

NORTHWEST WATER PLANNING ALLIANCE

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2011

Present: Kane County Board Chairman Karen McConnaughay, Vice-Chair; North Aurora President Dale Berman, Wauconda Mayor Mark Knigge; Fox River Grove President Bob Nunamaker, Tower Lakes President Kathleen Leitner, McHenry County Board Chairman, Bonnie Carter, Lake County Board Member, Elgin Mayor David Kaptain, Montgomery President Marilyn Michelini, and Kendall County Board Chairman John Purcell.

Also Present: Mary McCann, McHenry County Board member; (alternate); Campton Hills President Patsy Smith (alternate), David Husemoller, Lake County Planner; Angela Zubko of Kendall County, Anna Bicanic-Moeller, McHenry County Council of Governments Executive Director, Lake County Municipal League Executive Director Chris Gentes, Chris Staron of Northwest Municipal Conference, Paul Schuch of Kane County, Janet Agnoletti, Barrington Area Council of Governments: Peter Wallers, President EEI, TAC Chairman; Josh Ellis of Metropolitan Planning Council (guest speaker); Colin Duesing, Will County Land Use Planner; and Mary Randle, Metro West Executive Director.

In the absence of Mayor Weisner, Chairman McConnaughay, NWPA Vice-Chair, opened the meeting at 10 a.m. Ms. McConnaughay welcomed the following new members: Kendall County Board Chairman John Purcell, Elgin Mayor David Kaptain, Montgomery President Marilyn Michelini and Campton Hills President Patsy Smith (alternate). Kaptain, Michelini and Smith represent Metro West Council of Government.

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the June 9, 2011 executive committee meeting were approved after a motion by Chairman Koehler and a second by President Nunamaker.

Financial Report: Interim Administrator Mary Randle stated that the Northwest Water Planning Alliance bank balance stands at \$6,878.53 as of June 30, 2011. The financial report was approved after a motion by Mayor Knigge and a second by President Leitner.

Program: Josh Ellis of Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC) presented an update on "What's Our Water Worth" (WOWW): Mr. Ellis reported that the WOWW Program was begun to follow up on the Regional Water Supply Planning Group's 2050 Water Supply/Demand Report. Ellis noted that perhaps more than the water itself, people value the activities made possible by a water supply.

WOWW examines the following questions:

- 1) What are the costs associated with providing water? ? On the WOWW website, there is a visualization of what our water costs by community. WOWW website: www.chicagolandh2o.org
- 2) What is the relationship between the decisions we make today and the availability and costs of water tomorrow?

- 3) Where does my water come from and where does it go?

As part of MPC's partnership with communities they will:

- 1) provide content for newsletters, bill inserts, etc.
- 2) supervise data-driven water assessments,
- 3) provide educational events such as their water roundtables. (The next event will be a roundtable that presents emerging information on water contaminants.

MPC is current helping the Village of Lake Zurich develop a water management plan to address water supply, wastewater management and stormwater management.

Mr. Ellis stated that MPC wants to build a strong relationship with the Northwest Water Planning Alliance. In the interest of doing so, **MPC will allow 10 free registrations to NWP members to attend MPC events on a first-come, first-served basis.**

Mr. Wallers noted that MPC is a consulting partner on the NWP Technical Advisory Committee.

Discussion of Bylaws Proposal: Mary Randle distributed the bylaws proposed on behalf of NWP Legal Counsel Steve Andersson. This version includes proposed changes requested by Northwest Municipal Conference and Mr. Andersson's responses. There was a discussion of further proposed edits and additions to the bylaws. Mary Randle will send the request for revisions to Steve Andersson. The Executive Committee requested that the NWP Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) be sent out with the next version of the bylaws since it is an addendum to the bylaws. They also requested that the future bylaws versions be tracked by date. A list of the requested revisions is attached.

Technical Advisory Committee Report: TAC Chairman Peter Wallers stated that we need to get better word out about the NWP to member communities and others. The TAC recommends that we send an initial letter from the Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Then send out messages and educational materials such as the water billing inserts. To facilitate that the TAC is developing two email distribution data bases, one for Mayors/Managers/COG Directors and County Leaders and the other for water professionals. The TAC also recommends that we develop a press release about the NWP. Josh Ellis stated that MPC will help distribute the press release.

Grant Support Letter for Illinois State Water Survey: Mr. Wallers stated that the TAC recommends that the Executive Committee send a letter in support of the ISWS's USDA's grant proposal: "Watersheds in Transition – The Chicago-Milwaukee Megalopolis: An Initiative to Prioritize Solutions." The draft letter was presented and approved after a motion by President Leitner and a second by Chairman Koehler. The ISWS is a consulting partner to the NWP.

ISWS Funding Support Letter to State of Illinois: The TAC is also recommending that the NWP send a letter to the State of Illinois in support of restoring the ISWS's funding to the State Budget. The Survey is mandated to do water level measurements (the Illinois Water Inventory Program) but they don't have

the funding. After a motion by President Berman and a second by President Michelini, the Executive Committee directed Mary Randle to develop a draft letter of support and send it to Mayor Weisner and Chairman McConnaughay for their approval. She will send out a copy of the letter to NWPA executive committee members for their records.

Illinois Water Inventory Program: Mr. Wallers suggested that the NWPA assist the ISWS with the Illinois Water Inventory Program by obtaining the water supply measurements that they must make every five years. NWPA will help by asking our members to do their own measurements and then forward the results to the ISWS. The IAWWA will also help to coordinate that effort. Wallers said that our larger communities can assist smaller communities if they have trouble taking the measurements. .

Water Leakage Program: The TAC would also like to develop a water leakage program and set a goal for the maximum amount of leakage.

Mr. Wallers will be inviting Dan Inyerd of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to meet with the NWPA.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Submitted by _____

Mary Randle, Recorder