

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

MINUTES OF FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2010

Chairman McCann called the committee meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. The following members were present: Mary McCann and Scott Breeden Yvonne Barnes; and Virginia Peschke. Barb Wheeler arrived at 8:35a.m. Anna May Miller and Pete Merkel were absent. Also in attendance: Ken Koehler, County Board Chairman; Cassandra McKinney, Groundwater Resource Manager; Peter Austin, County Administrator; Jeff Lavato, Health Department; Mark Phipps, Matt Hansel, Sean Foley and Dennis Sandquist, P&D; Wynnyth Adair, Division of Transportation; 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 15, 2010. Ms. Peschke made a motion, seconded by Ms. Barnes to approve the minutes of January 15, 2009. The minutes were approved as presented with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PRESENTATIONS

None

Chairman McCann stated she would move the New Business forward for consideration before entering into a discussion on the Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution authorizing a modification to the agreement with the Illinois State Geological Survey to extend project deadline by one year and expand the scope of work to include additional mapping analysis: Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing a modification to the agreement with the Illinois State Geological Survey to extend the project deadline by one year and expand the scope of work to include additional mapping analysis. Ms. Peschke made a motion, seconded by Mr. Breeden to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. Committee members were informed that there are funds that have been set aside for this year's portion of the project. Committee members questioned if the Resolution should be amended to read that they were entering into a contract instead of an agreement. Committee members were informed that this is standard wording that has been used for years. After discussion, the motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Barnes, Breeden, Peschke, McCann)

Ms. Wheeler arrived at 8:35a.m.

Resolution authorizing entering into a three year agreement with the Illinois State Water Survey to conduct a groundwater study: Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing entering into a three year agreement with the Illinois State Water Survey to conduct a groundwater study. Ms. McKinney stated that the County has applied for grants for this project for the past three years without success. Funding has now been budgeted for this project. Ms. Peschke made a motion, seconded by Ms. Wheeler to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. There will be a cost of \$67,936 for FY2010. It is important that the Municipalities know what type of data the County is getting. Chairman Koehler stated that he would like to complement Ms. McKinney on her work. Because of the work that has been completed since 1994, it will help on a Regional basis. Groundwater has no boundaries so this work is a significant help to future planning. He stated that he has seen the excitement of CMAP, the Federal Government as well as others and how they are benefitting with the coordination of projects. Since the Federal Government "operates to a different drum" this helps the County to get recognized down the line. After discussion, the motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Barnes, Breeden, Peschke, Wheeler, McCann)

OLD BUSINESS

Groundwater Protection Action Plan: Executive Summary: Committee members reviewed the Groundwater Protection Action Plan: Executive Summary. Committee members questioned if the name had been changed. Ms. McKinney stated that the name was changed at the request of Chairman McCann. She stated that the items in the plan are still called Model Policies and are included within the Action Plan. The goal of this document was to include a short summary of

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each policy so that the reader could choose which issue may apply to their area. Committee members stated that this is a great idea that will be very helpful as a guide to others. Committee members questioned if others will be adopting these policies. Committee members were informed that four municipalities have already adopted the program with others adopting portions of the plan. The current concerns of a community will be their hot button issue and it is hopeful that each community will adopt a large portion of the plan or the whole product. Ms. McKinney has provided presentations to Algonquin, Ringwood and Johnsbury and has received a request to provide a presentation next week to the Public Works Department for the Village of Cary. It is hopeful that 16 communities adopt at least two areas of the program in 2010. This will help to build momentum for the program. Committee members questioned what population numbers will be included in the plan. They stated that it is very important that within the various policies and plans of the County they include the same population numbers so there is consistency with all of their documents. Committee members questioned the numbering of the summary as the table of contents should be separated from the summary. Committee members questioned if the documents should be professionally made. It was stated that copies currently being provided are fine and committee members stated they did not feel funds should be expended at this time for professionally bound copies. Committee members stated that page 10 identifies the Georgia Comprehensive Plan and they feel it should be a local plan that is mentioned. Committee members stated that this is a pretty generic plan and they suggested that they reference the same maps that CMAP does for this portion of the plan. Committee members suggested that an Education component included in the plan. It was suggested that foot notes be added to the area where studies are shown so people know where information can be accessed and this will show a connection with the studies and show where these studies can be accessed. After revisions to the Summary are made they will be brought back to the committee for review.

Committee members questioned if additional task force meetings have been scheduled since putting out the plan for review. Ms. McKinney stated they have not been scheduled at this time, but, it was understood that a meeting would be scheduled in the future for a 6 month review. This was to be done to review changes that have been suggested on the plan. After adoption of the plan the task force would meet one time a year. It was suggested that a matrix be completed to show what policies each community will be working on so they can review their work with each other. It was noted that Algonquin and Lake in the Hills plan to begin working on the Water Quality Plan so it would be easy for them to coordinate their project with each other. Updates will be provided as the information is received. They asked that initial contact dates included in the matrix. Once the matrix hits 16, this will give the county leverage for inclusion by others in the County and the County Board members will be able to reach out to the remaining communities.

Groundwater Protection Action Plan: Proposal for Editing Services: Committee members reviewed a proposal for Editing Services. Ms. Barnes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Breeden to recommend approval of the proposal for editing services for the Ground Water Protection Action Plan. Committee members stated that Mr. Vogel makes some excellent observations. Some committee members stated that not every document is perfect and they don't think it necessary to throw good money away. Others stated concern that if the document is not revised so that it is better understood, the document would be shelved. Technical writers detail and organize a document so that there is consistency among the document so everything flows and is brought together into an understandable document. A technical writer would also create consistent use of terms. All committee members agreed that they are looking for a usable document but some feel that editing services are not needed for this document. After discussion by each committee member, Mr. Breeden made a motion to accept option two of the editing proposal. Ms. Barnes and Mr. Breeden amended their original motion to select option two of the proposal. The motion carried with three ayes (Barnes, Breeden, McCann) and two nays (Peschke, Wheeler)

Groundwater Protection Plan: Section 1: pgs 1 – 10: Committee members entered into a lengthy discussion and review of Section 1 with staff of Planning and Development, the Health Department, the Division of Transportation and Ms. McKinney on how this plan may affect policies and ordinances within their departments.

Mr. Breeden left committee at 9:40a.m.

Recommendations provided by staff will be reviewed and included in the plan as appropriate. The goal of the committee is to tackle all of the policies and ordinances so they are consistent with each other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Nancy Schietzelt from the McHenry County Defenders addressed the committee and stated that it would be nice if an intern could be hired to help coordinate the efforts of the various groups in the area. She stated they would work together to move this effort forward.

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Ms. Schietzelt stated that Ms. Jane Collins had to leave the committee meeting but wanted to ask if it would be feasible to have a public comment meeting for the plan once the draft has been completed for review, prior to adoption of the plan. This would be similar to the public comments meetings held for the 2030 plan.

Chairman McCann stated there may not be a quorum for the meeting scheduled for February 19th. If a quorum committee could not meet this meeting may be canceled. The meeting for next Friday has been scheduled for 8:30a.m.

Ms. Peschke made a motion, seconded by Ms. Barnes, to adjourn at 10:33a.m. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

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