



Technical Advisory Committee

May 28, 2013

Meeting Minutes

Present: Pete Wallers, Chairman representing MWCOG; Abby Crisostomo of MPC; Walt Kelly of Illinois State Water Survey; Kyla Jacobson, City of Elgin; Paul Schuch of Kane County; Dave Schumaucher, City of Aurora; Josh Ellis of MPC; John Dillon, City of Batavia; Steve Andersson, MWWR&A; Andy Resek of Crystal Lake representing MCCOG; Cory Horton of McHenry County; Marcella Bondie, UIC; Jodie Wollnik, Kane County; Kurt Thompson BACOG; Jeff Freeman, EEI and Angie Ford, EEI.

Pete Wallers called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Welcome 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 April Meeting Minutes – Kyla made a motion, John Dillon seconded.

General Discussion on Current Water Use in the NWPA Area: Andy Resek of Crystal Lake commented that it was starting to creep up a little, but now with the rains we've received it's starting to level off again. Dave Schumacher of Aurora commented that they were seeing the same thing there. John Dillon of Batavia reported that there wasn't anything stellar happening, pretty status quo.

Lawn Watering Ordinance – Pete introduced Steve Andersson, MWWR&A, gave a presentation on the Lawn Watering Ordinance in relation to regulating private wells. A copy of the presentation can be found on the NWPA website under the Resource Center tab.

Steve's thoughts on the Ordinance were: it was specifically tailored to the situation where a municipality has a municipal water system. If the NWPA community doesn't provide water a Resolution of Support has been prepared. Both of these documents can be found on the NWPA website under the Resource Center tab.

To summarize ~ the municipalities can regulate odd/even, but as far as the County's it's going to be through education and voluntary action. Cory, McHenry County, stated that they will adopt the Resolution of Support and maybe even post some signs indicating the color and do some education and outreach. Paul, Kane County, stated they are going to go with the education side as well and try to inform the residents; similar to McHenry County and ask for voluntary action.



Paul inquired if some sort of campaign was going to be put together for the COG's to give to the municipalities for the Ordinance? Pete, responded with the simple answer is yes and we're trying to do that, but not as effectively. We will be posting the list of communities that have passed the Ordinance and/or Resolution on the website. Josh, MPC, commented that at the next TAC meeting we will be joined by Katilyn McClane from Indiana University and coming up with a more formalized structure for this.

Regional Water Planning Update – Josh, MPC, gave an update on the Regional Water Planning initiative; hosted three meetings along with CMAP and others. The most recent meeting was back in March and Arlan Juhl, from IEPA, was present. The IDNR is in the process of hiring a consultant to put their plan together, but at the moment it's stuck in the process of being approved. Josh also gave an update on the Lake Michigan proposed rule changes. There have been three public meetings and Arlan has been present at those as well. MPC is going to host another meeting in the near future and start trying to talk about different regional issues.

Pete commented that he attended the Metro West Council of Government's Drive Down to Springfield in May. While down there they met with representatives from IEPA and IDNR. They also met with the Governor. In the meetings, IDNR and IEPA made sure to point out that they had infused \$1B dollars into the Low Interest Loan, clean water initiative. IEPA currently has money available for projects.

Walt Kelly, ISWS, was at a meeting last week where Arlan was present and he stated that he was hopeful that they would be starting regional water planning by next year.

State Plumbing Code Revisions – Josh, MPC, stated that we all should have received information with the actual code changes in it. They were posted on April 26th and there is a 45 day comment period. It would be better to send individual letters rather than just one group letter. He suggested that NWPA should submit something, as well as municipalities and COGs regarding nonpotable water reuse. Josh will send MPC's letter once it's prepared and have Pete e-mail it to the group.

Various Updates: DuPage Water Commission – Abby, commented on the Water Utility Manager Workshops; a series of 4 workshops. The first of the workshops is tomorrow and there's still some space available. The topic tomorrow is *Utility Planning and Asset Management* from 8:30 – 12 PM at the DuPage Water Commission. The other three are the last Wednesdays of the month – next one will be on Ordinances and Regulations; 3rd – Indoor/Outdoor water use; 4th – Rates/Revenues (Margaret Schneemann will be presenting). Josh commented that it would be good for newly elected officials as well.

Water Reporting – ISWS Update: Walt, ISWS, the eMor project is in full swing. The question was raised on how people want to be contacted and how people will respond; the group would like to be reached by e-mail. He is going to include that NWPA is encouraging everyone to respond.



NWPA Update: Pete commented that he was going to be in need of a couple of volunteers to beta test the program within the next two weeks. He will send the information to John, Kyla and Dave so they can input their information and see how it works. This is going to be something that we are going to want Kaitlyn to work on and put together a monthly update for distribution.

Strategic Planning: Peter reported that Dr. Tim Loftus was on vacation for this meeting so Strategic Planning will take place at the June meeting. In the packet is the most current version that was worked on at the Executive Committee meeting. This is the version that we're going to work off of.

NWPA Executive Committee Update: Pete reported that most of the meeting was spent going over the Strategic Planning documents. The TAC will go through the Strategic Planning documents at the June meeting and then Dr. Loftus will go back to the Executive Committee meeting in July for acceptance.

John Dillon, Batavia, questioned the make-up of the Executive Committee because of the election in regards to the County Board representatives, etc. Pete commented that there had been some changes and we will publish the Executive Committee members on the website.

Other Business:

Next Meeting: Tues., June 25, 2013

The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Submitted by _____ Angie Ford, Recorder