

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

MINUTES OF WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2011:

Chairman McCann called the committee meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. The following members were present: Mary McCann, Chairman; Virginia Peschke and Kathleen Bergan Schmidt. Donna Kurtz, Pete Merkel, Marc Munaretto and Bob Nowak were absent. It was noted that there was not a quorum.

Also in attendance: Peter Austin, County Administrator; Patti Nomm and Kristy Hecke, Department of Health; Cory Horton, Alicia Law, Monica Hauk and Cassandra McKinney, Planning & Development; and interested public and the press.

Mary McCann, Chairman	
Donna Kurtz	Pete Merkel
Marc Munaretto	Bob Nowak
Virginia Peschke	Kathleen Bergan Schmidt

MINUTES: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

PRESENTATION: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman McCann requested that item No. 6.2 be heard next.

Request for Additional Solid Waste Franchise Agreements: Ms. Nomm and Ms. Hecke provided committee members with a summary of the public comments for proposed franchised solid waste removal services for the following areas: Covered Bridge and surrounding subdivisions, Fox Lake Vista and The Manor Subdivision. These areas have contacted them requesting the Health Department pursue franchised solid waste removal services for their areas. They have met with the three groups, held public meetings and have presented information to them. The proposed agreements for these three areas are similar to the Pistakee Highlands and Wonder Lake solid waste franchise agreements. The bid proposals are prepared and the next process would be to work with the Purchasing Department and work through the bid process, obtain firm numbers for the proposals and present the information to the three groups. They will then obtain final comments from the groups and then present the findings to this committee, along with the County Board members, in order to determine if the County wants to proceed with the agreements. They suggest bidding these a bit differently which would include the current leaf bulk pickup rate which is two times in the fall and one time in the spring, and also bid it for fall pickup only. They are being contacted by area waste hauling companies inquiring whether or not more areas will be involved in this program. It was the consensus of the committee members to provide the Health Department with direction to proceed with pursuing franchised solid waste removal services for these three areas.

Recycling Electronics Collection Event: Ms. Nomm stated that during the recent recycling electronics collection event, approximately 90,000 lbs. of electronics were collected. A rebate of \$.03 per pound on some items was paid to the County which totaled almost \$2,000. Grafton Township is holding a similar event on September 24, 2011 and the Health Department may partner with them and provide their assistance.

Shredding Event: Ms. Peschke mentioned that Consumer Credit Counseling Service of McHenry County will be holding a shredding event on October 22, 2011 which is during "Protect Your Identity Week".

Medication Collection: Ms. Hecke mentioned that the next medication collection event is being scheduled and it may be partnered with a private company in the County that has expressed interest in this type of event. She would like to expand the next event to include liquid medication and pet/veterinary medications. Fox River Grove and the Village of Johnsburg Police Departments collect medications during business hours.

Stormwater Management Commission's request that the County's 2012 budget include funding for a complete review and revision of the Stormwater Management Ordinance: Mr. Horton joined committee members and stated that the Stormwater Management Ordinance (SMO) went into effect in 2004. The SMO has been amended several times since 2004. The Stormwater Management Commission is requesting the County retain a consultant to comprehensively review and revise the SMO. Many inconsistencies are in the SMO which make it difficult for staff, property owners, developers and consultants to understand and comply with the ordinance. Also, there are approximately one dozen certified communities that have to administer the ordinance in the way it is currently written. Many regulations have changed since the current SMO went into effect and the current ordinance is not consistent with these regulations. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is currently working on the runoff volume reduction amendments for the ordinance. Chairman McCann mentioned that this request is timely since the UDO is being revised. The SMO needs to be in compliance with state law and what the County's needs are going forward.

Water Resources Action Plan (WRAP), Sub-Section B5) Facility Regulation: Ms. McKinney joined committee members and reviewed this sub-section of the WRAP. She reviewed item Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9. Concerning item No. 3, she will work with Mr. Hansel and re-word the language for this section and present their recommendation at the next meeting. It was noted that the "Suggested Timeline for Implementation" areas were not complete for Sub-Section B5. This sub-section will be amended and brought before the members for review at the next committee meeting.

Water Resources Action Plan (WRAP), Sub-Section B6) Winter Snow and Ice: Ms. McKinney reviewed item Nos. 1, 2 and 3 of this sub-section of the WRAP with committee members.

Water Resources Action Plan (WRAP), Sub-Section B7) Wastewater: Ms. McKinney reviewed this sub-section of the WRAP. Item Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 were reviewed. Item No. 11 was reviewed and it was suggested that the word "modify" be replaced with "support". Item Nos. 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 were reviewed. Ms. McKinney will create a new section under the grey water section entitled "conservation" which will include the conservation of water by the use of compost toilets.

Ms. McKinney reported that the Groundwater Task Force met yesterday. Wastewater use, facility planning areas and grey water were discussed. They also discussed regulated recharge areas and the Class III overlay and the model resolution for their consideration. Their next meeting is scheduled for October 11, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. and they will be discussing WRAP's Sub-Section B5 Facility Regulation, along with regulated recharge areas.

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE:

McHenry County Conservation District: None.

Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan: None.

Agricultural Conservation Easement Farmland Protection Commission: Ms. Peschke mentioned that they are still attempting to find someone to lead the proposed local food-system assessment group.

Regional Water Planning Group: Chairman McCann mentioned that she will be attending the meeting scheduled for tomorrow. The Chairman for this group is the Mayor of Aurora.

NPDES: National Pollution Discharge Elimination Systems: None.

Watershed Updates: Chairman McCann stated that she attended the recent meeting. She is trying to get more sub-watershed studies on the west side of the County in order to support managing stormwater in that area.

Stormwater Updates: None.

Solid Waste: None.

Green Team: None.

Ms. Nomm mentioned that the Health Department is beginning the process of revising their Solid Waste Plan with their environmental advisory committee on August 18, 2011 to identify task members and individuals who would like to get involved in the process of revising the Plan.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

FUTURE TOPICS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman McCann closed the meeting at 9:56 a.m.

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RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION/APPROVAL:

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