



**Technical Advisory Committee**  
**The Centre at Elgin**  
**(East Conference Room)**  
**100 Symphony Way, Elgin**

**May 28, 2019**

**Meeting Minutes**

Present: Pete Wallers, Chairman representing MWCOG; Nora Beck, CMAP; Tim Wilson, City of St. Charles; Walt Kelly, ISWS; Natalie Karney, Village of South Barrington; John Dillon, ISAWWA; Matt Asselmeier, Kendall County; Jerry Elliott, Sugar Grove Township Water Authority; Dan Nagle, Sugar Grove Township Water Authority; Danielle Gallet, MPC; Scott Kuykendall, McHenry County; Wes Cattoor, IDNR; Faye Sinnott, BACOG/SSCC; Margaret Schneemann, IISG; Jeff Freeman, EEI; Jeff Babich, Sugar Grove Township Water Authority; Bill Christiansen, Alliance for Water Efficiency; Bob VanGyseghem, City of Geneva; Dave Schumacher, City of Aurora; Kevin Fecske, Barrington Public Works; Angie Smith, EEI.

Pete Wallers called the meeting to order at 10:07 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 April Meeting Minutes:** Dan (SGTWA) made a motion. John (ISAWWA) seconded. All in favor, minutes approved.

**General Discussion on Current Water Topics in the NWPA Area:** Natalie (South Barrington) shared a book *All the Way to the Ocean* which is about two kids and their discussions with their parents about why not to throw things into storm sewers. (<https://www.allthewaytotheocean.com/>)

**Presentation: Alliance for Water Efficiency's Landscape Transformation Report,** Bill gave a brief overview of Alliance for Water Efficiency (AWE) which is based out of Chicago and has nearly 500 member organizations in 200 watersheds delivering water to 50 million water users. They are known for their water conservation reporting tool. (<http://www.allianceforwaterefficiency.org/Tracking-Tool.aspx>) Check out *Our Work* page for other resource materials. They are currently working on a *Drought Restrictions Study* which should be out by the end of the year.

The *Landscape Transformation Study*, the most expansive and diverse assessment to date of outdoor water efficiency programs, revealed that single family customers achieved average savings ranging from a 7 percent reduction in water use up to 39 percent after participating in a program. The research, conducted over a two year period, included 14 community-driven programs, including incentives for efficient irrigation technologies,



free distribution of mulch, turf removal and water-wise re-landscaping, and customer site audits. For more information please visit the website: <http://www.allianceforwaterefficiency.org/Landscape-Transformation-Study.aspx>

Information related to financing sustainable water:

[http://www.allianceforwaterefficiency.org/Water\\_Rates\\_and\\_Rate\\_Structures\\_Library\\_Content\\_Listing.aspx](http://www.allianceforwaterefficiency.org/Water_Rates_and_Rate_Structures_Library_Content_Listing.aspx)

**Discussion: Review Strategic Plan Priorities:** Nora (CMAP) distributed the Strategic Plan for the NWPA: 2014-16 and today's goal is to quickly review the goals that were established. Goal A: Build the organization capacity to achieve mission; Goal B: Provide education and outreach to raise awareness of the value of water; Goal C: Develop sustainable water use policies and practices that are widely adopted and protective of water supplies.

Nora distributed and conducted a poll on the strategic plan's goals:

Starting with Goal C: Develop sustainable water use policies and practices that are widely adopted and protective of water supplies – A. Define sustainable water use by each water source (30%); B. Track monthly and annual water use among members (18%) and C. Improve the scientific understanding of water supplies (18%).

Goal B: Provide education and outreach to raise awareness of the value of water – A. Promote a water use conservation and efficiency ethic (53%), B. Incorporate ongoing educational opportunities for elected officials and school-age children (47%).

Goal A: Build the organization capacity to achieve mission – A. Develop an annual stream of revenue (21%); B. Develop a work plan/budget consistent with strategic plan (41%); C. Create a structure for communication (38%).

3 Goals of the strategic plan – A. Build the organization capacity to achieve mission (21%); B. Provide education and outreach to raise awareness and the value of water (32%); C. Develop sustainable water use policies and practices that are widely adopted and protective of water supplies (47%).

**Sensible Salting Committee (SSC) (Update):** Scott (Chair) reported that the committee is at a juncture at the moment in regards to the BMP manual that has been drafted. Sarah Zack from IISG is going to assist in the editing role for the manual. If anyone knows of anyone with the writing skills and technical expertise in this area please pass their contact info along.

**CMAP (Update):** Nora (CMAP) no other updates.

**IISG (Update):** Margaret (IISG) reported that they have an active survey out for Lawn Care right now (<https://go.illinois.edu/lawn>)

**ISAWWA (Update):** Jeff (ISAWWA) reported there is training going on throughout the year. The WUC has been very busy this legislative session and actively involved in HB3035. Field Day is coming up on June 18<sup>th</sup> at the Sandwich Fairgrounds. City of Joliet is working through their alternate water source and at the Joliet Slammers game on Sun., July 21<sup>st</sup> it will be water conservation day. John (ISAWWA) mentioned that M-36 training is



coming up on June 19<sup>th</sup> at the City of Elmhurst and on September 10<sup>th</sup> at the Village of Lombard it will be a full day workshop.

**MPC (Update):** Danielle (MPC) reported on the first *Drinking Water 1-2-3* held in Joliet was sold out. The second one is coming up on June 4<sup>th</sup>; the third event is July 23<sup>rd</sup> here in Elgin in lieu of the TAC meeting; and the fourth event is on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

**ISWS (Update):** Walt (ISWS) reported that the Southwest Water Planning Group is moving forward. There was a meeting that was held with Three Rivers Manufacturing.

He also participated in BACOG's *Ask a Groundwater Scientist?* 5<sup>th</sup> graders were able to ask questions, the event lasted about 40 minutes.

**IDNR (Update):** Wes (IDNR) reported that they are redoing the State Water Plan and they have established several different committees in order to complete this item. The goal is to have this completed by 2020. Also working on an amendment with ISWS to incorporate some of the new initiatives.

**Executive Committee Update:** Pete (MWCOG) reported that the new members are officially on board now.

**Other Business:**

HB3035 Lead Service Line Replacement is now being supported by ISAWWA.

IDPH Amendments – they are still going through the process.

The next meeting will be held on June 25, 2019 at the Centre at Elgin.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 AM.

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