

Minutes from the Sub-Committee B Meeting
“Identifying actions that might be taken to ensure the long-term protection of the Mahomet Aquifer”

August 20, 2018

Place: Champaign County Board/Lyle Shields Meeting Rm, 1776 East Washington Street, Urbana
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Time Started: 9:06 AM

Time Adjourned: 10:40 AM

Members Present:

Charles Hostettler, PDC Technical Services
Alec Davis, Illinois Environmental Regulatory Group
Jim Risley, Mahomet-Seymour School District
Donovan Griffith, Illinois Manufacturers Association
Sen. Chapin Rose, 51st District (Landon Stenger)
Mayor Diane Marlin, City of Urbana
Mayor Deb Feinen, City of Champaign
Mayor Larry Stoner, City of Monticello
Steve Turner, Illinois Farm Bureau
Barb Lieberoff, Illinois EPA
Rick Cobb, Illinois EPA

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

Discussion of Minutes from 8-6 Meeting

Sub-Committee Chairmen Mayor Larry Stoner calls the meeting to order. The first item on the of the minutes 8-6. Mayor Stoner comments that if there are any comments or changes to the minutes please get them to Barb.

Work on selection and prioritization of PRI suggest recommendations

Mayor Stoner comments that we will begin the work on the prioritization of PRI's suggestions and turns the meeting over to Jim Risley. Jim Risley begins by having everyone refer to the PRI document and the PowerPoint printout of the prioritizations. Jim Risley comments that after today's meeting and the work completed that everyone has time to look over these recommendations for the next meeting. Jim references his outline of where we are and that will

be handed out at the full Task Force meeting. Jim wants to discuss Appendix A and B today. HTEM is the number one recommendation. Charles Hostetler comments on the HTEM and wants some clarification on HTEM and what was discussed at the last meeting and since George Roadcap is here today he may be able to elaborate. George Roadcap explains a bit more about the HTEM and what they have been doing over the years to look at the aquifer overall and putting more monitoring wells as well as funding to do so. Jim Risley references the “green” section— Management Recommendations from PRI Appendix B. Which recommendations can we combine or delete? Rick Cobb comments that of the 5 we should keep #4. The group decided to delete #5 and #3 under A Develop, Committee and Plan. Discussion begins on how recommendation #1 in that section and how it relates to #6 and #7. Jim Risley asks can either one be combined or deleted. Rick Cobb comments that #1 is an example of management. Mayor Deb Feinen asks can we remove them or cut and paste? George Roadcap thinks it’s important regarding the needs assessment in #7. Rick Cobb comments and explains a bit regarding the needs assessment. Alec Davis has some questions on #1. Alec asks is this the intent of this pollution prevention practices encouraging sites to evaluate their practices to identify things they can change or are we talking about establishing some new regulatory framework? Rick Cobb comments that refers to what you were talking about in the first part of your question, pollution prevention is encouraging sites to evaluate their practices to identify things they can change. Alec Davis comments can we add some verbiage to #1 to capture that intent? Donovan Griffith comments and agrees with Alec’s comment. His issue is that something needs to be added to #1 where it says, “prevention involves reviewing” The group agrees and adds “involves company self-reviewing.” Rick Cobb comments that the Agency use to have graduate engineering students...and not sure if the Agency still has this program/internship called the Pollution Prevention internship program where students were placed in company to just want #1 is referencing. Not sure if the funding for that program has went away. Mayor Diane Marlin comments that self-review didn’t work so well with People’s Gas or is that different? Rick Cobb comments that is different. There is a spectrum of management. One is regulation, one pollution prevention, one education so that is different. So, this doesn’t apply to People’s Gas situation and this is just one management tool. The discussion moves to B Execution of Plan. Jim Risley asks about #1...are people already doing it? Rick Cobb comments that it is more of a community thing. He also mentions that he is not aware on anyone in the Mahomet Aquifer doing that. Jim Risley comments that we need to make sure we are narrowing these priorities so that it has impact. Charles Hostetler comments that his question is the intent. Does the statute allow recommendation to provide better communication tools so people know that it exist? Rick Cobb comments that since we lost our groundwater education person I’m not sure elected officials know they exist. They just have too many items on their plate. Charles Hostetler comments that our intent then should be increased awareness so it is known then. The group decides to move #7 (under A Develop Committee and Plan) to III Communication; E. Communication with Stakeholders. The group discusses to delete #8 as well. The group moves to B Execution of Plan and discuss recommendation #2 (Adm code’s) under that. Mayor Deb Feinen comments on an appendix to list the environmental regulations that already exist. Jim Risley comments that we add an appendix then. Alec Davis comments if our sub-committee is supposed to list the protections. It makes sense to list the ones already there. So, let’s not recreate the wheel so to speak. The group decides to move #2 to a new page entitled Appendix. The group moves to C. Future Management and discusses those 4 recommendations. Discuss to move #4 to the Appendix b/c its already done in the source water assessment. The group decides #1 goes to the Appendix. Jim Risley comments that we’ve spent a lot of time on

