**Technical Advisory Committee**

**Zoom Meeting**

**June 22, 2021**

**Meeting Minutes**

Present: Peter Wallers, MWCOG; Nora Beck, CMAP; Kelsey Pudlock, CMAP; Matt Asselmeier, Kendall County;

Derek Hiland, DeKalb County; Jerry Elliott, SGTWA; Faye Sinnott, FC/SCWP; Walt Kelly, ISWS; Brad Merkel, Village of Sugar Grove; Ryan Anderson, Village of Minooka; David Schumacher, City of Aurora; Kevin Fecske, Village of Barrington; Bill Christiansen, Alliance for Water Efficiency; James Pew, CMAP Intern; Tim Zasada, Village of Oswego; Kimberly Saunders, BACOG; Margaret Schneemann, IISG; Nora Beck, CMAP; Jodie Wollnik, Kane County; Justin Keller, MPC; Jeff Freeman, EEI; Scott Kuykendall, McHenry County; Amy Gahala, USGS; Carlo Cavallaro, Aquify an Exelon Company; Tom Migatz, Lake in the Hills; Daniel Abrams, ISWS; 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) stated no changes at this time.

**Approval of May Meeting Minutes:** Dave (Aurora) made a motion to approve. Jerry (SGTWA) seconded. Minutes approved.

**General Discussion on Current Water Topics in the NWPA Area:** Pete (MWCOG) opened the group for discussion. Dave (Aurora) reported that the river is low, last Friday it was down to 200 CFS. As of this morning it’s back up to 960 CFS, but they are still low. The river has had some algae growth and taste and odor issues. Deep wells have noticed some decline in the levels on the outskirts of Aurora. Have been contacted by one neighbor about the river use. Right about average for river use right now with some increased treatment. The drought hasn’t affected the City too much, but if it continues then it certainly will start to be an issue.

Jerry (SGTWA) reported that the shallow aquifers are up a little bit in the area.

**Presentation: *“Water Conservation Strategies”***: Pete gave a quick introduction for Bill from (AWE) and how timely his presentation is given the drought like conditions we are experiencing. Bill covered several different water conservation strategies and programs. A PDF of the presentation will be posted on the NWPA website.

**Sensible Salting Committee (SSC) (Update):**  Scott (McHenry County) reported that he has been focused on the Water Forum that was held last week. Once those details are finished up and the WARP officially published then he can get back to the sensible salting.

**CMAP (Update):** Nora (CMAP) launching first ever excellence award. It would be awesome to have water supply related entries. Submissions are due June 30th - <https://www.cmap.illinois.gov/regional-excellence-awards?utm_source=weekly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=regional_excellence_awards>

Working along on water supply planning projects that are funded through IDNR. Also working on water supply planning on their LTA – Hickory Hills and Sugar Grove.

**ISAWWA (Update):** Jeff (ISAWWA) gave a quick update on the committees, educational activities. ISAWWA has a water trailer that can be used at community events. If you are interested please contact Luke Sharp at Lombard. Next week there will be an AWWA webinar on LSL inventories on June 30th at 12 PM. WATERCON2021 is coming up August 9-11th. The Water Distribution and Sewer conference is set for Sept. 28th and 29th.

**MPC (Update):** Justin (MPC) reported that the Drinking Water 1-2-3 Academy, first session was last week. It was recorded and he will send the link. The next session is on July 15th (<https://www.metroplanning.org/events/virtual/detail/576>) and topics will be related on LSLR, Robinson Engineering is going to talk about what’s involved in this project. Someone from Denver Water will be participating as well. Senator Duckworth will be the keynote speaker.

**ISWS (Update):** Walt (ISWS) reported that they are starting their synoptic readings in northeastern Illinois. They are going to get both static and pumping levels. Trying to get this completed in August, but it may expand into September.

**IDNR (Update):**  None at this time.

**USGS (Update):** It was noted that USGS will be doing a presentation in the future.

**SGTWA (Update):** Jerry (SGTWA) reported that the sampling letters are ready to go out to the homeowners. The SGTWA will also be including a cover letter to recognize the sponsors.

**Water Sustainability Plan:** Pete (MWCOG) will need to get back into this and put together a schedule for deliverables.

**Executive Committee Update:** Pete (MWCOG) reported that the July 8th meeting will be in person at the Centre.

**Other Business:** Pete (MWCOG) reported that the biggest news is that the LSLR Notification Act was passed by both the House and Senate. We are awaiting signature by the Governor.

**TAC Group:** do we want to start meeting in person again? If we have the availability for presenters to still be remote vs. in person. Walt (ISWS) would appreciate the flexibility for both. Will start talking this through and plan to be in person in September at the Elgin Centre.

Scott (McHenry County) commented on the 4th Water Forum last week. Overall, it went very well, and it was well attended. All the presentations will be posted on the website ([www.mchenry.h2o.com](http://www.mchenry.h2o.com) and YouTube). The explosion in Rockton was a pretty serious event. They hired a company to come in and use firefighter foam which has PFAS in it. Now they have a lot of hazardous materials. There is a bill on the Governor’s desk banning the incineration of PFAS. This plant was originally planning to put a plant in Crystal Lake and if that happened here it would have been catastrophic. This was a private company that was hired that used the PFAS firefighter foam. It’s not a regulated chemical. The best recommendation for firefighters is to have them identify the foam they want to work with and have it tested to ensure that PFAS is not included in it. Pete (MWCOG) this is a topic we should earmark and reach out to firefighter’s districts and make sure they know what’s in their foam. Nora let’s plan to include this in a future newsletter as well. This would be a good platform for NWPA to offer some advice/guidance to them. Would Walt (ISWS) have any interest in PFAS, certainly have an interest from a water quality perspective. USGS would probably have that capability. Do some research on this topic between now and our July meeting.

The next meeting will be held on July 27, 2021 at 10 AM via Zoom. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

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