



Technical Advisory Committee

The Centre at Elgin

(West Conference Room)

100 Symphony Way, Elgin

April 26, 2016

Meeting Minutes

Present: Pete Wallers, Chairman representing MWCOG; Walt Kelly, ISWS; Danielle Gallett, MPC; Jaci Admundson, NWPA Intern; Angie Smith, EEI; Jeff Freeman, EEI; Jerry Elliott, Sugar Grove Water Authority; Don Pfeffer, Sugar Grove Water Authority; Paul Schuch, Retired Kane County; Janet Agnoletti, BACOG; Todd Hoppenstedt, Village of Montgomery; Jennifer Hughes, Village of Oswego; Kyla Jacobsen, City of Elgin; Don Zeilenga, Robinson Engineering; Victor Ramirez, City of Crystal Lake; Jodie Wollnik, Kane County Water Resources; John Dillon, City of Batavia; David Schmidt, Village of Barrington; Wes Catoor, IDNR; Amy Gahala, USGS; Tim Wilson, City of St. Charles; Margaret Schneemann, IISG; and Bob VanGyseghem, City of Geneva.

Pete Wallers called the meeting to order at 10:03 A.M.

Welcome, Roll Call 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 February Meeting Minutes: Todd (MO) made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. John (BA) seconded. Minutes are approved.

General Discussion on Current Water Topics in the NWPA Area: Janet (BACOG) received some phone calls regarding the lead in the water and they will be doing well testing in the Fall.

Jennifer (Oswego) gave a presentation to the Board on the subject.

Kyla (EG) it's died down a little bit. She is now the Chairman for the ISAWWA Water Utility so she is having daily interaction with the legislators. We have several lines that have lead in them. Made sure to communicate with the homeowner's regarding this.

Danielle (MPC) reported that the City of Chicago has made the news regarding the lead issue with all of the water main replacement that is going on in the City.

Victor (CL) has a scheduled interview with the local newspaper just to get the information out there and put people at ease. They probably have 700 services that have lead in them.



John (BA) utilize this year's Consumers' Confidence Report (CCR) with the lead information. Have to do 30 samples every two years. He also stated that there is quite a bit of information on the AWWA website for lead resources. <http://www.awwa.org/resources-tools/water-knowledge/lead.aspx>

Tim (SR) transactions between buyers/sellers with new houses, etc. for wanting lead samples.

Dave (BR) a lot of panic over one town.

Walt (ISWS) the emergency bill for higher education was passed, but the ISWS was left out of the budget. Encourage you to write to your legislator to tell them how important the institute is.

Wes (IDNR) dealing with the Lake Michigan allocation issue.

Kyla (EG) national AWWA – May 25th 12:00 – 1:30 PM on steps for communities to take against lead.

Presentation by Janet Agnoletti, BACOG ~ “Elementary School Groundwater Video”: Janet gave a brief history of BACOG's involvement with groundwater. She stated that they have been working on groundwater since 2001 when she formed a committee. 99% of our wells in the BACOG area are in the shallow aquifer. Since about 2006-2007 we've been working on the research for our wells and groundwater information. Brought this information to the public in 2009 – groundwater recharge map. Have also been working on water quality mapping this year. Started a private well testing in conjunction with Lake County Health Department in 2010 and we do it every year. Over 2,000 wells have been tested since 2010. Going to be doing something on lead this Fall and work with ISWS to get results. Newer science program is working on the water levels and we will have a new report in about 5 years. Theme is “Know Your Water” that carries throughout all of our information. The goal of the program is to get the information out to the public and to the local school district 220 so the students can take the information back to their family. After watching the video the students have an opportunity to Skype with a Scientist from ISAWWA. This video is also on our website: www.bacog.org

Water Forum Day – Danielle (MPC) gave the details of the event: Thurs, May 12th at Two Brothers Roundhouse from 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM. It is being put on jointly between NWPA, MPC and the City of Aurora. The target audience is elected officials and this will be high level details and why they should care.

NWPA – Communication/Outreach: Jaci reported that at the last meeting we were discussing the strategic plan. A survey was sent out to the group – 1. Uniform message, 2. Messaging, 3. Budget and key strategic items. 23 responses to the survey; pretty low response rate. Danielle (MPC) working right now on the water forum day. Once that is completed then we will circle back to the survey responses and focus on those.

Jaci (NWPA Intern) gave an update on the newsletter that went out last Thursday. Upgraded the format of the newsletter that went out to make it a little easier to read. Pete (MWCOG) stated that the next newsletter should have an article about lead in it.

Strategic Plan Update: Danielle (MPC) reported that this is in the works. Messaging is really important and being out in front of the elected officials.



MPC (Update): Danielle (MPC) working on Water Day Forum, but also working on figuring out how MPC can assist the area with water issues with the regional group.

ISWS (Update): Walt (ISWS) reported that the modelers have been busy. Would like to bring a couple of them up in the next couple of months to show some things that have been discovered in this region.

IDNR (Update): Wes (IDNR) Lake Michigan allocation issue. Have been contacted with questions on how much money they're going to need for their current initiatives. There will be a meeting on May 4th to discuss water resources funding in Springfield.

Water Loss Accounting: Jeff (EEI) reported that AWWA is waiting to hear on funding. Danielle (MPC) there's some state budget issue to release the funds to do additional training.

Low Interest Loan (LIL) Program Revisions: Danielle (MPC) they've done some improvements to the website, but they are still working on them. If you are interested in pursuing the LIL program just call them to find out if it is eligible and what the process is.

Executive Committee Update: Working on the water forum.

Other Business: Pete (MWCOC) reminded the group that we still have the Seed and Sod brochure to review. He asked who would be interested in looking at it and putting together some thoughts and ideas to give feedback back to Adrienne.

Jodie (KC) reported that the Wasco Sanitary District is taking their water tower out of service and they are on a complete watering ban. Fox Mill and Prairie Lakes will be on a complete seed, rainwater program.

Fox River Implementation Plan: Kyla (EG) stated that they have met with IEPA twice to get their input for the Federal presentation. Planning for a June/July meeting timeframe to present the information to the Federal IEPA and get their feedback.

MS4 NPDES ILR 40: Pete (MWCOC) stated that they have been issued. Kane County put together a nice presentation on the information.

Danielle (MPC) reported that she is also an urban planner and she sits on the water working group for the APA. She reported that APA is making an effort to figure out education for water for planners.

The next meeting will be held on May 24, 2016 at the Centre at Elgin.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 AM.

Submitted by _____ Angie Smith, EEI