

# NORTHWEST WATER PLANNING ALLIANCE

## Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2011

Present: Aurora Mayor Tom Weisner, Chairman; Kane County Board Chairman Karen McConnaughay, Vice-Chair; North Aurora President Dale Berman, Wauconda Mayor Mark Knigge; Fox River Grove President Bob Nunamaker, Barrington President Karen Darch, Tower Lakes President Kathleen Leitner, Barrington Hills President Robert Abboud.

Also Present: Mary McCann, McHenry County Board member, Philip Rovang of Lake County; Cassandra McKinney of McHenry County, Angela Zubko of Kendall County, Anna Bicanic-Moeller, McHenry County Council of Governments Executive Director, Lake County Municipal League Executive Director Chris Gentes, Chris Staron of Northwest Municipal Conference, Paul Schuch of Kane County, Peter Wallers, President EEI, TAC Chairman; NWPA Legal Counsel Steve Andersson, Colin Duesing and Tom Carroll, Will County Land Use Planners, and Mary Randle, Metro West Executive Director.

Mayor Weisner opened the meeting at 10 a.m.

**Approval of minutes:** The minutes of the March 10, 2011 executive committee meeting were approved after a motion by President Abboud and a second by President Berman.

**Financial Report:** Interim Administrator Mary Randle stated that the Northwest Water Planning Alliance bank balance stands at \$6,924.17 as of March 31.

**Tentative bylaws proposal:** Legal Counsel Steve Andersson presented a tentative bylaws proposal for discussion and clarification. He will bring the formal bylaws document for approval at one of the next meetings. Several items were discussed in more detail. Alternates will be encouraged to attend as many meetings as possible so that they will be more knowledgeable about the issues in case they are called upon to vote in the absence of the regular members. A simple majority vote will suffice for internal matters. For external policies and legislative issues, however, it is recommended that both a majority of the COGS present and a majority of the Counties present must agree in order for the NWPA to take a position. It is more important to have greater consensus on those issues. It was recommended that such items be identified in advance on the agenda.

**Prioritization of NWPA Goals:** Peter Wallers presented the Goal Setting Summary divided by category and short- and long-term development or duration. The categories include Education, Planning and Studies, Water Conservation, NWPA Compendium and Various Strategies. The members present at the meeting then marked the goals in terms of high, medium and low priority. Randle will send this exercise out to all who were not present for their input. The completed forms should be forwarded to Mr. Wallers who will present the results at the next meeting.

**Technical Advisory Committee:** Peter Wallers, TAC Chairman, presented an updated list of TAC Members and Associates. He presented copies of a sample TAC Action Plan for the Education goal that

demonstrates how the TAC will break down the goals into objectives and track who is responsible for achieving the objective, assign target dates for completion and identify how the objectives will be measured, etc. Wallers also distributed an updated COGs population summary based on 2010 Census information.

**Legislative Issue: HB 3372, County Stormwater Management (Fortner)** There was a brief discussion of HB 3372. The bill was drafted by the Center for Neighborhood Technology. Mary Randle will send more information on this bill to participants. She noted that Metro West Council of Government had sought a simple amendment to the bill that was turned down by the bill sponsor.

**SB 38, Plumbing, Rainwater Systems: (Garrett)** Amends the Illinois Plumbing License Law. Provides that "plumbing" includes rainwater harvesting distribution systems, but does not include any rainwater harvesting distribution system or rainwater harvesting collection system unless otherwise required by the Illinois Plumbing Code. Requires the Illinois Department of Public Health to adopt and publish a minimum code of standards for rainwater harvesting collection systems and rainwater harvesting distribution systems by January 1, 2012. Requires rainwater harvesting collection systems and rainwater harvesting distribution systems to be (A) used only for non-potable uses and (B) constructed in accordance with the Illinois Plumbing Code. Defines "rainwater harvesting collection system" and "rainwater harvesting distribution system". Paul Schuch noted that the bill sponsors are still trying to get the plumbers and the pipe fitters to agree with each other on the bill so that it may move forward. It has been endorsed by most of the Councils of Government.

**Next meeting date:** The next meeting is scheduled for May 12.

**Cassandra Mc Kinney announced that there will be a Water Seminar presented at McHenry County on May 2. All NWPAs members are invited.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_

Mary Randle, Recorder