

NATURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
McHenry County Administration Building
667 Ware Road, Woodstock, IL 60098

MINUTES OF FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2010

Chairman McCann called the committee meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. The following members were present: Mary McCann; Yvonne Barnes; Barb Wheeler; Virginia Peschke; Scott Breeden and Pete Merkel. Anna May Miller was absent. Also in attendance: Chairman Ken Koehler; Cassandra McKinney, Groundwater Resource Manager; Mark Phipps and Dennis Sandquist, P&D; Patty Nomm, Health Department; and interested public.

Mary McCann, Chairman

Yvonne Barnes

JS "Scott" Breeden

Pete Merkel

Anna May Miller

Virginia Peschke

Barbara Wheeler

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Committee members reviewed the minutes the Natural and Environmental Resources Committee of January 12, 2010. Ms. Peschke made a motion, seconded by Ms. Barnes to approve the minutes of January 12, 2009. The minutes were approved as presented with all members present voting aye on a voice vote. Ms. Wheeler apologized to committee members for her late attendance to some of the meetings. She has to make sure her children get on the school buses and then proceeds to the County so this can cause her to be late.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Collins, from Woodstock joined committee members and requested the committee consider breaking apart the recharge chapter as this area includes major components for protecting groundwater and there are legal tools available to do each. She stated that she would also request the committee review the Water Use Act. She informed committee members that this is simple to understand and it applies to us now and is a perfect complement to what the Groundwater Manager is trying to accomplish.

PRESENTATIONS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Groundwater Recharge Section: Review: Committee members entered into discussion and review of the Groundwater Recharge Section of the Groundwater Protection Action Plan. Goals for Water Supply Planning and Implementation of Groundwater Protection Action Plan for Unincorporated McHenry County were reviewed by the committee members. Committee members agreed that the goals were very clear and concise and they are a good framework for what is being worked on. Each section in each chapter is being reviewed by the committee. After review the suggested changes would be forwarded to the appropriate committee in order to make sure all the ordinances concur with each other. Sections being reviewed in the Groundwater Recharge Recommended Policies include the SARA maps, Land Use and Zoning, Subdivision Ordinance Recommendations, Stormwater Management, National Pollution Discharge Elimination Systems, Open Space and Natural Area Recharge, Mining Operations, Wastewater Reuse and Septic Systems and Underground and Aboveground Storage Tanks. Review will continue at the next committee meeting.

Community Outreach Brochures: Chairman McCann directed committee members to review the brochures that were created by Groundwater Resources. Any questions or concerns regarding the brochures should be directed to Ms. McKinney prior to the next committee meeting. Ms. Wheeler stated that the ACE Commission (Agricultural Conservation Easement Farmland Protection Commission) will be sponsoring an expo at the fairgrounds for students of the County. They will also be represented at a Fair Booth as well. They have had 10,000 of some of the brochures printed for use at these events.

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Nancy Schietzelt from the McHenry County Defenders, thanked committee members for their thorough look at the ground water plan. She stated there is no more of a critical issue out there. She suggested committee members read a book titled "Collapse" by Jared Diamond. She stated he writes about what could happen without planning.

Ms. Barnes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Merkel, to adjourn at 10:25a.m. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

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Approved 3.5.10