



Technical Advisory Committee Zoom Meeting

September 22, 2020

Meeting Minutes

Present: Peter Wallers, MWCOG; Natalie Karney, Village of South Barrington; Kevin Fecske, Village of Barrington; Matt Asselmeier, Kendall County; Justin Keller, MPC; Daniel Abrams, ISWS; Scott Kuykendall, McHenry County; Annie Storey, ISAWWA; John Dillon, ISAWWA; Wes Cattoor, IDNR; ; Austin McFarlane, Lake County; Jodie Wollnik, Kane County Water Resources; Jeff Zoephel, Village of Montgomery; Jim Casey, IDNR; Jeff Freeman, EEI; Judith Thomas, USGS; Anthony Speciale, Village of Sugar Grove; Loren Wobig, IDNR; David Schumacher, City of Aurora; Margaret Schneemann, IISG; Walt Kelly, ISWS; Matt Brolley, Village of Montgomery; Jeff Babich, SGTWA; Derek Hiland, DeKalb County; Jason Zhang, ISWS; Mark Wolf, Village of Montgomery; Jennifer Hughes, Village of Oswego; Michele Piotrowski, EEI; Faye Sinnott, FC/SCWP; Angie Smith, EEI.

Peter Wallers called the meeting to order at 10:02 A.M.

Welcome, Roll Call and Introductions: Pete (MWCOG) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Agenda Changes and Announcements: Pete (MWCOG) confirmed that Loren Wobig from IDNR will also be joining Wes (IDNR) for the presentation.

Approval of July Meeting Minutes: John (ISAWWA) made a motion to approve. Jeff (EEI) seconded. Minutes approved.

General Discussion on Current Water Topics in the NWPA Area: Pete (MWCOG) opened up the group for discussion.

Dave (AU), the water quality from the Fox River has been good even through the moderate drought.

Executive Committee Update: Pete (MWCOG) reported that they had an Executive Committee meeting on September 12th where they discussed the development of a sustainability plan for the NWPA region. Nora (CMAP) put together a whitepaper for the Executive Committee. It is in the beginning stages of development. Plan to bring this to the TAC meeting in October for discussion. The Executive Committee would like to refine the statement of emerging contaminants.

Kevin (Barrington) IEPA has reached out to the Village to test for PFAS with no charge to the Village. Testing will take 12-15 months and IEPA will be conducting the testing. Tony (SG) confirmed that they also received a letter. Dave (AU) they will be testing for 18 compounds in the PFAS/PFOS, so they are considering doing their own sampling in advance of IEPA. Judith (USGS) had a call with IEPA this morning, they did put out a press release with some links with additional information. John (ISAWWA) question to AU for sampling cost and testing



procedures. Dave (AU) can't test on-site so waiting on a cost proposal. Jeff (EEI) commented that Elgin has also done some sampling on the Fox River and he recalls that levels were quite low.

Press release was on the 14th <https://www2.illinois.gov/Pages/news-item.aspx?ReleaseID=22078>
 PFAS website <https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/water-quality/pfas/Pages/default.aspx>

Presentation: “State Water Plan Public Outreach”: Wes (IDNR) and Loren (IDNR) gave an update on the State Water Plan Task Force. They reviewed the history of the plan and the set-up of the first plan that was created. For this update they are setting a 5-year time period before it’s updated again. The process was updated to resurrect this task force again – organize: determine new critical issues and/or updates to existing; assign lead and supporting agencies; establish consistent practices; research and outreach: create committees for the critical issues; identify issues, impacts, on-going activities, recommendations and benefits; publish: combine finding and publish report; determine next steps.

Mission: For state agencies to develop a concise plan for addressing the water issues facing the state in an efficient and unified front.

Goals: to develop a Plan that provides policy and program guidance in water resources management and ensures that the water resources of the state are available to all in Illinois regardless of race, income, housing status, or geography, and that remediation efforts enhance and protect water quality and supply for all Illinoisans and wildlife.

The group identified various topics and then ranked them in order of importance. From that initial ranking 13 most critical issues were identified as well as a Lead and Supporting Agency for each.

