



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

July 28, 2015

Meeting Minutes

Present: Pete Wallers, Chairman representing MWCOG; Ed Coggin, MCCG; Amy Gahala, USGS; Angie Smith, EEI; Walt Kelly, ISWS; Danielle Gallett, MPC; Kelli-Ann Sottile, MPC; Paul Schuch, Retired Kane County Water Resources; Will Smith, City of Woodstock; Jodie Wollnik, Kane County Water Resources; Jeff Freeman, EEI; Bob VanGysghem, City of Geneva; Joanna Coletti, McHenry; Andrew Resek, City of Crystal Lake; Jennifer Hughes, Village of Oswego and Dave Segel, City of Elgin Sustainability Committee.

Pete Wallers called the meeting to order at 10:06 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 June Meeting Minutes: Jodie (Kane County) made a motion to approve meeting minutes; Ed (MCCG) seconded. Motion carries. All in favor, minutes approved.

General Discussion on Current Water Topics in the NWPA Area: Andy (Crystal Lake) reported that flows haven't really started to go up, but if we don't get rain this week they could shoot up. Bob (GE) stated the same was true in Geneva.

NWPA – Communication/Outreach: Danielle (MPC) reported that the July newsletter went out. Open rate was 25.6%, avg 30.2; click rate 2.8%.

Discussion was had for the August edition. Could include something on the topic that Amy is going to present on. Pete suggested keeping the lawn watering ordinance in front of people because it is important.

Ed (MCCG) asked Danielle (MPC) to put together a general overview on NWPA to include in the ISAWWA Splash edition.

Danielle (MPC) reported that Bridget is continuing her research on the grant opportunities. USA Groundwater fund reached out. ISTC grant which is part of the Prairie research group. Bridget reached out to them to get feedback on the submittal that Kaitlyn submitted on and we are going to tweak it and re-submit it.



USGS Presentation: McHenry County Groundwater Trends: Amy (USGS) presented her report. It has been published now. Data has been collected over the past six years for every 15 minutes.

Designated website: <http://il.water.usgs.gov/data/mchenry/map.php>

Would like to develop a decision making tool that will show the well supply and the monitoring wells.

ISWS: Walt (ISWS) part of the reporting that we are working on is to get a 2-4 page informational packet to get out to the general public. First one focuses on the desaturation. A draft copy was distributed to select individuals for review/feedback. Feedback within the next week would be great so we can get this distributed.

Water Loss Accounting, Update on IEPA Initiative: Danielle (MPC) really nothing new to update. Josh and I are driving to Springfield to meet with Lisa Bonnet, Amy Walkenback and Marsha Wilhite to discuss lots of things. Topics will include the SRLF, stormwater collaborative in Calumet City, as well as the original grant funding status.

Pete (MWCOG) did get an e-mail from IDNR that they wanted to start attending the TAC and Executive Committee meetings. Wes Cattoor will likely be attending future meetings.

State and Regional Water Supply Planning, Update – MPC and CMAP: Danielle (MPC) reported MPC is still trying to keep a regional planning discussion going. On Oct. 15th from 12 – 1:30 PM. MPC will be hosting a roundtable to talk about water financing. Speakers include: George Hawkings, General Manager, D.C. Water and Sewer Authority; Lisa Bonnett, Director, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency; and Jordan Dorfman, Attorney-Advisor, Clean Water State Revolving Fund, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Executive Committee Update: Pete (MWCOG) reported that the Executive Committee met in July. Daniel Abrams gave a compilation presentation on what's been discussed at our meetings. It was well received by the Executive Committee. There was a staff person from Will County and he was particularly interested in the issues with the Joliet region. Walt (ISWS) reported that the next step is to talk to the industries down in that area.

Other Business: The next meeting will be held on September 22, 2015 at the Centre at Elgin. There is no meeting in August.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 AM

Submitted by _____ Angie Smith, EEI