



## Executive Committee Meeting

The Centre, 100 Symphony Way, Elgin, Illinois

5/11/17 Meeting Minutes

Elgin Mayor David Kaptain, Chairman; Kane County Board Member Deborah Allen, North Aurora President Dale Berman, DeKalb County Board member Misty Haj-Sheikh, Barrington President Karen Darch, Yorkville Mayor Gary Golinski, Oswego President Gale Johnson, South Barrington Mayor Paula McCombie. Present by invitation. Dan Hadley, ISWS hydrogeologist.

Also present: Peter Wallers, NWPA Technical Advisory Chairman; McHenry County COG Director Chalen Daigle, Will County Planner Colin Duesing, and Metro West COG Director Mary Randle.

**Welcome and Introductions:** Mayor Kaptain opened the meeting at 10 a.m. Introductions were made. Oswego President Gale Johnson and Yorkville Mayor Gary Golinski are new representatives for Metro West. Misty Haji-Sheikh noted she is now the primary delegate representing DeKalb County.

**Approved November 2016 and January 2017 minutes.** Approved after a motion by Dale Berman and Deborah Allen. (No meeting in March.)

**Approved Financial Reports: November and December of 2016 and January through April of 2017.**

The fund balance as of April 30, 2017 was \$25,049. Mary Randle noted that she sent out 2016-2017 dues invoices to the councils of government and counties in April. We have already received dues from three of the COGs. Income for 2016-2017 was boosted by proceeds from the Water Forum that was organized and presented by MPC and Mayor Weisner of Aurora, past NWPA chairman. The reports were approved after a motion by Karen Darch and a second by Gary Golinski.

**Proposed by-laws changes:** Allow Weisner and other retired chairs to serve in an ex-officio capacity.

Change two: Allow County Board chairs to designate an alternate delegate who may have a vote. This should not be a staff person but rather a current or former county board member.

**Action Item:** Mary Randle will send out an email to executive committee members about the proposed changes and ask Steve Andersson to draft the by-laws changes. We will vote on these changes at the July meeting.

**Election of Vice-chair and Treasurer:** Misty Haji-Sheikh was elected as vice-chair and Deborah Allen was elected as treasurer. The motion was made by Karen Darch and seconded by Dale Berman.

**Technical Advisory Committee Report:** Peter Wallers noted that nwpa.us is the NWPA Website. He showed the types of resources that are available on the site. One newer resource shows the water bill and wastewater bill comparisons in Northeast Illinois Water and Wastewater Rates Dashboard. Can choose by community, etc. Characteristics of your water. Also allows you to see the impact of possible rate changes. Asked the members to check out their community's information and report any errors to Peter Wallers. This was funded by an Illinois/Indiana Sea Grant. Also shows presentations to NWPA and NWPA/ISWS water reporting tool.

It is time to update our NWPA Strategic Plan. Peter would like to start the process of applying for a CMAP Technical Assistance Grant for that purpose. Berman moved and second by Haji-Sheikh for Peter to apply for the grant.

Pete asked for reimbursement of: Teleprompter for Water Forum \$495. Reimburse City of Aurora. This was approved after a motion by Dale Berman and a second by Ms. Haji-Sheikh.

He gave out copies of brochure: Seed or Sod? Establishing a New Lawn. They are working on putting this into a digital format.

Ms. Allen discussed a native buffalo grass that a Kane County area is thinking about sowing. Haji-Sheikh said they use this a lot in Texas. Peter Wallers said he could find out more about this as additional resource.

NWPA/ISWS Aquifer Storage and Re-Charge: We may pursue a grant on this in the future.

Illinois State Water Survey will be working with us on recording total water supply for the region.

Compares available water supply to what is available. What is the sustainable amount we can withdraw from aquifers? That changes with time. We are also trying to get a handle on water movement between aquifers. Compares projected water demand and supply.

Gary Clark will come to our next meeting to discuss water law. He was formerly with IDNR. One thing he will discuss is the rule of reasonable use.

IDNR has reached out to us and CMAP to have us do a water planning meeting to plan what we will do if water supply funding comes through from the state. Peter Wallers will attend the May 22 meeting in Chicago and report back.

**Drive Down:** When Metro West COG did its drive down in March, they also presented to IDNR and IEPA on NWPA's progress. This is done annually. We also met with Illinois Department of Public Health regarding issues that the TAC is concerned with. The meetings went very well.

The Lead Testing in Schools bill was passed and made the schools responsible for funding the testing instead of the municipalities.

Deborah Allen asked if we could link to the BACOG educational presentation for school children about water supply.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 13.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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

Dale Berman, Secretary