

MEETING REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY PLANNING COMMITTEE
DATE/TIME Friday, August 29, 2008 – 10am – Tazewell Co. Health Dept.

PRESENT Jay Henry, Mark Sheppard, Jeff Smith, Bob Betzelberger, Evelyn Neavear, Alec Davis, Dennis Ford, Ron Shultz, DeeDee Gellerman, Robbie Berg, Ed Mehnert, Ed Glatfelter, Dwain Berggren, Tom Edwards, Joyce Blummshine, Gary Clark, Dorland Smith, Bob Dwall, Tom Berns, Nancy Erickson, Brad Uken, Bill Smith, Morris Bell, Derek Winstanley, Al Wehrmann, Mel Pleines

ABSENT Chairman O’Neill, Shannon Allen, Frank Dunmire

The committee said Thank you to Evelyn Neavear for hosting the meeting and planning lunch.

Jay Henry said Thank you to Ashley Tittle for the detailed meeting minutes.

MOTION MOTION BY BILL SMITH, SECOND BY JEFF SMITH to approve the July 25, 2008 meeting minutes.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED

MAC TREASURE REPORT Dorland Smith went over the MAC treasure report. Please refer to packet. Couple of items not in report; \$347.90 for lunch for last months meeting. Two invoices from WHPA for draft report total \$2,895.42. Five additional copies of the final report total \$541.42. Robbie Berg talked about the Water Teacher Graduate Class. A 4 days event that Toured American Water, Water Treatment Facility, Ethanol Plant, & Waste Management. The class has developed a water kit/biography that will be shared with other teachers plus have the kit available to the teachers. Ed Mehnert said that a PDF of the Water Kit & the biography would be good to have on the Website. Robbie said that she will work on this.

MOTION MOTION BY MARK SHEPPARD, SECOND BY ROBERT BETZELBERG to approve the MAC treasure report.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED

RESIGNATION LETTER FOR O’NEILL A resignation letter was turned in by Brent O’Neill. Please refer to packet to see the official letter. Bill Smith nominated Brad Uken as Chair and Jeff Smith as Vice Chair.

MOTION MOTION BY EVELYN NEAVEAR, SECOND BY JEFF SMITH to direct the MAC board to find a chairman within 60 days.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED

MOTION MOTION BY BILL SMITH, SECOND BY JAY HENRY to nominated Brad Uken as Chair & Jeff Smith as Vice Chair.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED

WEB PAGE Ed Mehnert went over the web page status handout. Please refer to STATUS packet. Ed will be putting the final report on the web and removing the draft report.

STATE OF IL. 8-4-08, 12-16 people meet with U of I. Al Wehrmann & Don BUDGET CUTS Kiefer attended the meeting with U of I. The meeting was very brief and to the point. Rick said that in his opinion nothing is going to happen until the veto session is over. Al said that there was a lot of discussion and support on the long term side but not so much on the short term side.

Al said that the Water Survey will be covering people through September but after September people will be fall by the way side. Al stated that the final report from them may not look exactly like what they had showed before due to budget cuts. Come July there will be a more elaborate report. Surface water will be delayed from the October outline but will be done before July. Al will be working on a new revised timeline for the committee. The revised outline will be sent out to committee before next months meeting.

Al also spoke about how the water survey is being funded and that about 50-60 out of 200 employees are stated funded and others are not. Al assured the committee that everything should be ok with the fact that the survey will get RWSPC what they need!

There is no problem for the RWSPC members in asking to speak with entities for money for the committee to continue work that is being done. After paying meals, secretary for meeting minutes, & Robbie Berg the committee will be left with about \$50,000-\$60,000. Morris Bell suggested no fund raising but to monitor the money now and keep going forward.

Gary Clark suggested to look at long term funding now. Gary said that DNR isn't sure how big the money cut will be. Ed said that long term funding is on the table now and to make long term

funding a very important point.

WATER DEMAND Please refer to handout from Whittman. Jay Henry volunteered to look over the hard copy to make sure that what the committee had asked for to be changed, was changed correctly. Also, Dr. Winestanley said he would look over the final report. Brad Uken handed out CD copies of the final report to committee.

GOVERNANCE DOCUMENTS DISCUSSION Jay Henry spoke about East Central Illinois (RWSPC) version & Northeastern Illinois (RWSPG) version. Please refer to handout in packet.

Morris Bell said he would like the RWSPC version to stand as it is. Dwain Berggren said that he feels as though if one person states something and another person disagrees no matter what it should still be heard. Dwain also said that he feels as though RWSPC is not an advisory committee and is not a deciding committee. Evelyn Neavear suggested to leave it the way it is. Mark Sheppard also agrees to leave it the way it is and says “if its not broken don’t try to fix it”.

It was brought up that the guidelines say that the MAC board is suppose to distribute the meeting minutes. The RWSPC is not under the open meetings act but acts in the sprite of the open meetings act.

LUNCH

RFP SCIENTIFIC WRITER

Dwain Berggren asked where this will be published and will there be enough time for redrafting it, accepting applications & interviewing. Committee has till June of 2009.

Evelyn Neavear recommended to send out to Patrick Engineering. Dwain Berggren recommended Dr. Derek Winstanley.

MOTION

MOTION BY MARK SHEPPARD, SECOND BY MORRIS BELL to have Dwain Berggren, Jay Henry & Brad Uken take care of the paperwork for the scientific writer.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED**

PRESS RELEASE HANDLING QUESTIONS FROM PUBLIC

In the back of the packet was a sheet that says RWSPC East Central Water Palling Region Q & A. Please refer to handout. Also, there is a media contact list and the press release. If you can think of any others you would like to add please contact Robbie Berg.

MINORITY REPORT Please refer to handout in packet regarding the minority report. This discussion was in regards to changing the minimum attendees to count as quorum and comparison of our guidelines to the NE.

FUTURE MTG. LOCATIONS September 26- Havana (Farm Bureau)
October 31- Springfield (Site to be determined)
November 21- Vermillion
December 19- Bloomington

Jeff Smith suggested to rotate through farming season.

OTHER BUSINESS None.

NEW BUSINESS None.

PUBLIC COMMENT Tom Edwards spoke regarding the Peoria Disposal Co.'s New Ploy to Stymie Closure. A handout was passed around the meeting and a small portion of the handout was highlighted for RWSPC to take into consideration. Below is the section he would like the committee to keep in mind.

“and we needs to keep high in our minds that PDC’s mountain of poisonous toxic waste sits as close as 50 feet above the Peoria area’s main water supply aquifer, and immediately upwind of the air Peorians must breathe. It is the only still operating such facility in the nation in such a perilous location to people”.

The RWSPC was not formed to look at the quality of water but to look at the quantity of water. This was highly emphasized to everyone! Mel Pleines said that this study was put on to find out in the future how many gallons of water will be needed to 2050. The EPA will put standards on the quality. This study is just to find out and know how much water is out there for the future.

ADJOURNMENT Vice Chairman Uken adjourned the meeting at 2:16pm.

MOTION MOTION BY BILL SMITH, SECOND BY ROBERT BETZELBERGER to approve the adjournment of the August 29, 2008 meeting.