



Technical Advisory Committee

March 8, 2011

Meeting Minutes

Present: Peter Wallers representing MWCOG, Chairman; Dennis Burmeister representing NWMC, Village of Barrington; Ed Coggin representing MCCOG, HR Green; John Dillon representing MWCOG, City of Batavia; Bryan Faivre representing MWCOG, City of DeKalb; Dave Lawry representing MWCOG, City of Elgin; Cassandra McKinney representing McHenry County, McHenry County; Paul Miller representing DeKalb County, DeKalb County; Jon Schmitt representing MCCOG, City of McHenry; Paul Schuch representing Kane County, Kane County; John Sterrett representing Kendall County, Kendall County; Carolyn Grieves representing Lake County for Larry Thomas, Baxter & Woodman; Dr. Kurt Thomsen representing BACOG, KDT Environmental; Scott Trotter representing LCML, Trotter & Associates.

Also Present: Mary Randle, MWCOG; Jeff Freeman, EEI; Robert Martin, Benesch; George Roadcap, ISWS; Dr. Tim Loftus, CMAP; Chris Staron, NWMC; Danielle Gallet, CNT; Josh Ellis, MPC; Steve Andersson, MWWR&A; Mayor Tom Weisner, Chairman of NWPA Executive Committee.

Peter called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. After a brief background about the NWPA and Mayor Weisner's involvement with the Executive Committee the meeting was handed over to Mayor Weisner.

Welcome and Introductions by Mayor Weisner – Mayor Weisner gave a brief introduction and welcome to everyone. He explained how the NWPA Executive Committee was formed and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) as well. At the next Executive Committee (EC) meeting on Thurs., 3/10 they will be holding a SWOT analysis with hopes to set both short and long term goals for moving forward. Those goals will be relayed to the TAC for discussion and will tell the EC how to reach those goals based on a technical response. He then turned the meeting back over to Peter.

Peter thanked Mayor Weisner for coming and kicking off the first TAC meeting and for letting us utilize the Aurora Police Headquarters. Peter requested that everyone in the room introduce themselves.

Overview Presentation – Peter's presentation was entitled "NWPA Overview". He noted the first work item will be to firm up the population in the communities that the NWPA represents. He asked for feedback and information from all present at the meeting.



NWPA COG/Municipal Membership and Population – NWPA COG Population Summary, July 2008 was distributed. Peter will update the MWCOG communities with the 2010 information. For all other COGs and their communities please help by sending the updated numbers for the spreadsheet. This also includes the Counties for the unincorporated areas. Once the updates have been completed to the spreadsheet he will send them out to everyone.

Peter also noted that if someone wanted to be added to the NWPA TAC distribution list to send over the information and he will see to it that they get added.

Meeting Schedule and Location – Peter explained the first meeting was held in Aurora per Mayor’s Weisner’s request. He proposed the Elgin Centre as a future meeting location. It was agreed that the future meetings would be held at the Elgin Centre for the fourth Tuesday of every month at 10 AM. Therefore the next meeting will be Tuesday, April 26th at 10 AM at the Elgin Centre. If by chance there will be no meeting he will notify everyone.

Other Items - Josh Ellis, MPC, asked if recommendations could be made to the EC that could then be brought back to the TAC. He also suggested that people could send in items that are currently working in their communities – items such as regulatory changes, educational or toilet rebate programs, etc.

Dr. Tim Loftus, CMAP, gave a brief overview of what CMAP is currently working on. CMAP is developing a website to serve as a clearing house for water suppliers and higher level decision makers with some tools that they can use. They also have a water resource economist on staff that has established a white paper that will be released soon. CMAP staff is working with MPC and CNT in an effort to assist IDNR achieve their goals and objectives for the Great Lakes Compact. CMAP is also talking with IDNR to utilize the revolving loan fund to help get communities to fix their unavoidable loss.

Josh Ellis, MPC, gave a brief overview of what they’ve been working on. MPC is working with state agencies in order to bring policies up to date. They have launched “*What Our Water is Worth*”, a monthly e-newsletter that is distributed to over 14,000 e-mails. MPC/Openlands will be hosting a public roundtable on 3/31 “*Water Wise, What We Need to Know About Our Water Resources*” and everyone is invited to attend. A follow-up e-mail will be sent later in the week.

Dr. Tim Loftus commented that CMAP is also working on supporting authorization of the IEPA Water Sense program, similar to the Energy Star level with federal and state initiatives. For example, at the state level they are working on updating the plumbing code for the State of Illinois to allow rainwater harvesting. By doing this it opens up doors for those that want to be able to do these things.



Danielle Gallet, CNT, gave a brief overview of CNT. There are four areas that they concentrate on – 1. Energy, 2. Climate change, 3., Transportation and 4. Community Development and Natural Resources. They just recently released the first ever guide to understanding green infrastructure. CNT also just recently hosted a workshop entitled “*Navigating the Infrastructure Replacement Era*”.

Other Comments: Several questions and/or comments were given by various folks for the remainder of the meeting regarding funding or grants.

The NWPA is in the process of incorporating which will also help with the seeking grants/funds. The TAC will most likely start some sub-committees that will deal with this portion, with the EC providing the final direction.

Paul Schuch stated that it is important to get the neighboring counties together and support each other. Kane County worked with ISWS to put together the information on deep and shallow aquifers. Kane County spent \$2M working with ISWS.

Cassandra McKinney reported that McHenry County is working with ISWS to build off of Kane County’s model. They are also working with ISGS and have installed 41 wells to obtain real time data. All of that data is transferred to the ISWS. McHenry County developed a task force in order to develop a water action plan for the County and is working on implementation for all of the municipalities. Most of the policies were being produced concurrent with Water 2050. It can be found at the following website - www.mchenryh2o.com.

George Roadcap with ISWS commented that the data that is being collected is instrumental in putting together a plan. The local knowledge that comes out of the various communities is very useful information as well. He challenged everyone to be creative in presenting new ideas.

Mtg. was adjourned at 11:18 am.

Submitted by _____

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