



Technical Advisory Committee

May 24, 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; 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; Larry Thomas representing Lake County, Baxter & Woodman; Scott Trotter representing LCML, Trotter & Associates.

Also Present: Allen Wehrmann, ISWS; George Roadcap, ISWS; Dr. Tim Loftus, CMAP; Mandy Burrell Booth, MPC; Lenore Beyer-Clow, Openlands; Jim Urek, CDM.

Delegates Absent: Bryan Faivre representing MWCOG, City of DeKalb; Dr. Kurt Thomsen representing BACOG, KDT Environmental.

Peter Wallers called the meeting to order at 10:09 am.

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

Agenda Changes and Announcements – Peter gave a brief overview of the agenda and asked for any changes. None were made. He then announced that Mandy Burrell Booth from Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC) was in attendance and she would be giving a brief presentation on their program entitled “What Our Water’s Worth”.

Approval of March Meeting Minutes – The March 8, 2011 meeting minutes were approved by a motion made by Paul Schuch and seconded by Larry Thomas.

NWPA Executive Committee Update – Peter stated the May 12, 2011 meeting of the Executive Committee had been cancelled due to the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) issues that many of the committee members are dealing with. The next scheduled meeting is June 9, 2011.

Presentation by Allen Wehrmann, ISWS – Peter introduced Al Wehrmann who then gave a brief presentation entitled “*Status of Various Supply Studies In Our Region*”. Discussion was on-going throughout the presentation and a suggestion was made to have the NWPA communities provide the



water level data directly to ISWS on some sort of annual basis. Al will take this suggestion back to ISWS and he will report back at the next meeting with a timeframe and the necessary established protocol for the NWPA communities.

There was also discussion about IWIP losing its funding on June 30th, 2011. Dr. Tim Loftus brought to everyone's attention HB124 and SB2409 that are currently in legislation and could be passed by the end of the month. If either of these pass it could provide some funding that could be used.

Population Update – Peter distributed the 2010 population table dated May 24, 2011. The table provides a benchmark for the population that the NWPA represents 1.3 million people. If anyone notices any errors please let him know.

Goals and Strategies Discussion – Peter introduced Mandy Booth Burrell from MPC and Lenore Beyer-Clow from Openlands who gave a brief overview of MPC's *"What Our Water's Worth"* program (www.chicagolandh2o.org).

Peter then asked Dr. Tim Loftus to update the group on CMAP's initiatives as well. CMAP is currently working on the water bill inserts, which is a possible tool that could be used going forward. CMAP will also be hosting along with the University of Chicago a Water Resource Forum on June 9, 2011. Dr. Loftus reminded the group that it is important to use the resources that have all been created and not reinvent the wheel.

Peter then opened the brainstorming session.

Educating the Public About Best Practices/Conservation:

- Promoting water sense labeled products
- Develop materials for teachers and students (power point and handouts)
- Host teacher workshops to teach them what they need to know in order to teach their students and offer credits (McHenry County already does this)
- Create a teacher library for the NWPA region (McHenry County already does this)
- Host Public Works Open Houses
- Create a speaker bureau
- Use demonstration projects
- Create list of website links
- Press Releases
- Create a Facebook page for NWPA
- Partner with existing agencies (i.e., APWA, ISAWWA, AWWA) and use what they have already created



Educating Elected Officials:

- Host a workshop for local officials (Example: Kane County Priority Workshop)
- Create webinars/videos, etc.
- Attend COG dinners and give presentations
- Give presentations to COG communities
- Develop a targeted e-mail list to convey information regarding NWPA
- CMAP attend COG meetings and give their presentation
- CMAP attend Board meetings and give their presentation
- Develop one presentation that anyone from NWPA could give
- Partner with the City Manager's Association
- Ask for input from the elected officials

A sub-committee was formed to go through the ideas and decide priority and what the level of effort for each item will entail in order to prepare a package that can be presented to the Executive Committee. The sub-committee members are – Peter Wallers, Scott Trotter, Cassandra McKinney, John Dillon, Paul Schuch and Dennis Burmeister.

Other Business – Dr. Tim Loftus asked when this group would be discussion the use of model ordinances, drought control, etc. Peter reminded him that the Executive Committee has to still set the goals and prioritize them for the TAC. Discussion was had on using the data from the *Water 2050* plan recommendations and/or McHenry County WRAP. Peter will take the 14 items out of the *Water 2050* plan and e-mail them to everyone and it will be added to next month's agenda where the TAC will come up with their list of recommendations that can be brought forth to the Executive Committee as well.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Submitted by _____

Angie Ford, Recorder