



## Technical Advisory Committee

### The Centre at Elgin

(East Conference Room)

100 Symphony Way, Elgin

May 23, 2017

### Meeting Minutes

Present: Pete Wallers, Chairman representing MWCOG; Nora Beck, CMAP; Jodie Wollnik, Kane County Water Resources; Todd Hoppenstedt, Village of Montgomery; Mike Palmer, City of McHenry; Jerry Elliott, Sugar Grove Water Authority; Amy Gahala, USGS; Bob Kay, USGS; Paul Schuch, Retired Kane County; Al Wehrmann, Interra; Danielle Gallet, MPC; Tom Weisner, Retired Mayor of City of Aurora; Dan Nagel, Sugar Grove Water Authority; Jeff Babich, Sugar Grove Water Authority; Dave Segal, Elgin Sustainability Committee; Don Zeling, Robinson Engineering; Scott Kuykendall, McHenry County; Derek Hiland, DeKalb County; Margaret Schneemann, Illinois Indiana Sea Grant; Walt Kelly, Illinois State Water Survey; Matt Wilson, City of St. Charles; Jeff Freeman, EEI and Angie Smith, EEI.

Pete Wallers called the meeting to order at 10:06 A.M.

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

**Agenda Changes and Announcements:** Pete (MWCOG) reported that Devin Mannix, Illinois State Water Survey, is under the weather today so he will not be here today to give the presentation noted on the Agenda. Jeff Freeman, EEI, will be presenting on the *Sub-Regional Water Supply Plan for Oswego, Yorkville and Montgomery* in his place.

**Approval of April Meeting Minutes:** Todd (Montgomery) made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Mike (McHenry) seconded. All in favor minutes approved.

**General Discussion on Current Water Topics in the NWPA Area:** Jerry (SG Water Authority) still working on IGA's. Jodie (KC) the Campton Township IGA was approved by both boards in May and hoping to kick it off in June. The intent is to start with 2-4 wells and then go to 6-8 wells. They will be starting with the Well 'n Tell equipment.

**Presentation "Sub-Regional Water Supply Planning and Treatment Analysis Defines Sustainable Water Supply Plan for Three Lower Fox River Watershed Communities" by Jeff Freeman (EEI):** Jeff's presentation was an overview of how the project came to fruition and the potential banding together of the municipalities to share the cost for the project.



Discussion was had amongst the group after the presentation regarding the various rates that are charged from various entities that are using Lake Michigan water, etc.

**CMAP (Update):** Nora (CMAP) thanked everyone for their feedback and advice that was given at the last meeting. They are finalizing a water draft for June 1<sup>st</sup>; when it is completed she will send it to Pete for distribution amongst the group. The LTA call for projects is still open; they are due June 29<sup>th</sup>.

**ISAWWA (Update):** Jeff (EEI/ISWS) reported that they are continuing with the lead mitigation. There's a webinar this afternoon. The WUC has a conference call this afternoon. They are still waiting on hearing back from IDPH regarding their suggestions. Pete (MWCOG) will have a better update at the next TAC meeting after the conference call this afternoon. Foresee some changes coming in regard to how the taps are handled and the chlorine residuals. Danielle (MPC) suggested that the topic be brought back up about just going with the National Plumbing Code instead of Illinois having its own separate code.

**MPC (Update):** Danielle (MPC) reported that they are still working on putting together the Drinking Water 1-2-3 Guide; it's just been a slow process. She is looking for the following stories/case studies: 1. outdoor watering practices, 2. studies for drought planning, 3. water loss control using M-36 manual, 4. a rate study – full cost and who has considered affordability and 5. community outreach and education regarding water supply. As a draft gets completed it will be shared with the group. She also mentioned that there are various sponsorships levels that they are looking for; she will send a flyer to Pete to distribute to the group.

**ISWS (Update):** Walt (ISWS) reported that they gave a presentation to the Three Rivers Manufacturing group. Have had good interaction with the County, Municipality, but not the industries. There was about 65 people in attendance and much more interest with what's going on. They are trying to organize a "NWPA" type group down in that area – Joliet, New Lenox, Frankfort and a few others. Jim Eggen is trying to re-start that group back up; it has been around since the 70's. Paul (KC) inquired if there was any communication down that way between the organizations. Pete (MWCOG) gave an update that IDNR is looking ahead to when Illinois will have a budget and held a brainstorming session yesterday amongst NWPA, MPC, Jim Eggen, Walt Kelly, and others. Going to try and meet semi-annually to discuss progress of the region. One of the main reasons to have that meeting was to discuss creating sub-regions within northeastern Illinois as different areas have different items to deal with.

**IDNR (Update):** Wes (IDNR) reported that nothing new has come up. If funding were to become available what would the priorities be for each planning region. Take the regional planning efforts and combine with the state-wide planning and figure out how to spend it. Some other priorities that have come up – funding for ISWS and water planning. Looking to start up a community drought database. Continue to work with ISWS and this region for the aquifer shortage and foster partnerships. At the state level promote a groundwater sustainability program. Some other activities – climatology for the state of Illinois utilizing the Rainfall Bulletin 70. One other thing because state funding is what it is, the regional water supply planning committee received funding after the last drought.

**Executive Committee Update:** Pete (MWCOG) reported on the meeting in May. Discussed some by law changes, Dan Haldey presented and we also discussed NWPA submitting for a LTA request. Will be working on that with Nora and Jason's assistance. We also need to revise/update our Strategic Plan as well.



**Other Business:**

**Fox River Implementation Plan:** Pete (MWCOG) reported that we are still waiting on feedback from IEPA.

**IDPH:** Pete (MWCOG) commented already covered in previous comments.

Margaret (IISG) reported that they finally have the video completed with Mayor Weisner, Kyla Jacobsen, Paul May, Walt Kelly and a couple of others. Those will be ready to upload this summer on the NWPA website.

The seed vs. sod brochure is completed. Do have some money for printing – need to know quantity. Pete (MWCOG) a digital version can be found on the NWPA website.

[http://www.nwpa.us/pdfs/resource\\_center/FY17-0064\\_SEED%20TO%20SOD%20BROCHURE.pdf](http://www.nwpa.us/pdfs/resource_center/FY17-0064_SEED%20TO%20SOD%20BROCHURE.pdf)

Pete (MWCOG) one other thing that came up at the Executive Committee meeting was Buffalo grass. Margaret replied that it just looks unattractive when mixed and therefore it's not suggested to mix. Will get Pete some info to share with the Executive Committee group.

Scott (McHenry County) stated that they will be having a water summit in the late Fall. Looking for an inspirational speaker that would be willing to participate.

The next meeting will be held on June 27, 2017 at the Centre at Elgin.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 PM.

Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_ Angie Smith, EEI