



Technical Advisory Committee
The Centre at Elgin
(West Conference Room)
100 Symphony Way, Elgin

May 24, 2016

Meeting Minutes

Present: Pete Wallers, Chairman representing MWCOG; Walt Kelly, ISWS; Danielle Gallett, MPC; Jaci Admundson, NWPA Intern; Angie Smith, EEI; Jeff Freeman, EEI; Jerry Elliott, Sugar Grove Township; Paul Schuch, Retired Kane County; Todd Hoppenstedt, Village of Montgomery; Jennifer Hughes, Village of Oswego; Kyla Jacobsen, City of Elgin; Daniel Abrams, ISWS; Devin Mannix, ISWS; David Schmidt, Village of Barrington; Tim Wilson, City of St. Charles; John Dillon, City of Batavia; Dave Segal, Elgin Sustainability Group; Ed Coggin, MCCOG; Sean Park, Crystal Lake; Amy Gahala, USGS; Margaret Schneemann, IISG; Joanne Colletti, McHenry County; Laura Schonel, Intern at IISG; Dave Schumacher, City of Aurora; Jodie Wollnik, Kane County Water Resources.

Pete Wallers called the meeting to order at 10:01 A.M.

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

Agenda Changes and Announcements: None at this time.

Approval of May Meeting Minutes: Jennifer (OS) made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Paul (KC Retired) seconded. Minutes are approved with one minor correction regarding the Wasco water tower being taken out of services and not taken down.

General Discussion on Current Water Topics in the NWPA Area: Jennifer (Oswego) reported that they have their water planning meeting in a couple of weeks. Submitted MS4 permit this morning.

Joanne (McHenry County) in the process of finishing up their MS4 permit.

Jerry (SGWA) bill has been passed to dismantle the water authority. SB70 - <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?DocTypeID=HB&DocNum=4371&GAID=13&SessionID=88&LegID=93123>

Kyla (EG) water quality is good.

Amy (USGS) reported that there will be a new person heading up their DeKalb office – Dan Grant.



Presentation by Daniel Abrams and Devin Mannix, ISWS ~ “Updates on Available Water Supply from the Sandstone Aquifers in Northeastern Illinois”: Daniel went through their analysis on expected sustainable supply from the deep aquifer system. The counties that this covers are Kendall up through McHenry County.

Devin reported that the Ironton-Galesville is the most heavily stressed aquifer in the system, about 50% of the wells in Northeastern Illinois are in the IG. The IG sandstone in southeastern Kendall County is in danger of desaturation in the next 15-30 years. Any management strategy involving addition of multi-aquifer wells will benefit one aquifer at the detriment of at least one other aquifer and only acts to extend the life of an aquifer as long as demands do not exceed a sustainable level.

Walt reported that they will make this presentation at the upcoming ICCG meeting and IEPA, DPH will be there.

Water Forum Day – Pete (MWCOG) just quickly recapped the day and then opened it up for comment. Todd (MO) it was outstanding. Pat Mulroy’s presentation was phenomenal.

Joanne (MCH) disappointed that more elected officials weren’t in attendance.

Danielle (MPC) only about 20 elected officials out of the 160 in attendance.

Margaret (IISG) thanked Danielle, Peter and Mayor Weisner and applauded their efforts.

Jennifer (OS) is there any way it could be condensed to a two hour evening presentation? Pete (MWCOG) suggested redoing our presentations on YouTube because they could be re-used and sent out to the public officials. Danielle (MPC) likes the idea of putting together the 10 minute videos. Pete (MWCOG) need to get to all of the elected officials. Tim (SR) put together a one page overview with some key points and a link to the NWPA website. Danielle (MPC) will be working on short videos on key topics for the region. Perhaps could team with ISAWWA for production of webinars. More discussion to be had on this topic.

NWPA – Communication/Outreach: Jaci reported that she is finishing up the newsletter and it should go out by next Tuesday morning.

Jaci raised the question in regards to the NWPA fact sheet – one pager. Want to work on tweaking it so it’s more attractive to the user.

Greatest strengths:

- Collaboration amongst the group
- Power and partnership
- Proactive vs. Reactive
- Policy direction from the elected officials at the Executive Committee level

The mission statement will be included as well as the way the two committees work together. Kyla would be willing to have a quote included in the one-pager.



Pete (MWCOCG) thanked Jaci for the first newsletter that she produced. Danielle (MPC) reported that she will be announcing her blog at the end of the week. The lead article will be on the Lead and Copper issue. The article is written for the general public to understand. It will be forwarded to Pete for review/edit soon. Pete (MWCOCG) agreed that taking the higher level approach is better.

Strategic Plan Update: Danielle (MPC) have been working on getting our messaging out to elected officials. Going to the COGs and having them share the information. Also suggested participating at IML conference in September. Will look more into this and see what their deadlines are.

Amy (USGS) currently working on putting together a water quality cooperators meeting – 9/21 or 9/23, more info to come.

John (BA) newspaper article on the Water Forum Day sent it to the City Administrator and asked them to share it with their elected officials. One page Press Release would be nice to send to their elected officials just to show what's going on. The COG presentations are good, but you're probably not getting all of the elected officials.

Jennifer (OS) do we have a membership resolution for the board? Have something that the board can vote on to say that they do want to participate in the NWPA.

MPC (Update): Danielle (MPC) working on the snippet from the Water Day Forum. Working on some sort of "guide" for elected officials so that they have a water resource background for Northeastern Illinois in 2017.

ISWS (Update): None

IDNR (Update): None

Executive Committee Update: None

Other Business: Pete (MWCOCG) reminded the group that we still have the Seed and Sod brochure to review. Margaret (IISG) did receive some feedback regarding the brochure. Hearing all of this she thought it was a good idea to regroup and make sure we were conveying the right message. She asked the group to review the text again and if anyone can e-mail her if they have ideas and include a case study. Margaret and Jodie will work together to put together some text. Margaret will re-work the draft before the next meeting.

Lead and Copper Rule – SB550: Kyla (EG) reported that on 5/17 there was an amendment put forward; there are portions that water utilities can't possibly live with. They are going to have to develop a lead water service list and that is going to happen. Notification of lead exceedances and line disturbances – that's already happening. Public education requirement will be forthcoming. Really big deal – the number of monitoring sites would be 100 to 1,000. Last week we put together redlines and it's on the ISAWWA website. Also sent out the call to action with a link to this information. Currently it looks like making some revisions, taking away the responsibility to daycare centers to being on a once every 3 months. Will also be put on the homeowner. They have not addressed the number of samples yet. IEPA and IDPH are not happy with this amendment in its current form.



Fox River Implementation Plan: Kyla (EG) targeting end of July first part of August to meet with USEPA.

MS4 NPDES ILR 40: Nothing at this time.

The next meeting will be held on June 28, 2016 at the Centre at Elgin.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:19 PM.

Submitted by _____ Angie Smith, EEI