



Technical Advisory Committee

The Centre at Elgin

(West Conference Room)

100 Symphony Way, Elgin

March 24, 2015

Meeting Minutes

Present: Pete Wallers, Chairman representing MWCOG; Jerry Elliott, Sugar Grove Water Authority; Donald Pfeffer, Sugar Grove Water Authority; Mike Martens, City of Geneva; Tim Loftus, CMAP; Amy Gahala, USGS; Jennifer Hughes, Village of Oswego; Dave Siegel, Elgin Sustainability Commission; David Schmidt, Village of Barrington; Paul Schuch, Retired – Kane County; Angie Smith, EEI; Mike Palmer, City of McHenry; Walt Kelly, ISWS; Angela Zubko, Kendall County; Gary Swick, Friends of the Fox River; Jodie Wollnik, Kane County Water Resources; Dave Schumacher, City of Aurora; Maragaret Schneemann, IISG and Joanna Colletti, McHenry County Planning & Development.

Pete Wallers called the meeting to order at 10:04 A.M.

Welcome, Roll Call and Introductions: Pete (EEI) welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were given by those present.

Agenda Changes and Announcements: There were no changes to the agenda.

Approval of February Meeting Minutes: Angela (Kendall County) made a motion to approve the meeting minutes; Jennifer (Oswego) seconded. Motion carries. Minutes approved.

General Discussion on Current Water Topics in the NWPA Area: Nothing at this time.

Strategic Plan: Education Initiative – Dr. Tim Loftus, CMAP: Tim (CMAP) shared with the group that last Monday IDNR decided to put a hold on their funding for his involvement in the TAC. He shared a letter that was prepared on behalf of CMAP and asked others to prepare a letter as well and send it in. He will still be able to attend the meetings on behalf of his role at Harvard and Carpentersville; however, it will change his role with the TAC immensely. Pete will draft a letter on behalf of MWCOG and send it in. A motion was made to oppose the hold on the funding and move it to the Executive Committee for discussion and action. Paul Schuch made a motion to approve. Mike (McHenry) seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

Tim wrapped up a few things – at the last Executive Committee meeting it was discussed that the Executive Committee should be the lead; they declined and would remain a co-lead. However, it was discussed that the COG directors feel underutilized so they would be happy to take the lead since they are a main contact to the municipalities. Logistics of this just need to be figured out.



Tim commented that he is not getting much data for IWIP and so he decided to just reach out to the communities himself to get the missing data. He noted that he is still missing 2012 data points for Barrington, Woodstock, St. Charles, Union and a few others.

Education initiative: two tracks – Friends of the Fox River; Margaret (IISG) – to the next Executive Committee meeting; printing quotes for second brochure.

Margaret discussed the Water Loss Brochure and reported that it was released as a web version last week. Quotes for printing: 250 = \$338; 500 = \$483; 1,000 = \$786. Last time IISG paid half and NWPA paid half the cost; will take to Executive Committee meeting for half the costs as well. Pete stated that we will send out an e-mail and will get it posted on the website.

Guest Speaker: Gary Swick, Board President, Friends of the Fox River Educational Activities

Gary gave a little background on himself. He noted that he took a look at the Strategic Plan and he will try to show how we can achieve a couple of our goals through his organization. The main event for Friends of the Fox River is to get the kids in the streams so they can assess the streams and look for signs. Become Watershed Watchdogs! They have 3 chapters for a Middle School Program. Last year they signed a contract with Elgin and the B&W – each gave \$5K in order to get U46 involved. They got 2000 students involved. This works towards the next generation of science standards because they are understanding the big picture and asking questions.

NWPA – Communication/Outreach: Pete (EEI) reported that we do have a couple of people shortlisted for the intern position and will hopefully have that person on board by the next meeting.

ISWS: Walt (ISWS) will be meeting with Joliet and other area municipalities on April 9th. It sounds like they are looking at the Kankakee River as an option.

Walt (ISWS) commented on IWIP and mentioned that irrigation is going to have to report this year. There's a draft workbook on their website for the irrigation users so they can learn how to fill out the form.

Water Loss Accounting, Update on IEPA Initiative: Tim (CMap) reported that the subcommittee should have met by now to discuss the next round of Water Audit training. Pete (EEI) inquired if anyone has done the self-audit? Jennifer (Oswego) has only been through the training. Mike (McHenry) hasn't been able to attend the training, but is still hopeful that he will make it at some point.

State and Regional Water Supply Planning, Update – MPC and CMAP: Tim (CMAP) we are going to move forward with the April 16th Water Forum and MPC will lead it and it will be held at CMAP. MPC has been successful in getting Marcia Wilhite to attend the meeting. Not sure what the group looks like going forward.

Executive Committee Update: Pete (MWCOG) reported that the biggest outcome of the last meeting was getting the COG Directors more engaged. He also noted that that have been a few new members as well.

Other Business: Dave (Elgin Sustainability Commission) stated that on Wed., April 22nd Elgin Community College will be holding a Sustainability Maker Faire from 11 AM – 3 PM. Two major goals of the event are to bring



sustainability into the curriculum and outreach to the general community. <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/ecc-sustainability-maker-faire-2015-tickets-15510614666>

The next meeting will be held on April 28, 2015 at the Centre at Elgin.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 A.M.

Submitted by _____ Angie Smith, EEI