



## Technical Advisory Committee

June 25, 2013

### Meeting Minutes

Present: Pete Wallers, Chairman representing MWCOG; Abby Crisostomo of MPC; Walt Kelly of Illinois State Water Survey; Jeff Freeman, EEI; Angie Ford, EEI; Tim Loftus, CMAP; Ed Coggin representing MCCOG; Dave Schumacher, City of Aurora; Josh Ellis of MPC; Jon Hortness, USGS; Jodie Wollnik, Kane County; Kurt Thompson BACOG; John Dillon, City of Batavia; Daniel Abrams from ISWS; Scott Trotter representing LCML.

Pete Wallers called the meeting to order at 10:12 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 May Meeting Minutes** – John Dillon made a motion to accept. Dave Schumacher seconded.

**General Discussion on Current Water Use in the NWPA Area:** Dave Schumacher of Aurora reported that there were extraordinary high levels of geisomine, 50 times the normal amount; it comes from bacteria (that makes an earthy smell like when you turn up your soil in your garden). Elgin also had similar conditions; they were at 30-40% well water because of the same issue. Jon Hortness, USGS, stated that they had taken samples up and down the Fox River and found a fair amount of the MIB in the system. It wasn't extremely high, and that was probably the source that created the issue. It was consistent all the way from Algonquin down to Montgomery.

**Regional Water Planning Update** – Josh Ellis, MPC, reported that IDNR was trying to hire a consultant to help guide the department relative to regional water planning and funding. They have signed the contract and hired Green Leaf Advisors; he will be meeting with them on Friday in order to get a scope for moving forward. He also reported that according to Arlan Juhl, IDNR, they've set aside money to start a fourth RWSPG.

**State Plumbing Code Revisions** – Josh Ellis, MPC, reported that the plumbing code advisory council took the original code and changed a bunch of stuff and that's what went out for public comment. You can still submit comments at this point. The laborers unions were opposed even though they had worked out language prior to. County Health officials were also very upset regarding the greywater language. The Department of Public Health doesn't totally know what to do and not sure how they're going to



appease the laborers. There are several meetings coming up; he will keep everyone posted within the next couple of weeks. The Department of public health won't send anything out until August timeframe.

**Various Updates: DuPage Water Commission** – Abby Crisostomo, MPC, on behalf of CMAP, reported on the Water Utility Manager Workshops which is a series of four workshops. The second of the workshops is tomorrow and there's some space. The topic tomorrow is Ordinances and Regulations, NWPA Water Ordinance will be used as an example; July 31<sup>st</sup> – indoor/outdoor water use, identifying top customers; Professor coming from the University of Wisconsin; August – rates/revenues; Margaret Schneemann will be presenting.

**Water Reporting – ISWS Update:** Walt Kelly, ISWS, the eMor project is in full swing; they sent out e-mails to all of the supplies in the northeast region. Five have responded to date, they will be doing some follow-up calls, e-mails, etc.

**NWPA Update:** Pete reported that we are ready to send out the link for beta testing for the Water Usage website. He showed the website and went through it. He will send the link to Dave Schumacher, John Dillon and Kyla Jacobsen so that they can enter a few months' worth of information and report back to Pete. Depending on how that goes we may do a complete roll-out at the July meeting.

Walt Kelly, ISWS, suggested modifying the information to include IWIP elements; if they fill this out then they wouldn't be required to fill out their IWIP next year.

**Strategic Planning:** Dr. Tim Loftus brought up a few slides and he reported on the Executive Committee meeting. We have a mission statement, we've solidified three goals and eleven objectives and 24 strategies.

Discussion regarding a Vision statement was had; ending in the below agreed upon statement:

*The NWPA area will have equitable and dependable supplies of water for generations to come.*

Please think on and if there any additional comments let him know otherwise this is what will be proposed to the Executive Committee on July 11<sup>th</sup>.

Next Steps:

- Attend the July 11<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting to discuss next draft of plan and gain approval.
- TAC develops an implementation matrix for strategies at the July 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.



The following goals were discussed based off of the May 9<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting:

Goals:

1. Provide education and outreach to raise awareness of the value of water as *a finite asset*.  
Changed per the Executive Committee.
2. Incorporate on-going educational opportunities for two different audiences: school-age children and elected officials. (This is a new objective per the Executive Committee meeting on 5/9/13)
  - a. Strategy:
  - b. Strategy:
  - c. Evaluation Measure:

#### On-Going Education (K-12)

- Outreach to school districts – Batavia model, field trips
- IISG teacher training
- Build on fix a leak week, world water day, etc.
- Work with a college/university to produce a short film
- Work with AWWA, others to use existing educational material
- AWWA Young Professionals group to work with the school districts

#### On-Going Education (Elected Officials)

- Short videos
- What are their interests?
- Survey EO to discover interests, awareness
- Water brief for newly elected officials
- Presentations to boards/councils
- COG leadership

Evaluation Measure – documenting how many presentations have been given or how many times a video has been shown.



Goal C – Water Quantity Protection

Objective 4 – Make recommendations to protect ground and surface water quality and *quantity*. (“Quantity” is a new addition per the EC meeting on 5/9/13)

Strategy:

- Implement Strategic Plan
- Develop source water protection plans
- Move “quantity” matter over to Goal C language where objectives and strategies address the matter

Will be proposing these changes at the July 11<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting and hopefully they will get accepted. Come back to the July 23<sup>rd</sup> TAC meeting, Kaitlyn McClane, intern, will be at this meeting.

**NWPA Executive Committee Update:** Main report was that they were generally in favor of the Strategic Plan, take back to July and get their final approval.

Other Business:

**Next Meeting:** Tues., July 23, 2013

The meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_ Angie Ford, Recorder