

MEETING DATE/TIME	REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY PLANNING COMMITTEE Friday, July 25, 2008 - 10am – IL. Farm Bureau, Bloomington
PRESENT	Chairman O’Neill, Evelyn Neavear, Tom Korn, Al Wehrmann, Derek Winstanley, Dee Dee Gellerman, Ron Schultz, Jeff Smith, Tari Renner, Ellis Sanderson, Jack Whittman, Mel Pleines, Craig Cummings, Rita Paschke, Jay Henry, Nancy Erickson, Sharon Martin, Theresa Landewe, Susan Licher, Rick Twait, Rick Frendt, Dorland Smith, Robert Betzelberger, Gary Clark, Alec Davis, Bill Smith, Dwain Berggren, Ed Mehnert, Robbie Berg, Brad Uken, Shannon Allen, Mark Sheppard, Frank Dunmire, Morris Bell
ABSENT	NONE
MOTION	MOTION BY BILL SMITH, SECOND BY BRAD UKEN to approve the June 27, 2008 meeting minutes. On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED
MAC TREASURE REPORT	Dorland Smith went over the MAC treasure report. Please refer to packet.
STATE OF IL. BUDGET CUTS	Dorland informed committee that money had been pulled for the 3 rd year of RWSPC. MAC board discussed at the last meeting a couple weeks ago that if funding isn’t there anymore where is the committee with this project. The funds will be there to finish the report. Unfortunately, No funding will be available for community outreach and education. The committee has approx. \$79,000 left to spend on copies & whatever else. Committee needs to keep in mind though that the full \$79,000 won’t be spent on the full report because of other small expenses like lunches and what not. Jay Henry suggested to listen to the water surveys and where they are in the process. Gary Clark said that the money for the 3 rd year is gone. Money is very tight right now and in the next couple of weeks things will be changing drastically. As of now mid. August will be the drop dead date. Al Wehrmann said that there has been a lot of work on developing models and surface water analysis for the reservoirs and the

mackinaw river, that will probably stop. Vern Knapp said they have completed a model for the Sagamon river water shed which is a good thing. On the groundwater side a lot of drilling had been done. They have started inputting model layers into the flow model based on information from the geological survey. Also, they will be working on the model in the next couple months which will be an on going project. Things left undone will be the surface water analysis and a lot of field work that was planned which will not be done now due to additional field work being stopped. Which really hurts because the model is only as good as the data used to make it, so what happens without that additional geologic understanding means more uncertainty. A greatly reduced staff and no additional field work for the MAC area talking probably another \$150,000 dollars for the east central portion.

Jay Henry asked Al if they could button something up just to get to the committee and say here is the best we can do with what we got. Al said they could try to do that. Jay said how useful would it be to the committee. Al said it would be very useful but his biggest problem with that is once people understand they have money till say the end of September they may not be there till the end of September. Gary Clark said there is no money till the end of September. Public spoke on behalf of the geological survey and that most of their efforts is state funded but really have an interwoven program with contract and state funding and pulling this apart has got them scrambling.

Dwain Berggren said that there is the appearance that something is vital and state welfare and next several generations are being thrown over the side. Dwain said he is reluctant personally to recommend expedience of any sort that excuse state leadership from fulfilling long-standing commitments and assuming the responsibility. I'm perfectly willing to shift whatever funds in our account that are mobile enough to do it to shift them to departments that are affected.

Bill Smith said that he has received a couple e-mails related to Derek Winstanley's role in this. Derek has since retired. Bill also said where is the chain of command. Al Wehrmann said he has an acting director Brian Anderson who is also the director of the Illinois Natural History Survey. Don Kiefers acting director is Don McKay who was the assistant chief prior to Bill Shilts is executive director of the institute for Natural Resource Sustainability who is at the top of ladder.

Al Wehrmann introduced Bob Martin, vice chair with Northeastern Illinois said the he has been talking to the U of I trying to make an impress that this is a very important project not only for East Central Illinois but Northeastern Illinois. Basically, trying to find out if there is anything that can be done at the university level and needs to happen fast. Bob Martin said he has started out with the chancellors office went to the vice chancellor of research and now talking with the Institute of Natural Resource of Sustainability what they are trying to do is set up a meeting with individuals from the government relations group to decide how to best proceed and what he is trying to do and working with the MAC board also is to set up a meeting where we can sustain the people who are working with both the projects till we get pass this veto session. Right now he is trying to set up meetings with house and senate leaders with the governs office but that is out in the future because our media problem is what we going to do on the interterm. Trying to set up and have the university to see if they can fund this for right now to keep those projects going and that's what they are doing right now.

