



Technical Advisory Committee

The Centre at Elgin

(East Conference Room)

100 Symphony Way, Elgin

November 28, 2017

Meeting Minutes

Present: Pete Wallers, Chairman representing MWCOG; MPC; Kyla Jacobsen, Fox River Advocate; Jerry Elliott, Sugar Grove Water Authority; Jeff Babich, Sugar Grove Water Authority; Marcellus Anderson, DeKalb County; Matt Asselmeier, Kendall County; Walt Kelly, Illinois State Water Survey; Tim Zasada, Village of Oswego; Don Zelinga, Robinson Engineering; Ryan McDillon, Village of Lake in the Hills; Todd Hoppenstedt, Village of Montgomery; Ed Coggin, McCOG; John Dillon, ISAWWA; Dave Siegel, Elgin Sustainability Commission; Margaret Schneemann, U of I Extension; Natalie Karney, Village of South Barrington; Danielle Gallet, MPC; Jodie Wollnik, Kane County; Scott Kuykendall, McHenry County; Mike Palmer, City of McHenry; 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: None.

Approval of October Meeting Minutes: Todd (Montgomery) made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Jodie (Kane County Water Resources) seconded. All in favor, minutes approved.

General Discussion on Current Water Topics in the NWPA Area: Kyla (Elgin) reported that water quality is going well. June 1st through October 31st doing weekly sampling of the Fox River at five different locations. Will be taking that information and deciphering it into some recognizable format.

Natalie (South Barrington) questioned when the Strategic Plan would be updated; BACOG asked her to follow up on that process. Would like to include the data from the well monitoring program/report that they have been working on. Pete (MWCOG) stated that we will get back on the Strategic Plan after the first of the year.

Jodie (Kane County) reported that they are also working with ISWS to monitor some wells and still looking to get the first two on-line. Hoping by the first of the year to have the first two wells up and running.

Jerry (Sugar Grove Water Authority) gave a brief update on the monitoring of the wells. They have two operating wells and two more well sites that are ready to go.



McHenry County Water Forum – Recap: Scott (McHenry County) gave a recap on the Water Forum that was held on November 8th. There were about 180 people in attendance at the event.

CMAP (Update): Margaret (IISG) gave a brief update on the initiatives that are being funded by IDNR and they will be working on updating Water 2050. The projected date is June 2018 to have it finalized. Danielle (MPC) reported that they are also working on the LTA for Oswego, Yorkville, and Montgomery to explore what a shared governing structure for a water treatment plant could look like. Will also be working with the Public Water Commission in the Joliet region in Will County. This needs to be done by June 2018 as well.

ISAWWA (Update): John (ISAWWA) reported that Feb. 20th and 21st AWWA National has a Water Loss Seminar in Chicago. Kyla (ISAWWA) gave an update on the chlorine standards update. Pete (MWCOG) stated that ISAWWA sent out a sample letter that can be used to send in. We need to try and encourage communities to object the change.

MPC (Update): Danielle (MPC) gave an update on the *Drinking Water 1-2-3 Guide* for elected officials. Four partners – ISAWWA, CMAP, MMC and NWPA. Sponsors – Sugar Grove Water Authority, Robinson Engineering and others as well. There are four parts to this guide; 1. Meet Your Water: An Intro Understanding Drinking Water in NE IL; 2. Your Water’s Keeper: Utilities and regulators understanding drinking water management and laws; 3., Murky Waters: the challenges we face understanding drinking water issues in our region; Go. Take Action: Your guide to Important Practices Understanding the Actions – 6 sub sections: 1. Protect your source, 2. Ensure you have enough, 3. Maintain your infrastructure, 4. Finance your system, 5. Plan and coordinate with your neighbors, 6. Engage your community. Each of the sections includes a checklist of questions that can be used to ask staff. We have an extension outreach program beginning in the first quarter of 2018. There will be a launch event February 1st in the suburbs. Should have copies available at the meeting in January.

In addition, going into 2018 looking to get some funding to work with IISG and an energy efficiency company to look at the affordability issue. Another item is going to be looking into cost sharing, i.e., salting services, purchase of water meters, etc.

ISWS (Update): Walt (ISWS) mentioned that the IWIP on-line tool is up and is fully functional.
<https://www.isws.illinois.edu/gws/iwip/>

IDNR (Update): Pete (MWCOG) noted that IDNR Water Planning has a budget and they have funding for water planning. A New Director will be announced next week. Dan Injerd is retiring at the end of the year. He will be available to come back on a short basis as needed.

Executive Committee Update: Pete (MWCOG) reported that Devin Mannix and George Roadcap came up and gave a presentation at the last meeting. Would like to share with this group as well. Also talked about the private sector sensible salting committee creation. The Executive Committee was very supportive of putting this committee together.

Private Sector Sensible Salting Committee: Pete (MWCOG) distributed a sign-up sheet for those that would be interested in being on the committee. Set-up a conference call in December or first part of January to get things moving. Todd (Montgomery) mentioned that there is a local contractor out of St. Charles – Cornerstone Partners



Horticultural. He's leading a charge in the Illinois Landscaping Contractors Association and at the national level to raise awareness of this issue. Jim Turkin is the owner of this company and he will be asking him to join the committee. If anyone else has other contractors that might be a good fit just let him know.

Danielle (MPC) mentioned a program in the Twin Cities. Jodie (Kane County) concurred that Tera did bring that company in to certify those that attend. She also suggested getting someone like a property manager from a strip mall or big box store to sit on the committee as well.

Other Business:

Fox River Implementation Plan: Jeff (EEI) reported that one of the newest changes is the IEPA is proposing 0.5 MGD phosphorous to be in place by 2030.

IDPH: Nothing at this time.

2018 Meeting Dates: Pete (MWCOG) attached the meeting dates for next year. Ed (McCOG) made a motion, John (ISAWWA) seconded the motion. All in favor, the 2018 meeting dates were approved.

Pete (MWCOG) announced that Kyla (Elgin) is retiring, effective Friday. We will be asking her to stay on the TAC.

The next meeting will be held on January 23, 2018 at the Centre at Elgin.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 AM.

Submitted by _____ Angie Smith, EEI