and make progress in water planning. He stated that he is pleased with the progress that the NWPAs has made thus far.

Technical Advisory Committee Report:

Water inventory reporting: TAC Chairman Pete Wallers reported that the TAC continues to work on drought monitoring. They are working with the Illinois State Water Survey to monitor and record water levels. Currently, there is not a mechanism for reporting water levels within our NWPAs five-county area. The ISWS does not have funds to do this. Mr. Wallers shared a sample format for water reporting. He requested an authorization for building a reporting system within NWPAs's website.

After a motion by Dale Berman and a second by Melisa Taylor, the executive committee approved an amount not to exceed \$2,000 for developing a reporting system on our website.

Strategic Plan Development: The Technical Advisory Committee is beginning to develop a strategic plan for the NWPAs with the assistance of a technical assistance grant from Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning. Water Resource Director Tim Loftus is helping us with the plan. This will all come back to the executive committee for input and approval.

Post-Development Storm Water Runoff Standards: Mr. Wallers presented a report on the recommendations developed by a work-group sponsored by the Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts. He presented an outline of the work groups' recommendation compared to what currently exists within our area. He will give an update on this at the next meeting. There was very little municipal input into the work group during the development of its recommendation. There was very little transparency in the process.

Mayor Weisner noted that the work group has not done any cost/benefit analysis of its recommendations. They seem to have no concern for how much this would cost. He recommended that we meet with the Illinois EPA Director and the Governor's office about the recommendations. Melisa Taylor stated that perhaps our counties could pass resolutions about this issue.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the NWPAs executive committee will be held on Thursday, May 9.

Submitted by _____

Mary Randle, recorder, on behalf of Kathleen Leitner, Secretary