Chairman O'Neill said he got a phone call from Bob on Tuesday and he wanted RWSPC to be involved. So Chairman O'Neill will be sending a letter of support if they cannot make the meetings. Either one or both of them will be sitting in on the meetings to show support for the RWSPC. Brad Uken asked if they felt they are being passed down the chain. Bob Martin said No, he feels as though they are trying to get him to the right person. Brad Uken said how high do you feel you will have to go? Al said that they are not ruling anything or anyone out right now.

MOTION

MOTION BY BRAD UKEN, SECOND BY JAY HENRY to partner with the Northeastern group on any and all efforts to secure funding and also making sure that a representative from RWSPC be present.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED

Jay Henry made a small list of priority items for the committee to consider:

- a. Support money for continued work by all surveys & projects
- b. Finalize demand report
- c. Continue working on future work (RFP writer support)
- d. Discuss recommendations

Brad Uken asked Gary Clark what his recommendations would be as far as what the RWSPC should do? Gary Clark said continue through the year and not quit now!

MOTION

MOTION BY EVELYN NEAVEAR, SECOND BY SHANNON ALLEN to approve Chairman O'Neill & Vice Chairman Uken & two members of MAC board to sit on the subcommittee.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED

WEB PAGE
STATUS

A web counter was added to the left column of the home page. RWSPC web hosting with the ISP is due for renewal. For the period 2008-2009, we owe \$17.84. Please refer to handout in packet.

MOTION BY JAY HENRY, SECOND BY BILL SMITH to approve the directing of the MAC board to approve the \$18.00 for the RWSPC web page for next year.

LUNCH

NEWS
RELEASE

Tom Berns (MAC) sent comments. Ed will keep comment section on the web & still take comments. Ed also said he will revise the web and take the time element out so public can still make comments.

Dwain Berggren will work up a news release and send out to Chairman O'Neill & MAC board for approval to have before next months meeting.

Robbie Berg will send out a media list via e-mail. If someone is not on the list please let Robbie know. The media list will go out with the news release.

WATER-DEMAND
REPORT

Committee discussed whether or not the recommendations should stay in the report, be taken out or just be moved to the back. Also, committee discussed whether or not it should say recommendation, observations, or issues.

WHPA will be making these small changes such as spelling errors and other small changes. By the end of next week will be the deadline for e-mail to be sent to WHPA. Jay Henry said there are a few changes to the power generation section he will be giving these changes to WHPA. WHPA suggested to change the wording

and put the recommendations section in the back. Morris Bell said he is very pleased with the report.

MOTION

MOTION BY JAY HENRY, SECOND BY BRAD UKEN to approve WHPA to change wording & put the recommendations section in the back.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED

MOTION

MOTION BY MORRIS BELL, SECOND BY JEFF SMITH to approve this as a final report with recommendations just asked and the clean up as well.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED

Theresa Landewe with WHPA said by the end of the month/next meeting she will have the final report.

MOTION

MOTION BY CHAIRMAN O'NEILL, SECOND BY MARK SHEPPARD to approve the report to go on the web page as the final report.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED

MOTION

MOTION BY BRAD UKEN, SECOND BY ROBERT BETZELBERGER to approve 5 hard copies of the final report to be printed.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED

NORTH-
EASTERN IL.
NEWS RELEASE

Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) leads a long-range study to help head off potential water shortfalls in 11 counties. Please refer to handout that was given out at the meeting.

RFP FOR
SCIENTIFIC
WRITER

Please refer to packet for draft outlines for an RFP writer for the final report. Brad Uken asked that if committee members could please take a look at the draft for additions or changes that need to be made. Please look at all 3 drafts by next meeting.

OTHER
BUSINESS

Jay Henry passed around the East-Central RWSPC Decision Making (Based on June 1, 2007 Operational Guidelines). Jay just wanted to make sure he was clear on what exactly the guidelines specified. Ed said that Northeastern lowered their bar so that minority can be in the report as well. MAC will be getting a hold of CMAP to see what their guidelines are.

Thank you again went out to Mark Sheppard and the Solae Co. for everything! It was wonderful.

Chairman O'Neill said that mid. August he will be closing on a house in Edwards. Next meeting he will be presenting his resignation letter. Good Luck & have fun reading the book from Bill Smith on Illinois Parks.

Next meeting will be held on August 29, 2008 at the Tazewell Co. Health Department 21306 Illinois Route 9, Tremont, IL 61568. Meeting will be held in auditorium.

**PUBLIC
COMMENT**

Dorland said that Illinois issues had an H2O outlook in magazine. This is on the RWSPC website.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman O'Neill adjourned the meeting at 2:27pm.

MOTION

MOTION BY BILL SMITH, SECOND BY DWAIN BERGGREN to approve the adjournment of the July 25, 2008 meeting.