



## Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2013

**Present:** Aurora Mayor Tom Weisner; Mayor Abboud of Barrington Hills; Kane County Board Member Maggie Auger; North Aurora President Dale Berman; Mayor David Kaptain of Elgin; McHenry County Board Member Mary McCann; DeKalb County Board Member Ruth Anne Tobias; Barrington President Karen Darch; President of Campton Hills Patsy Smith; Fox River Grove Mayor Nunamaker.

**Also Present:** Janet Agnoletti, Barrington Area Council of Governments Executive Director; Colin Duesing, Will County Land Use Planner; Chris Gentes, Lake County Municipal League Executive Director; Chris Staron of Northwest Municipal Conference; Jodie Wollnik of Kane County; Paul Schuch of Kane County; Peter Wallers, President EEI, TAC Chairman; Angela Zubko of Kendall County; Steve Andersson, MWWR&A; Cassandra McKinney, Community Lake College; Cory Horton, McHenry County; Anna Bicanic-Moeller, McHenry County Council of Governments Executive Director; John Emerson, DeKalb County Board; and Angie Ford, EEI. Guests: Margaret Schneemann, CMAP and Dr. Tim Loftus, CMAP.

Mayor Tom Weisner opened the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

**Additions or Changes to Agenda:** None at this time.

**Approval of minutes:** The minutes of the November 8, 2012 Executive Committee meeting were approved after a motion by Mayor Abboud and a second by Mayor Nunamaker. (There was no meeting in January; lacked quorum.)

**Presentation: Outdoor Water Conservation Manual for NWPAC Communities:** Margaret Schneemann, Water Resource Economist with CMAP gave a brief presentation. The Outdoor Water Conservation Manual is being put together so that it can be used as educational component to the NWPAC Lawn Watering Ordinance that has been passed by the committee. Margaret also discussed the Lawn to Lake program that she has been running for the past 2 ½ years. For more information on this program please visit [www.lawntolakes.org](http://www.lawntolakes.org). The NWPAC Lawn Watering Conservation Manual is premised off of the Lawn to Lakes Manual, but it is geared more towards NWPAC communities. The manual starts with the same BMPs, but additional sections were added – explanation of endorsed lawn watering restrictions, water reuse, drought/seasonal pricing and community planning.

The timeline for completing the Outdoor Water Conservation Manual:

- Draft comments are due by February 25<sup>th</sup>
- Early March – final text to editing

- Mid-March – final text to layout
- April – laid out manual to NWPA, manual to printer for proofing and then distribution by the end of April.

**Presentation: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between CMAP and NWPA for LTA Program:** Tim Loftus of CMAP gave a brief presentation on the LTA program that NWPA has received. He stated that CMAP lost funding for *Water2050* when the new fiscal year began in July 2012. The LTA is result of a HUD grant that CMAP was awarded about two years ago. The grant is staff time through the end of this calendar year (2013). Dr. Loftus is hoping to work with the TAC to develop strategies for water-loss reporting; conservation/efficiency implementation and tracking; public information/education campaign and water demand. In order to move forward there is going to be a period where information will be gathered. Information such as monthly/annual water use by member; aquifer type/source; explore usage vs. recharge, etc.

Illinois State Water Survey (ISWS) is an integral part to helping determine an estimated number of how much water there is in the NWPA region. Peter suggested that the Executive Committee send a letter to Dr. Demisse at ISWS to let him know how valuable they are to assisting us in this endeavor.

General discussion amongst the group was had regarding the MOU language. The MOU between CMAP and NWPA is approved subject to adding the termination at will clause, and adding the access to data by NWPA during and after termination. Mayor Abboud made a motion and Mayor Nunamaker seconded. All in favor; motion carries.

As a side bar Mayor Weisner and Pete brought to the group's attention that they've been attending meetings for regional planning that MPC is hosting at the request of IDNR. IDNR is a little more interested in regional water management because of the drought of 2012. Other parties involved include MPC, CMAP, IDNR, advocate groups, as well as the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, IEPA, USEPA, Kane County Water Resources. Another meeting has been scheduled for Fri., February 22<sup>nd</sup> and they will continue their discussion on this topic.

**Legal Issues:** Steve Andersson, Legal Counsel to the NWPA presented the Draft Resolution Adopting the Intent of the NWPA Model Lawn Watering Ordinance. The Lawn Watering Ordinance was passed in November of 2012. The Resolution was prepared for the communities that already have a substantial amount of the provisions of the model ordinance. The purpose of the Resolution is that we are on board. It is not meant to be a substitute for anyone that just likes the idea.

Patsy Smith, Campton Hills inquired if Steve could draft a Resolution for those that have private wells. Steve will put that together after the meeting.

Dale Berman made a motion to pass the Resolution and Karen Darch seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carries.

Angela Zubko, Kendall County inquired if the County's would be able to use the one that Steve is drafting for the private wells. Steve will prepare a Resolution of Support for Counties as well.

**Status of Election of Officers:** Steve Andersson, Legal Counsel reported that the nominating committee that was formed consisting of Ruth Ann Tobias, Mayor Michelini and Mayor Knigge has been unable to meet. The current structure stays in place until that meeting can take place.

**Financial Report:** Dale Berman, Treasurer quickly reviewed the financial reports. The financial reports were approved after a motion made by Dale Berman and a second by Karen Darch. All in favor; motion carries.

**Technical Advisory Committee Report:** Pete Wallers reported that the TAC has been meeting and continuing with water reporting with ISWS. The group is also working with Dr. Loftus on the Drought Management Planning and the MOU. Also included in your packet is a Summary Report that was prepared and sent to the Governor's Drought Task Force. He reminded the group that the TAC meets every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 10 AM in the same room.

**Other:** Mayor Weisner stated that the next regularly scheduled meeting is March 14<sup>th</sup>. Please look at your schedules and if the 14<sup>th</sup> presents problems with attendance, let Mary know.

Mayor Weisner requested that the Nominating Committee get together prior to the next meeting so that we can move forward.

Mary McCann, McHenry County Board Member stated that McHenry County is still in a drought. She inquired if there would be any kind of push on the WaterSense program? Dr. Loftus replied that it's up to each community to use the WaterSense information.

Pete Wallers reminded everyone that copies of Margaret Schneemann's Full Cost Water Pricing Guidebook were available.

**Next meeting date:** Thursday, March 14, 2013 at The Centre of Elgin.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_

Angie Ford, Recorder