



## Technical Advisory Committee

### The Centre at Elgin

(East Conference Room)

100 Symphony Way, Elgin

January 23, 2018

### Meeting Minutes

Present: Pete Wallers, Chairman representing MWCOG; MPC; Kyla Jacobsen, Retired City of Elgin; Jerry Elliott, Sugar Grove Water Authority; Jeff Babich, Sugar Grove Water Authority; Derek Hiland, DeKalb County; Ryan McDillon, Village of Lake in the Hills; Danielle Gallett, MPC; Brenna Mannion, Current Water; Natalie Karney, Village of South Barrington; Matt Asselmeier, Kendall County; Mike Palmer, City of McHenry; Doug Martin, City of McHenry; Todd Hoppenstedt, Village of Montgomery; John Dillon, ISAWWA; Paul Schuch, Retired Kane County Water Resources; Scott Kuykendall, McHenry County; Margaret Schneemann, U of I Extension; Don Zeling, Robinson Engineering; Walt Kelly, Illinois State Water Survey; Tim Zasada, Village of Oswego; Jodie Wollnik, Kane County; Rocky Horvath, City of West Chicago; Joe Munder, City of West Chicago; Jeff Freeman, EEI; and Angie Smith, EEI.

Pete Wallers called the meeting to order at 10:04 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 at this time.

**Approval of November Meeting Minutes:** Scott (McHenry County) made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Mike (City of McHenry) seconded. All in favor minutes approved.

**General Discussion on Current Water Topics in the NWPA Area:**

Scott (McHenry County) reported that they are starting to plan for the water conference in 2018.

Danielle (MPC) reported that they are working with the communities down in Will County on some strategic planning. She plans to bring in NWPA at some point in the future.

Jeff (SG Water Authority) reported that things have been fairly quiet. There has been a lot of discussion regarding the proposed Heartland Recycling gravel pit project on Heartland Drive near the middle school. There has been discussion about the site location and the impact that it would have on a shallow aquifer that is located nearby.



Natalie (South Barrington) stated that in addition to working in South Barrington she is also the Health Officer for North Barrington and she inquired if anyone in the group was familiar with chicken farms and their droppings related to ground water and other.

Todd (Montgomery) reported that they have been very busy with water main breaks. Since Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> they have had 27 water main breaks.

Tim (Oswego) reported that they have only had three water main breaks.

Kyla (Retired Elgin) the River quality is good. Three frozen service lines and 37 water main breaks since Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Drinking Water 1-2-3 Guide (Update):** Danielle (MPC) distributed hard copies of the guide to the group. This resource is for the elected officials so that they can have a better understanding. An electronic version is available at <http://metroplanning.org/drinkingwater123> The website version has a resource guide whereas the printed hard copy does not. If any of you have a great resource please send the info to her and they will get it on the website. An extensive outreach program which includes all nine Council of Mayors and COGs. The official launch event is scheduled for Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> from 6 – 8 PM in Naperville; Danielle will do the opening and Mayor Weisner will speak around 6:30 PM. Pete to send out the official invite to the group. Stay tuned as there's a future idea to take some of the *Go Section* of this guide and turn it into a very easy curriculum for officials.

**Sensible Salting Committee (SSC) (Introduction and Discussion):** Pete introduced the SSC Co-Chairs, Todd (Montgomery) and Scott (McHenry County). The committee is made up of a great cross-section of individuals. Todd (Montgomery) reported that we've had two meetings, it is an enthusiastic group with some marching orders before our next meeting on Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>. Our effort is to try and get private contractors and governmental agencies to do better with their salt use, storage, etc. by sharing ideas and increasing awareness. One of the things that has come up quite a bit is liability. The committee is going to try to work with some of the property managers to show them how they can do better. Scott (McHenry County) part of it is education to the public so they can have a better comprehension of what they're doing and how toxic salt really is. The committee is working on putting together a guide that can be under the NWPA logo and distributed to the communities and private contractors as well. Pete (MWCOG) stated that it has definitely been educational to him as well; one example is the landscaping that will need to be replaced in the Spring by using heavy amounts of salt. The more sophisticated contractors are competing against the small guys too. Our approach is to start with a couple of the big guys with the intent of having it trickle down to the smaller guys as well. There are a lot of tie-ins – LEED guidelines and a lot of other organizations, such as Snow and Ice Management Association (SIMA) that we can utilize as well. If you want to be added to the list just shoot him an e-mail and we will get you added.

John (ISAWWA) questioned about the landscape, the changes of the bioswales and the detention basins. Have we changed the way the chlorides are getting into the groundwater vs. going to the streams and rivers? Scott will take a closer look for some data regarding this question. Walt (ISWS) it's either going to be in surface water or ground water. Pete (MWCOG) stated that planners and engineers need to be aware of what's underneath when they are looking to build on properties. Walt (ISWS) we have water quality data going back 100 years. Todd (MO) the level of expectation that we have in this area vs. other states it's going to take a significant effort to retrain this region. Jeff (EEI) how long do you think that process would take? Scott (McHenry County) responded by saying that we are looking at different ways that we could convey our message to everyone. There



are many layers as to how this can be approached. The committee will figure out how best to proceed on this topic. Danielle (MPC) there's another opportunity to get APWA and AWWA involved as well regarding this topic.

**CMAF (Update):** Margaret (IISG) gave a brief update on working on the initiatives that are being funded by IDNR and will be working on updating *Water 2050*. The projected date is June 2018 to have it finalized. There's a TAC meeting on Mon., Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>. This effort is being led by Nora Beck.

**ISAWWA (Update):** Jeff (EEI/ISAWWA) stated that WATERCON is coming up in March. Reported that there's been a ISAWWA Hockey team put together using the "No Water, No \_\_\_\_\_" insert beer, wine, etc.

Kyla (ISAWWA) there will be a Water Utility Conference meeting this afternoon. Ted Meckes has talked to IEPA and will report that information at the meeting. Still working on the lead service lines replacement issues as well. Pete (MWCOG) reported that he attended the MWCOG Legislative breakfast and it wouldn't surprise me if we started to see some legislation coming out regarding this issue and the legionella.

**MPC (Update):** Danielle (MPC) gave an update on the Drinking Water 1-2-3 Guide for elected officials.

Five-year plan of the water agenda action items – Drinking Water 1-2-3 Guide was the first thing on that list. Will be looking at:

1. Sharing services or regionalization in communities. Pilot case for Montgomery, Oswego and Yorkville looking at local governance.
2. The Will County communities for water supply planning and needs assessments for those communities.
3. The affordability issue with raising rates in regards to water.

**ISWS (Update):** Walt (ISWS) mentioned that the Joliet Public Water Commission is having a meeting on Thursday and Daniel will be giving an update at that meeting. They are also finishing up the sub-basin for the Kankakee area. Going to try and start the northwest sector for water planning which is everything west of here.

**IDNR (Update):** Pete (MWCOG) reported on who had retired. Wes Cattoor will maintain his level on the water supply planning side and will only be here quarterly.

**Executive Committee Update:** Pete (MWCOG) there was no meeting in January. Next meeting will be March 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Other Business:**

**Fox River Implementation Plan:** Kyla (ISAWWA) stated that there is a meeting on Thursday. Will report back to the group at the next meeting

**IDPH:** Nothing at this time.

**Margaret (IISG):** gave a brief update on the buffalo grass brochure; hoping to have something to show at the next meeting.



The next meeting will be held on February 27, 2018 at the Centre at Elgin.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 AM.

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