

MEETING REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY PLANNING COMMITTEE
DATE/TIME Friday, May 29, 2009 – 10am – Illinois Corn Growers Assoc.

PRESENT Evelyn Neavear, Mark Sheppard, Frank Dunmire, Mel Pleines, Jeff Smith, Morris Bell, Bill Smith, Steve Wegman, Shannon Allen, Jay Henry, Angelo Capparella, Dwain Berggren, Ellis Sanderson, Alec Davis, Allen Wehrmann, Gary Clark, Dorland Smith, Derek Winstanley, Robbie Berg, Bob Duvall, Brad Uken, Rick Twait, Ron Schultz

ABSENT Robert Betzelberger

PUBLIC Angelo Capparella with John Wesley Powell from Audubon Society thanked the committee for the opportunity to speak.

COMMENT Mr. Caparella would like the committee to consider the concept of Ecological sustainability which is what the Conservation Biology Community uses. Mr. Caparella gave Chairman Uken a 1997 paper that develops that concept and why it would be better, thus. he would like to encourage the committee to seriously consider updating to a more modern conception that applies better to natural resources and the idea of ecological sustainability.

The environmental context he felt could be flushed out a bit better as well. One really important document to consider is the Illinois Wild Life Action Plan report which deals with a lot of the current impacts on aquatic eco systems and species.

Mr. Caparella is also glad to see the push for public education but a little bit better development of contemporary agriculture impact would be inorder. Urbanization and irrigation were mentioned but things such as tile and chanelization and replacing perennial vegetation with annuals seems to be admitted from the document.

MOTION MOTION BY SHANNON ALLEN, SECOND BY EVELYN NEAVEAR to approve the April 24, 2009 meeting minutes as corrected.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED

MAC REPORT Please refer to packet. Dorland Smith said that Dr. Winstanley will submit a bill if more costs are occurred after the \$35,000.

MOTION MOTION BY JEFF SMITH, SECOND BY STEVE WEGMAN to approve the MAC Treasurer’s Report.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED

WEBSITE	Please refer to packet.
ACKNOWLEDGE- MENT PAGE	Please refer to packet. Dr. Winstanley asked committee if there was any additional names for the acknowledgement page. Discussion of who should be listed as author(s) RWSPC or Dr. Winstaley occurred. Dr. Winstanley said that he is not the author, it is the RWSPC committees report. Dr. Winstanley serves as a consultant to the MAC and facilitated the Committee's preparation of the report.
DISTRIBUTION OF FINAL REPORT	-Website -Hard copy Chairman Uken said he will have the prices for copies by the conference call on June 17,2009. Suggestions were made by the committee that a cover letter and follow up call be made to the stack holders who receive the final report.
POWERPOINT PRESENTATION	*Moved to June 29, 2009 meeting agenda.*
UPDATE ON N. IL. GROUP	Gary Clark said that the Northern Illinois Group had their meeting last Tuesday June 19,2009. The committee is looking at another study on demand numbers for per capita use. The committee is still looking at tracking water conservation. Committee is now going over their latest draft and is still working on the recommendations section. Gary Clark said that the budget has not been set and cuts are still being made. He is hoping to get more money to the MAC Board by the middle of next month, for the third year funding for the fourth year to provide for public education of the final report.
LETTER FROM MAC BOARD	Please refer to the letter in the packet. The MAC Board has requested that the members voluntarily extend their terms on the committee for an additional 12 months. The board realizes that some members may not be able to continue, however they ask that as many as possible stay to give support to the educational meetings with the public and continuity to the committee in the future. Morris Bell voluntarily extended his term for three more months and for the MAC to have a replacement by November. Mark Sheppard will not be in attendance after June 2009.

ACTION PLAN
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Please refer to packet. *DRAFT* Public Outreach & Education Plan. Evelyn Neavear suggested contacting the local health department representatives. She suggested to expand or consider a sub-committee to cover the right interest groups. Also, suggested was to talk with City Council members in Springfield, Bloomington, Decatur, Danville and Champaign.

Morris Bell suggested to look at the Texas Water Plan and write one like it for Illinois.

Looking at the RWSPC & MAC Appearances/Possible dates for Public mtgs. it was suggested to push the dates back into August instead of July.

Steve Wegman suggested public schools as a way to get the word out for education.

Chairman Uken adjourned the meeting at ~2:15pm.