



## Technical Advisory Committee

**September 27, 2011**

### Meeting Minutes

Present: Peter Wallers, Chairman representing MWCOG; Dennis Burmeister of Village of Barrington representing NWMC; Paul Schuch representing Kane County; Paul Miller of DeKalb County, representing DeKalb County; John Dillon, City of Batavia, representing MWCOG; Ed Coggin of HR Green, representing MCOG Cassandra McKinney, McHenry County representing McHenry County; John Sterrett of Kendall County, representing Kendall County; David Lawry of City of Elgin, representing MWCOG; and Steve Trotter of Trotter and Associates representing LCML.

Also Present: Bob Sasman; Ken Schroth, City of Aurora; David Schumacher, City of Aurora; Joe Heinz, Village of East Dundee; Andrew Resek, City of Crystal Lake; Victor Ramirez, City of Crystal Lake; Greg Buffington, Layne-Western; Al Wehrmann, ISWS; Scott Meyer, ISWS; Ed Ritter, Village of Carpentersville; Josh Ellis, MPC; Dr. Tim Loftus, CMAP; Bob Van Gysegham, City of Geneva; Kyla Jacobsen, City of Elgin; Lenore Beyer-Clow, Open lands; Mark Emory, Christopher B. Burke Engineering; Jim Urek, CDM; Amy Talbot, CMAP and Angie Ford, Engineering Enterprises, Inc.

Delegates Absent: Kurt Thomsen, KDT Environmental, representing BACOG; Larry Thomas, Baxter and Woodman, representing Lake County; Bryan Faivre of City of DeKalb, representing MWCOG; and Jon Schmitt of City of McHenry, representing MCOG

Chairman Peter Wallers called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

**Welcome and Introductions** – Peter Wallers welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were given by those present.

**Agenda Changes and Announcements** – None at this time.

**Approval of August Meeting Minutes** – Minutes of the August 23, 2011 meeting were approved after a motion by John Dillon and a second by Paul Schuch.

**Announcements** – Peter announced that NWPA has a Facebook page and we need 25 likes in order to secure our vanity URL. He also announced that a website has been created ([www.nwpa.us](http://www.nwpa.us)). Basic information will be stored on it; items such as agendas, meeting minutes and presentations.



**Education** – *Report on the Letter of Introduction and Fact Sheet* – Peter reported that all of the letters of introduction along with the fact sheet had been distributed. The feedback was good based off of the attendance at today’s meeting.

*CMAP Bill Inserts and Newsletter Inserts* – Amy Talbot, CMAP, gave a brief overview of Water Plan 2050 and the informational bill and newsletter inserts that have been created. There are a total of four inserts that have been created; 1. groundwater, 2. leaks, 3. lawn watering and 4. infrastructure costs and their water bills. Amy also stated that there are more topics to come, i.e. stormwater/flooding, car washing, fertilizers and pesticides, average household water use statistics, and they are always looking for more suggestions.

Much discussion was had about each community being able to adjust the language that was being used on the inserts, specifically related to the lawn watering one because it doesn’t match the communities’ ordinance. The group concurred that the four messages are appropriate as an educational component, but a little flexibility is definitely needed. Amy will work with the communications department to come up with an alternative message or more generic language and then bring them back to the group for approval.

*WaterSense Partnership* – Amy Talbot, CMAP, gave a brief overview of the WaterSense Partnership which is similar to ENERGY STAR. It provides an educational outreach program that can be incorporated into your community and there’s no cost to join. Peter stated that he has completed the application for the NWPA and he will be submitting it later today. Josh Ellis, MPC, suggested setting a target date in order to have all the communities be enrolled by, such as World Water Day, Earth Day, Fix a Leak Week, etc. that way NWPA could send out a unified message when it’s completed. A recommendation was made to take to the Executive Committee that NWPA communities join WaterSense by Dennis Burmeister, Village of Barrington. It was seconded by Paul Schuch, Kane County.

*Topics for Educational Seminar’s* – Josh Ellis, MPC, we are definitely interested in doing more events out this way. MPC is hosting a free public grant workshop on October 18<sup>th</sup>, the City of Aurora and City of Elgin will be there to discuss the grants that they received. MPC is also in the process of planning their roundtables for next year and we are looking for topics of interest. He will also prepare a quick survey and send it to Peter and Mary Randle to send out to all members to get feedback. The more input we get from everybody the better it will be.

*Model Ordinance Review* – Josh Ellis, MPC, reported that they haven’t kicked it off yet, still need to compile everybody’s information at this point and compare it with Minnesota and Wisconsin to see how they measure up. MPC will be in contact very soon asking communities to send in their language with your ordinances. Cassandra McKinney, McHenry County announced that there is a lawn care workshop at Lake County coming up; details can be found on CMAP’s website.



**NWPA Executive Committee Update** – Peter reported at the last meeting the Executive Committee agreed to add the TAC’s goals and strategies to their list. Josh Ellis, MPC, was instrumental in setting up a panel on water at IML and Mayor Weisner gave a presentation on the NWPA.

**Goals and Strategies** – Peter stated that we have started with the goal of education. Sub-committees are going to need to be formed. If you would like to be involved in a sub-committee please let Peter know. He opened up the discussion for any other topics that we haven’t addressed yet. Cassandra McKinney, McHenry County asked about water quality. Tim Loftus, CMAP, suggested water rates as another topic. Ed Coggin, HR Green suggested full price water pricing. The group agreed to list this as a separate goal. Paul Miller, DeKalb County, stated that there is a need for the modeling of the deep aquifer that they don’t have in DeKalb County. Al Wehrmann, ISWS responded with there is a model, the most recent model is brand new and the report is on his desk and he just needs to get it out. He also gave a brief overview of the shallow aquifers and the deep aquifers and what the models are currently showing. We need to be looking at other alternatives. Peter asked Al if he could give a presentation at the November TAC meeting on this particular subject matter. Al will plan to give a presentation.

**Other Business** – *Follow-Up on Water Level Measurement Initiative* – Al Wehrmann, ISWS, is working on an e-mail address list for the water operators this week. Those that bounce back, he’ll hard copy mail them and then also post it on their website. Sun., October 16<sup>th</sup> is the date – a week either way is OK for the readings since it is a Sunday.

*ISAWWA – Energy Efficiency Committee ~ Water Energy Nexus Survey* – Amy Talbot, CMAP, gave a brief overview of the project. As of right now there have been 40 communities that have filled out the survey, but we need more groundwater communities. The link to the survey is as follows: (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/isawwa-water-energy-nexus>).

Cassandra McKinney, McHenry County stated that the Winter Snow and Ice workshop is going to be held on October 13-14<sup>th</sup>. More information can be found on their website at [www.mchenryh2o.com](http://www.mchenryh2o.com).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_

Angie Ford, Recorder