



Technical Advisory Committee

October 22, 2013

Meeting Minutes

Present: Pete Wallers, Chairman representing MWCOG; Scott Meyers of ISWS; Jeff Freeman, EEI; Angie Smith, EEI; Tim Loftus, CMAP; Kurt Thompson, representing BACOG; Paul Schuch, Kane County; Jodie Wollnik, Kane County; Josh Ellis, MPC; Kaitlyn McClane, MPC; Ed Coggin representing MCCOG; Kyla Jacobsen, City of Elgin; Rebecca Von Drasek, DeKalb; John Hortness, USGS; David Husemoller, Lake County; Dave Schumacher, City of Aurora; Sarah Hasah, Apex Companies.

Pete Wallers called the meeting to order at 10:11 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 July Meeting Minutes – Kyla Jacobsen made a motion to approve. Rebecca Von Drasek seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

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

Strategic Planning – Dr. Loftus, CMAP went through the Strategic Planning Matrix dated 10/7/13.

Tim opened the discussion with what the length of the Strategic Plan should be – three years, five years? Tim's recommendation is that it should be a two year plan; 2014 – 2016. Prioritization would then be based on what do we want to accomplish in the first six months, first year, 18 – 24 month period. Discussion was had regarding the timeframe and the group went through the process of prioritizing each objective and strategy. Consensus was that it would be a three year timeframe; 2014 – 2016 and NWPA could begin a review process in the second year.

Newsletter – Kaitlyn McClain, AmeriCorps VISTA (MPC), gave a brief overview of the Newsletter that she has developed. We have an editing schedule that has been finalized; the newsletter will be going out the second Monday of each month. In addition to Pete Wallers, Paul Schuch and Jodie Wollnik will be reviewing the newsletter; watch for the draft by the end of the week. Kaitlyn requested any pictures that could be used for the *Picture of the Month* section and also any volunteer to write four to five short sentences to go along with the picture. Now that we are getting going on if you have any events that are going on in your community or relevant links please send her the information. Josh Ellis elaborated on the *Picture of the Month* section; it's a corner of the newsletter that highlights pieces of our



infrastructure system that will need to be replaced just to show them here's an old meter vs. a new meter. Well gauges, hydrograph, etc. doesn't need to be long, interesting things that will raise awareness. Rebecca Von Drasek questioned who was on the distribution list. Pete, yes essentially it's the Executive Committee, TAC, Mayors/Managers for every community within the NWPA and COGs. Additional people could subscribe as well as it can be forwarded to others. There are about 200 contacts on the distribution list. A link will be created on the NWPA website under the *Resource Center*.

Various Updates: IDPH/Plumbing Code – Josh Ellis, MPC, - Regarding Regional Water Supply Planning one of the things that NWPA recommended was that IDNR consider allowing communities to have the ability to apply for a partial allocation of Lake Michigan water. It sounds like IDNR is going to include that in the rule changes. The plumbing code; the language has been amended to provide for the “green additions”. The next step is to get the code revisions to JCAR for consideration. Josh will write up a letter of support to come from the NWPA.

Lawn Watering Manual – Pete Wallers stated that the manual is finished. The intent is to send one copy to each entity in the NWPA with a cover letter from Mayor Weisner. It's available on the NWPA website already under the *Resource Center*. The link will also be in the Newsletter that will be going out.

Water Reporting – NWPA Update: Pete Wallers, The NWPA model is ready to roll. The new draft has been sent to Walt Kelly at ISWS because they think they can use the NWPA form as the basis for a substitute for their IWIP requirements. They are interested in partnering with us and having one system that fulfills the IWIP requirement. We will be working with them to coordinate the effort. We will target the roll out in January 2014. This could also be another article to include in the newsletter – NWPA and ISWS partnering.

NWPA Executive Committee Update: Pete Wallers stated that at the next Executive Committee meeting they are planning on approving the strategic plan.

RWSPG Planning Mtg.: Josh Ellis stated the group has started back up again and will be meeting every other month going forward.

Other Business:

Next Meeting: Tues., Nov. 26, 2013

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Submitted by _____

Angie Smith, Recorder