#	Issue	Lead	Supporting Agencies
1	Water Quality	IEPA	ISWS, ORC, IDPH, OMM
2	Climate Change	ISWS	OWR, ORC, IWRC
3	Integrated Water Management	OWR	IEPA, ISWS
4	Long Term Funding	IEPA	OWR, IDPH
5	Water Sustainability	OWR	ISWS, ORC
6	Lake Michigan	OWR	IEPA
7	Flood Damage Mitigation	OWR	IEPA, ISWS
8	Aquatic & Riparian Habitat	ORC	ISWS, OWR, IWRC
9	Illinois Water Use Laws & Regulations	OWR	IWRC
10	Navigation Needs & Improvements	IDOT	OWR
11	Erosion & Sedimentation	IDOA	ISWS
12	Stream Data Management	ISWS	IDOT, IWRC
13	Recreation	ORC	IDOT, OWR



Next steps include Public Outreach Meetings with pre-recorded presentation and questionnaires available.

Tentative remaining report schedule:

- Nov 15 – Publish Presentation and questionnaire
- Dec 1,2,3 – Public outreach event on identified issues
- Jan 15, 2021 – Close public comments period
- Mar 31 – Finalize Issues
- May 11, 12, 13– Public Outreach on report recommendations
- June 18 – Close public comments period
- Aug 31 – Finalize recommendations
- Nov 17 – Final Public Outreach on draft report
- Dec 31 – Publish Report

Encourage all to fill out the Illinois State Water Plan Survey in November; if you have expertise and are willing to be a part of an issue committee; share public outreach meetings details (once re-scheduled). Remember this is not state mandated so this is a volunteer committee so support your state employees. Here is a link to the website: <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/WaterResources/Pages/StateWaterPlanTaskForce.aspx>

Sensible Salting Committee (SSC) (Update): Scott (McHenry); still working on the Resource Plan. He did get invited to speak at the SIMA conference, but he had to decline due to other workload commitments. Jennifer Hammer, Conservation Foundation, they are still doing SS programs.

CMAF (Update): Margaret (IISG) reported that they are working with Wes (IDNR) for funding for continuation for NWPA and SWPG. If approved would take place in November.

ISAWWA (Update): Annie (ISAWWA) reported that they are planning for the Regulatory Update that will be held virtually. Also just hosted focus groups for utilities due to COVID-19 and those will be in the Splash edition.

Jeff (EEI/ISAWWA) commented on the Rock, Paper, Scissors tournament – Keith Alexander from Decatur was the winner; tournament was to raise funds for Water for People.

MPC (Update): None at this time.

ISWS (Update): Walt (ISWS) most of their work is being done in the Joliet area. Daniel and Cecilia are working on the report that will be finalized and on the website by the end of the week. Starting a couple of water quality sampling projects – one near the Sandwich Fault Zone and the other will be in Will County for the silurian dolomite. Should be done within the next 4-6 weeks. Last week on a call with Elizabeth Ciser with the Joyce Foundation and very interested in the groundwater issues; RFP forthcoming. They are interested in the entire state. She will be contacting several of you in the future.



IDNR (Update): Wes (IDNR) working with CMAP and ISWS to get new agreements in place for FY22 – FY23. ISWS working with Daniel and getting a new proposal pushed up the ladder right now as we speak. Joyce Foundation did reach out to him and he echoed the NWPA and Nora’s work for the group.

USGS (Update): Judith (USGS) reported that Amy is in the field. McHenry County sampling results are starting to come in and will start looking at that data. This data set will also include some emerging contaminants. They were able to find some funding for a couple of samples. Amy collected samples for microplastics, working with professor from NIU for this project. The City of Crystal Lake project has started to investigate the feasibility of lake levels for groundwater. USGS will be involved in the new PFAS IEPA work.

Other Business: Pete (MWCOCG) no pending regulation to comment on at this time. Look for a busy spring.

Village President Brolley(Montgomery) commented that he sits on the NWPA Executive Committee and he commended Loren and Wes (IDNR) for the Illinois State Water Plan. Thanked all in the group as well.

Wes (IDNR) getting fairly active with dam removal in Carpentersville and North Aurora. There is still funding available for damn removals. Reach out to the department and they will be happy to work with you.

The next meeting will be held on October 27, 2020 at 10 AM via Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 AM.

Submitted by _____ Angie Smith, EEI