



Technical Advisory Committee

The Centre at Elgin

(East Conference Room)

100 Symphony Way, Elgin

March 28, 2017

Meeting Minutes

Present: Pete Wallers, Chairman representing MWCOG; Danielle Gallett, MPC; Paul Schuch, Retired Kane County; Bob Sasman, Retired ISWS; Daniel Abrams, Illinois State Water Survey; Nora Bertram, CMAP; Jennifer Hughes, Village of Oswego; Bob Benson, Trotter and Associates; Jodie Wollnik, Kane County Water Resources; Jim Eggen, City of Joliet; Jerry Elliott, Sugar Grove Water Authority; Scott Kukyendall, McHenry County; John Dillon, ISAWWA; Dave Schumacher, City of Aurora; Dave Segal, Elgin Sustainability Commission; Margaret Schneemann, IISG; and Angie Smith, EEI.

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

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

Agenda Changes and Announcements: Pete (MWCOG) we may want to consider not having a meeting in March next year and going forward due to WATERCON and other conferences and Spring Break.

Approval of February Meeting Minutes: Jerry (SG Water Authority) made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Jennifer (OS) seconded. All in favor minutes approved.

General Discussion on Current Water Topics in the NWPA Area: Jerry (SG Water Authority) reported that they are continuing with the location of the well monitoring program. He offered to give a presentation at the next meeting.

NWPA – Communications/Outreach: Danielle (MPC) reported that we have a new intern – Roya Alkafaji. Roya is currently in school and she has been working on research agenda items and working on the Water 1-2-3 Guide. Pete (MWCOG) commented that he would like to get our newsletter back on track.

Presentation “Illinois Groundwater Flow Model” by Dr. Daniel Abrams (ISWS): Daniel reported that they have been working on connecting all of the individual models into one. This combines local and regional models into one modeling framework which gives a common database. There will be a report coming out in about a month. There are 21 layers in the Regional Northern Illinois Scenario Model. By putting the models together, we can now see that there are some drawdowns happening out in western Illinois as well. Another benefit of combining all of the models together also allows the model to show the recharge levels throughout the St. Peter Sandstone.



CMAP (Update): Nora (CMAP) reported that they are in the process of developing their next regional development comprehensive plan that is due in 2018. They are focused on a water strategy paper; Margaret (IISG) is also assisting with this endeavor. Hoping to come back in April and report on this. CMAP will be hosting a Technical Assistance Symposium on May 16th.

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07edwthklI2f53a90a&llr=nrjibvcab>

It would be nice to see a lot of submissions from our water suppliers.

ISAWWA (Update): John (ISAWWA) reported that WATERCON was last week. Thanked those that attended and presented as well. He also mentioned the recent webinars that were hosted for the Lead information.

MPC (Update): Danielle (MPC) reported that their main focus is on the Water 1-2-3 Guide right now. There will be an online component as well as a printed version. Hoping that this is a baseline guide for elected officials. They are looking for case studies.

ISWS (Update): Daniel (ISWS) reported that they found an old pump test from 1942 by the Army Corp of Engineers in Elwood. They are in the process of analyzing the data using MODFLOW. George Roadcap went to Elwood and discussed working with them. Elwood is going to allow ISWS to use three of the wells for data observation. Went and visited with the Godley Water Treatment Plant, they are considering going on the Kankakee River along with several other nearby communities – Braidwood, Coal City, Diamond. Their inlet intake would be located in Wilmington.

IDNR (Update): No update at this time.

Executive Committee Update: Pete (MWCOG) reported that they did not hold the March meeting. The next meeting will be held in May.

Other Business:

Fox River Implementation Plan: Nothing at this time.

IDPH: Pete (MWCOG) commented that ISAWWA has formed a sub-committee to meet with the IDPH to talk about service and amendments to the Plumbing Code. Jeff Kaiser is the chairman. There will be more discussions going forward on this topic.

Seed and Sod Brochure: Margaret (IISG) commented that it is finalized and it is up on the NWPA website under the Resource Center. http://www.nwpa.us/pdfs/resource_center/FY17-0064_SEED%20TO%20SOD%20BROCHURE.pdf

Also, still working on trying to compile the video as well. She also mentioned that the Tribune will be doing an article on Water Rate Studies and will be using her dashboard.

The next meeting will be held on April 25, 2017 at the Centre at Elgin.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Submitted by _____ Angie Smith, EEI