



Technical Advisory Committee

The Centre at Elgin

(East Conference Room)

100 Symphony Way, Elgin

January 24, 2017

Meeting Minutes

Present: Pete Wallers, Chairman representing MWCOG; Kyla Jacobsen, City of Elgin; Jerry Elliott, Sugar Grove Water Authority; Danielle Gallett, MPC; Moira Zellner, UIC; Ryan McDillon, Village of Lake in the Hills; Paul Schuch, Retired Kane County; Walt Kelly, ISWS; Don Zeling, Robinson Engineering; Wes Cattoor, IDNR; Andy Resek, City of Crystal Lake; Bob Sasman, Retired ISWS; Margaret Scheemann, IISG; Jodie Wollnik, Kane County Water Resources; Dave Schumacher, City of Aurora; Dave Segal, Elgin Sustainability Committee; Jillian Kiss, Trotter & Associate's; Bob VanGyseghem, City of Geneva; Jeff Freeman, EEI; and Angie Smith, EEI; Derek Hiland, DeKalb County.

Pete Wallers called the meeting to order at 10:08 A.M.

Welcome, Roll Call and Introductions: Pete Wallers (MWCOG) welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were given by those present.

Agenda Changes and Announcements: Margaret Schneemann (IISG) will be discussing the Seed or Sod brochure.

Approval of October Meeting Minutes: Kyla (EG) made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Jerry (SG Water Authority) seconded. All in favor minutes approved.

General Discussion on Current Water Topics in the NWPA Area: Kyla (EG) reported that water quality is good. No big spikes with the chloride levels. Had quite a few main breaks between Christmas and New Year's, but it's equaling out now.

Dave (AU) reported that the chloride levels were elevated a little, but it's too be expected as the river thaws out.

Jerry (SG Water Authority) reported that they have installed their first well monitoring equipment. Reported on the installation and offered to present on it at a future meeting.

NWPA – Communications/Outreach: Danielle (MPC) reported that we have a new intern – Roya Alkafaji.



Presentation “Collaborative Modeling and Planning for Water Resources Management” by Moira Zellner

(UIC): The presentation went through the collaboration of using modeling/simulations with input from stakeholders and their concerns. This process allows the participants to voice their concerns and see what could be done to improve their issues. It would also be a useful tool in communities to see the effects of development and stormwater and/or water issues. Feel free to contact her at mzellner@uic.edu with any questions or comments.

ISAWWA (Update): Kyla (ISAWWA) will report on later in the agenda.

MPC (Update): Danielle (MPC) discussed the Elected Official Guide and asked the group to brainstorm on the list of questions that was distributed. The goal is to make sure that it’s useful to the elected officials. They will be doing the same thing on the other side asking the elected officials to fill out the questionnaire. Looking to release this guide by end of Q2 after the April elections. Later this year looking to partner up with IISG and an energy supplier to start looking at full cost water pricing and water rates.

Seed and Sod Brochure: Margaret (IISG) reviewed the first draft of the layout on the brochure. At this point we are looking for feedback and comments on the layout. Using the same layout as the other two brochures. Need feedback and would like to finalize it by the next meeting in February. The map needs fixing, DeKalb County is not on the map. Pete (MWCOG) suggested that an on-line version would also be helpful.

Pete (MWCOG) asked for an update on the Water Rate Study tool. Margaret reported that the whole site was made in Flash, but it needs to be converted to HTML so it’s in the process of being updated. The data is also being updated. www.efc.sog.unc.edu/reslib/item/northeast-illinois-water-and-wastewater-rates-dashboard#

This could be a good topic for the Executive Committee and also bring up discussion regarding paying a small fee in order to fund the updating of the website.

ISWS (Update): Walt (ISWS) reported that Mike Demissie retired as of Dec. 31st and Kevin O’Brien has been named as Interim Director. At the last TAC meeting reported that they are trying to get Will County more involved. After the last meeting Walt stopped down there and talked to Colin Duesing. Add Joe Eggen to the distribution list; he is interested in attending the meetings. Joe is going to put them on an upcoming agenda as well with Will County.

IDNR (Update): Wes (IDNR) commented on the safe roads amendment being passed and that they are still waiting to see how that’s going to play out; this takes away about \$30M in the IDNR budget.

He reported that he is working on a drought early warning system in a regional setting. Wes asked the group some questions regarding drought and forecasted information. Dave (AU) we use NOAA website with predictive tools and start looking at it in a staff meeting in the Spring. Accuracy is what is key when it comes to predictions. Do check the national drought map as well. Pete (MWCOG) one thing I would offer is more research in the algae issue and trying to understand it better and if it can be predicted or not. Low flow forecasting would be extremely helpful as well.



CMAP (Update): Nothing at this time.

Executive Committee Update: Pete (MWCOG) reported the Executive Committee met and Dr. Abrams was there to go through the last presentation on the dewatering of the aquifers. Mayor Weisner did win the award from APWA FVB; he was not able to attend so Mayor Kaptain presented it to him at the Legislative Breakfast at Waubensee Community College last week.

Other Business:

SB550 – Public Act 099-0922 (Lead and Copper Rule): Pete (MWCOG) reported that it is now known as Public Act 099-0922 and commended Kyla on her efforts on this issue. Kyla (EG) reported that ISAWWA will be putting together three fact sheets related to this rule now that will be published and distributed. The Feds are going to be re-visiting this issues as well so there will be more changes coming in the future. The City of Cincinnati, Ohio (<http://cincinnati-oh.gov/water/lead-information/>) and Madison, Wisconsin (<https://www.cityofmadison.com/water/water-quality/water-quality-testing/lead-copper-in-water>) have a wonderful lead information site.

Fox River Implementation Plan: Kyla (EG) will have more to report at the next meeting.

Kane County Stormwater Committee: Jodie (KC) reported that the committee has been established and they are still looking for members of the TAC.

The next meeting will be held on February 28, 2017 at the Centre at Elgin.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:13 PM.

Submitted by _____ Angie Smith, EEI