



Technical Advisory Committee

The Centre at Elgin

(East Conference Room)

100 Symphony Way, Elgin

November 22, 2016

Meeting Minutes

Present: Pete Wallers, Chairman representing MWCOG; Kyla Jacobsen, City of Elgin; Jerry Elliott, Sugar Grove Water Authority; Bob Zeling, Robinson Engineering; Walt Kelly, ISWS; Andy Resek, City of Crystal Lake; Michael Magnuson, City of Crystal Lake; Jeremy Barkei, City of Batavia; Amy Gahala, USGS; Laura Schnoebelen, IISG; John Dillon, ISAWWA; Dave Segal, Elgin Sustainability Committee; Bob Sasman, Retired ISWS; Jillian Kiss, Trotter & Associates; Jennifer Hughes, Village of Oswego; Dave Schumacher, City of Aurora; Tom Ruzicka, Village of Bartlett; Mike Palmer, City of McHenry; Jodie Wollnik, Kane County Water Resources; Nora Beck, CMAP; Danielle Gallet, MPC; Sarah Hasan, Apex Companies; Jeff Freeman, EEI; and Angie Smith, EEI.

Pete Wallers called the meeting to order at 10:04 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: Pete (MWCOG) stated that Lauren Schnoebelen is here and will be discussing the Seed or Sod brochure.

Approval of October Meeting Minutes: Jennifer (OS) made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. John (ISAWWA) seconded. All in favor minutes approved.

General Discussion on Current Water Topics in the NWPA Area: Kyla (EG) reported that water quality over the entire year has been really good other than the odor problem in the summer.

Strategic Planning Discussion: Pete (MWCOG) suggested that we go through MPC's action agenda and decide on the ones that we are going to be involved in. With the understanding that it is a five-year work plan. Danielle (MPC) went through the 10 items and explained each one.

#1 – will put together a one page list of content ideas and bring it to the January meeting.

- John (ISAWWA) asked when would it get run past some already elected officials? Danielle (MPC) replied that there will be some targeted outreach with the help of Mayor Weisner.

#2 – all about the Illinois State Revolving Loan Fund and continuing efforts with IEPA.



#3 & #4 – are two research projects that MPC wants to work on in 2017.

#5 – Water reporting (IWIP) continuing to encourage participation.

- Pete (MWCOG) reported that he feels that the sensible salting has been very well received and implemented by all Public Works Departments and it seems like we need to approach the private side now. Jennifer (OS) agreed that the public side is really on top of it and APWA is still trying to get in with the private side as well. Amy (USGS) there's some other states or Cities that re-direct the high salted areas into a detention basin or something where they collect the run-off and use that as brine for the following year.

#6-#10 are not items that MPC intends to take the lead on. They will be involved and assist.

#6 – Fox River as a water source for groundwater communities.

#7 – Water reuse and best management practice

#8 – Updating the Illinois Plumbing Code

- Water reuse is not legal in the State of Illinois as it sits. Maybe we do a clean sweep completely and go with the national code? One of the angles is going to bring in private industry and have them help lead the charge along with the water industries (AWWA).

#9 – Establish dedicated revenue stream for regional water supply planning

#10 – Require infrastructure condition reporting – AWWA's water loss auditing

Pete (MWCOG) suggested going through all 10 and rank them from an NWPA perspective. Pete asked Danielle to put together a survey with the list, pull more detailed information from the website and send it out to the distribution lists and get their feedback for ranking them. Bring all of that back to the January meeting for discussion. Will also include a link to the website for more explanation. Danielle will also send out a one page questionnaire for questions for the elected officials guide.

On another note is that last week MPC hosted a stormwater conference, put together an on-line guide for Stormwater Management as well – www.metroplanning.org/steadystreams

NWPA – Communication/Outreach: Pete (MWCOG) reported that he is still working with CMAP to get another intern for us and get the monthly e-mail back. Jennifer (OS) suggested that NWPA nominate Mayor Weisner for the APWA award. Need some letters of support to include in the nomination. Jennifer (OS) made a motion; Kyla (EG) seconded. Motion approved. Pete will pull the submittal together.

Seed and Sod Brochure: Lauren (IISG) gave a brief update on the status of the Seed and Sod Brochure. It will be ready to go by Spring. Will have it available at the February meeting.



CMAP (Update): Nora (CMAP) reported that they are continuing to work on the two strategy papers. Dec. 6th BIG IDEAS Forum in Aurora at Two Brothers. Carolyn Schofield will be moderating and Charles Marohn, Curt Paddock, Director from the Will County Land Use Department. It is FREE and light appetizers will be provided.

ISAWWA (Update): John (ISAWWA) just on-going training items are happening.

MPC (Update): Nothing else at this time.

ISWS (Update): Walt (ISWS) showed a draft animation of the pre-development time through now. Less than a minute it goes through about 140 years or so. The Sandwich Fault Zone really jumps out and looks like a waterfall.

The effect of the lockbox amendment that passed is unclear at this time. There is a general concern that funding from IDNR to ISWS could be reduced. ISWS is working on contacting Will County.

IDNR (Update): Nothing at this time.

Executive Committee Update: Pete (MWCOG) reported that Mayor Kaptain is the new Chairman and we will be getting three new board members as well.

Other Business:

SB550 (Lead and Copper Rule): Kyla (EG) reported that the IEPA put out a note on Nov. 14th that was their view was on it. Three days later the attorney general put out their version which is completely different. Pete (MWCOG) reported that we reached out to the Mayors and a lot of them have written letters and voiced their concerns. Danielle (MPC) kicking around the idea about hosting a "Let's Talk About Lead" roundtable maybe in January.

Fox River Implementation Plan: Kyla (EG) reported that they met with the Feds on Fri., Nov. 4th. FRSG meeting last week. Will report more in January.

2017 Meeting Dates: E-mailed out with the Agenda and the meeting minutes.

Pete (MWCOG) if you came in late please be sure to sign the sign-in sheet.

The next meeting will be held on January 24, 2017 at the Centre at Elgin.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 AM.

Submitted by _____ Angie Smith, EEI