Appendix B (PRI) it's been scrutinized, blended and some added to an overall Appendix. So now suggests the group move to Appendix A (PRI) for discussion. Before moving on the group has some further discussion of #2 and #3 under Future Movement. The group decides that #3 needs updated with some additional language to it. (#3 is changed in the new copy with the new language). Charles Hostetler comments that he isn't 100% okay with the change and would need to take it back to his people for review. Discussion continues along that line. Donovan Griffith agrees and comments he isn't sure he could support #3 at all with any prohibiting language. Mayor Diane Marlin comments and asks is there an area in the recommendations that identifies all the regulated recharge areas, b/c we may not know? Rick Cobb and Jim Risley comment that it is under the Science/Research section. Mayor Deb Feinen comments do we want to make the added language on #3 a different color so we know that it is not an agreed upon recommendation by the group? She also comments that our environmental task force members may have some additional comments on this b/c the members here today are regulator heavy so to speak. Charles Hostetler comments about Mayor Marlin's comment on recharge areas/regulated recharge areas we may be using it in different contexts. We need to make sure we are specific. The group moves to II Research for discussion. Under A Wells: Use existing resources. Increase use of these resources. Provide additional resources, the group decides to delete #1(a). Discussion moves to #3 under A Wells...the group decides to delete b/c its already tied into HTEM so its redundant. Discussion begins on B Properties: Need to know what we have and how it is behaving. #1 is brought up regarding the specific areas and why they were chosen. George Roadcap comments that those areas are where we haven't typically had a lot of money to do research at. It's proposed to remove the 5 areas under I HTEM A 1 as well as B 1. They are the same. Discussion is that HTEM is the most important. II Research is everything that supports HTEM. It is decided that since B #1 and A #1 is identical to delete B (Properties) #1 in its entirety. Discussion moves to HTEM A: 2 and 2a. Discussion then moves to D. Record Water Usage/Management/to better manage aquifer. The group discusses specifically "managing withdrawal" Mayor Deb Feinen suggests "monitoring withdrawal" Steve Turner comments that on the western side of the aquifer there is not a quantity problem and its vastly different on the eastern side. George Roadcap comments that he would rather see "monitoring withdraw" if we keep this recommendation. Rick Cobb comments that it is all voluntary cooperative effort. The group discusses #2. George Roadcap suggest #1 be deleted and re-word #2. The group decides to delete #1 but add it to #2 and add the word "industrial" into the last sentence that starts Address recharge in terms...The group decides to change the title of D. to Record Water Usage and Promote Water Supply Planning. Additional changes to last sentence and add monitoring/planning. #2 will continue to be discussed and not 100% approved by the whole group. Will need to take back to perspective groups to look at.

Future Sub-Committee Meetings

Mayor Larry Stoner comments on date for future meeting. Mayor Stoner suggest not to wait to the September meeting/next two weeks to continue the prioritization. The group decides same location 10am September 4 (Tues).

Subcommittee Comments

Steve Turner comments on when the new version of Power Point will be ready for the group to review. The group will get it emailed.

Public Comments

Chris Stohr comments on the geology of the Mahomet and recommends putting it under Future Management or additional category to inspect and maintain landfills.

Randy Locke comments and appreciate the continued discussion of the PRI recommendation document. Suggests reading some of the language in the beginning of Appendix A to help with the rewording of the recommendations the group is discussing.

Adjourn

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