



Technical Advisory Committee

November 22, 2011

Meeting Minutes

Present: Peter Wallers, Chairman representing MWCOG; John Sterrett, representing Kendall County; Paul Schuch representing Kane County; John Dillon, City of Batavia, representing MWCOG; Bryan Faivre of City of DeKalb, representing MWCOG; Kurt Thomsen, KDT Environmental, representing BACOG; Jon Schmitt of City of McHenry, representing MCCOG; Cassandra McKinney representing McHenry County; Scott Trotter of Trotter and Associates representing LCML, Dennis Burmeister of Village of Barrington representing NWMC.

Also Present: Tina Seaman, Openlands; Josh Ellis, MPC; Abby Crisostomo, MPC; Ken Schroth, City of Aurora; Dave Schumaucher, City of Aurora; Dr. Tim Loftus, CMAP; Kyla Jacobsen, City of Elgin; Mark Emory, Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Joe Munder, City of West Chicago and Angie Ford, Engineering Enterprises, Inc.

Delegate Absent: Ed Coggin of HR Green, representing MCCOG; Paul Miller representing DeKalb County; David Lawry of City of Elgin, representing MWCOG; Larry Thomas, Baxter and Woodman, representing Lake County.

Chairman Peter Wallers called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

Welcome and Introductions – Peter Wallers welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were given by those present.

Agenda Changes and Announcements – None at this time.

Approval of October Meeting Minutes – Minutes of the October 25th meeting were approved with changes by a motion from Paul Schuch and a second by Bryan Faivre. The changes to be made are typographical errors on Page 2 under *Subsection B.2*. Peter asked Dr. Tim Loftus to clarify his comments for the September 27th meeting minutes. Those changes/corrections will also be made.

Education – *Municipal Ordinance Review* ~ Josh Ellis, MPC gave a brief overview of the Municipal Ordinance Review project. For the first go round they looked at lawn watering ordinances. Discussion was had amongst the group regarding lawn watering ordinances and conservation efforts between the Counties and the governing bodies and the unincorporated areas as well.



CMAP Bill Inserts and Newsletters Inserts ~ Tim Loftus gave a brief update on the bill inserts. The bill inserts have been converted to a usable format for websites and/or newsletters. The following agreed to test the images – John Dillon, Paul Schuch, Cassandra McKinney and Josh Ellis in various forms of publications. All will provide feedback at the next meeting.

Water Level Measurements ~ Peter reported that Al Wehrmann will be retiring and will be working part-time for the ISWS and he will still be attending meetings occasionally. Received measurements from 150 wells and Peter will follow-up with the ISWS and see if he can get more input. Discussion was had amongst the group regarding what they were seeing as far as measurements for their respective wells. Dave Schumacher reported on the City of Aurora's findings and they have more or less leveled off in the last five years. John Dillon reported on the City of Batavia's findings and they are still trending down somewhat. He also commented that they're water sales are flat too. Bryan Faivre reported on the City of DeKalb's findings and they are pumping less water and selling less water as well. Dennis Burmeister reported on the Village of Barrington's findings and they are also seeing less water being sold. Peter will follow-up with ISWS and ask them to give a presentation in January of their findings.

NWPA Executive Committee Update – *Water Sense Partners* ~ Peter reported that they did discuss the WaterSense at the last Executive Committee meeting and they were favorable in recommending our involvement. The Executive Committee is planning to bring the USEPA to the January meeting regarding the WaterSense partnership.

Prairie Institute Funding ~ the Executive Committee did recommend support for a bill that would be put forward by Senator Frerichs. The Executive Committee made the recommendation that will go to the COG's. Peter will send a copy of the recommendation letter when it's received.

By-Laws ~ the Executive Committee approved the by-laws at the last meeting; they will be posted on the website for viewing. Tim Loftus asked Peter to share with the group if there was anything that stood out significantly regarding the delay. Peter replied that the hold-up was regarding general start-up items and attendance, but now it's moving forward.

Goals and Strategies – *Water Loss Goals* ~ Peter stated that we need to get back to our goals and strategies. The water loss goal is an important one; it would be beneficial to get AWWA, IDNR and the water personnel together to figure out what we want to know. This will be taken up in January and developed a little more aggressively. This goal would include asset management as well. Peter gave the example of the Lake Zurich project that Josh, Tim and he are currently involved in. If the template is put together by January's meeting they will share it. Another big topic that's being worked on is the full cost water pricing; it also includes asset management. Peter will schedule a presentation by Margaret Schneeman from CMAP next year to explain it.

Drought Management Plan ~ Peter asked Paul if he had anything he wanted to say. Nothing at this time; he would like more time to do research.



Other Business – None at this time.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am.

Happy Thanksgiving. See you in January.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, January 24, 2012.

Submitted by _____

Angie Ford, Recorder