



## Technical Advisory Committee Via Zoom

November 25, 2025

### Meeting Minutes

Present: Peter Wallers, EEI/MWCOG; Jeff Freeman, EEI; Jerry Elliott, Sugar Grove Township Water Authority; Amy Gahala, USGS; Austin McFarlane, Lake County; Carolyn Campbell, McHenry County; Derek Hiland, DeKalb County; Devin Mannix, ISWS; Gary Clark, Retired ISWS; Haider Mehdi, IISG; Joe Munder, City of Aurora; Margaret Schneemann, IISG; Mary McCann, Retired McHenry County; Walt Kelly, Retired ISWS; Jason Zhang, ISWS; Wei Han, IDNR; Cary McElhinney, EPA; Jodie Wollnik, Kane County Water Resources; Brad Merkel, Village of Sugar Grove; Terra McParland, IDNR; Natalie Karney, Retired Village of South Barrington.

Peter Wallers called the meeting to order at 10:01 A.M.

**Approval of October Meeting Minutes:** Jerry Elliott (Sugar Grove Township Water Authority) moved to approve the minutes. Joe Munder (City of Aurora) seconded. Minutes approved.

**Presentation: “Tier 1 WATER Supply Planning Groundwater Updates”:** Devin Mannix (ISWS) presented this information to the group. The presentation can be found on NWPA’s website under Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Materials.

**Sensible Salting Committee (SSC) (Update):** No update. Pete commented that the group has accomplished a lot with their work.

**CMAP (Update):** Margaret Schneemann (IISG) provided an update on the IDNR grant that is supporting IISG’s work with NWPA. A workshop series will be launched in 2026.

**IISG (Update):** Margaret Schneeman (IISG) reported they are busy with the Conserve Water for Kane Program. They are receiving 10-20 emails/calls a day on the toilet rebate program.

**Library Exhibit (Update):** Haider Mehdi (IISG) gave a brief status update on the exhibits. He shared some photos from the Four River Environmental Education Center State of Water exhibit he attended in Will County.

**ISAWWA (Update):** Jeff Freeman (EEI) recommended visiting their website for a list of events.

**ISWS (Update):** Devin Mannix (ISWS) stated he had nothing else to add.

**IDNR (Update):** Wei Han (IDNR) reported on the stakeholder meeting for the Will County Aquifer Recharge project. There is a plan to start a subgroup under the State Water Task Force that will be updating the State Drought Preparedness and Response plan. A kick-off meeting will take place in December.



**USGS (Update):** Amy Gahala (USGS) reported no major updates to share at this time.

**SGTWA (Update):** Jerry Elliott (SGTWA) stated the current Blackberry Creek flow is approximately 6,700 GPM. His water well is affected by the Aurora Well 101 when it switches on. They are monitoring the other wells throughout the township. Most of the monitoring wells are down about a foot. The deeper monitoring well at Prairie Street is down 2.4 feet.

Joe Munder (Aurora) mentioned that well 101 was run on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Currently, their source water split is about 45% wells and 65% river. The river water quality has improved a little bit, and there is probably little bit more groundwater recharge that is occurring too.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Pending legislation:** Jeff (EEI) mentioned that the IEPA is moving the Federal LCRI and PFAS regulations through the IPCB.

**Other Business:** The next meeting will be held on January 27, 2026, via Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 AM.

Submitted by Angie Smith, EEI