

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

September 4, 2018

Place: Champaign County Board/Lyle Shields Meeting Rm, 1776 East Washington Street, Urbana
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Time Started: 10:00 AM

Time Adjourned: 11:40 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
Steve Turner, Illinois Farm Bureau
David Zimmerman, Tazewell County
Claudia Lenhoff, Champaign County Health Care Consumers
Teresa Barnett, Dewitt County Emergency Management Agency
George Roadcap, Prairie Research Institute, Illinois State Water Survey
Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe, City of Decatur
Barb Lieberoff, Illinois EPA
Rick Cobb, Illinois EPA

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

Discussion of Minutes from 8-6 Meeting

Sub-Committee Chairmen Mayor Larry Stoner is absent for this meeting, so Chairwomen Deb Feinen will run the meeting and calls the meeting to order. The first item on the of the agenda is the discussion of minutes from August 20. If there are any changes, please get them to Barb. Mayor Feinen turns the meeting over to Jim Risley to facilitate the discussion on prioritization of recommendations.

Work on selection and prioritization of PRI suggested recommendations

Jim Risley begins by making an opening statement. The last two meetings have been extremely productive on what PRI has given us. After the 2nd meeting but we need to come to some kind of way to broaden the focus. So, I asked PRI if Larry Stoner and myself could meet with them to discuss those priorities. Come up with the statements we want to use and broaden a way to protect the aquifer. There were 5 categories with funding, water quality and quantify, realization of sources and communication. Eighteen larger recommendations under there and we are going to tabulate them. Individually drop 8 and prioritize 10. Rank highest priority as a 10 to lowest as 1. Talled to give us a sense of what Sub-Committee B wants to give Full Task Force as a whole. Not an end all but it's a start. We may need another meeting before the Sept 17 meeting to discuss. Some of you may be reluctant to say what you want to rank today. Do your best to rank what you can and then by our next meeting make some adjustments based on going back to your group to discuss. Does that make sense to the sub-committee? Steve Turner comments the point I have. I realize the time constraints. We just got this on Wednesday, but I'm the rep for the whole Ag community. I'm not prepared to give my full priorities today. Donovan Griffith comments and agrees with Steve and sure if he will be able to give any official ranking today and agreement that the aquifer needs more research first and foremost but will have to discuss with my members before I make official rankings. Alec Davis comments is the purpose to have a number or screen the 18 down? Jim Risley comments yes to stream it down even more and get to a finish product. If we need more meetings we should to have a quality product. My question is then how do we proceed? Charles Hostetler comments my experience with doing rankings we won't end up with 18 with similar weight but 3 or 4 that do. I support the idea to use this to get a sense of where we are. Not for outcome but work through the process today. Like to thank PRI and Jim and found it very thought provoking and again not final outcome. Rick Cobb comments plan for protecting the aquifer (statute) whole report goes some items legislatively-part is plan done by the people. We have the templates that we are working on that are really good. Jim Risley comments and asks can we go through the process and identify items legislatively for example? Claudia Lenhoff comments agrees not have a preset number of recommendations for the aquifer and isn't ready today but does not problem trying to do that today as long as not final product today. Jim Risley comments we all represent all different regions and interests and we will fill in the some of the gaps. If we get the HTEM we will have more knowledge and more questions. Mayor Deb Feinen comments on the major/minority report on items not agreed upon. Emphasis to try to get funding for HTEM top priority for funding. Teresa Barnett comments and wanted to clarify to have 10 and get rid of 8. How did we choose 10? What happens to others? George Roadcap comments that doesn't mean those 8 go away that just didn't get a higher ranking. All 18 will have points unless nobody gives it points. Teresa Barnett comments so we are just looking for a consensus from group then thank you. Charles Hostetler comments some will get higher points and some are bland and get lower points for example. We are trying to sperate the higher point recommendations from the lower. Donovan Griffith comments regarding some of the wording and what that means? What I'm voting for. Plan vs legislatively.

George Roadcap comments yes that is something that will fall under Full Task Force for discussion. Rick Cobb comments plenty of preventive measure that could be done right now without research. Example, source water protection plans for communities without doing legislation. Don't lose sight of that. Jim Risley comments we may need a plan B if HTEM isn't passed on the quality and quantity side of things and I thin Rick that's what you're talking about. Rick Cobb comments on the quality side of things implement right now. Claudia Lenhoff comments some of that could go into prioritization. Quality could get higher priority. Rick Cobb comments plenty of tools you can do now that don't require legislation. Jim Risley comments that's when you have the overlap affect-how much is already being done today? Steve Turner comments on the word land use-BMPs a lot of industry to look at that today and how that is being used. Jim Risley comments on narrative that legislation gets-comments from them. All we can do is come up with is solutions on how to protect this aquifer. Steve Turner comments that I'm not going to turn my rankings in but I have preliminary and I'd like to run that by my group and turn that in. Jim Risley comments any other comments on if we can proceed on this process? Alec Davis comments on some of the substance. I got questions on the word management and its uses. Jim Risley comments agrees is it how to regulate management or legislatively manage. Alec Davis comments it would be worth our while to have an understanding on some terms-used a lot with planning. Charles Hostetler comments and agrees with Alec's point. Jim Risley asks George Roadcap could give us a sense of what words meant when they wrote them. George Roadcap comments returning to the word management we could word smythe a bit and some other words to get an understanding of its intent. Rick Cobb discusses the meaning of management as he sees it. Teresa Barnett has a question on #7 maybe #6 (water supply management) of the 18 recommendations. Groups in place don't want to already exist and do not want to restrict what they are doing. Speaking about Mahomet Valley Water District. There is a local level of planning already in place. George Roadcap we could revise and vote later. I feel first 6 are most important. Charles Hostetler comments I'm not willing to concede that the first 6 are the most important but that's what this process is about to weed them out. Mayor Diane Marline comments that she went another direction and put hers into 4 categories (passes around to the group how she did hers). Chairwomen Deb Feinen comments that we vote on some recommendations today and maybe we all won't agree but that's okay. Jim Risley comments we may have a lot of agreement at the top and the bottom. So let's go through the document and discuss it and get a sense of where we are. The sub-committee discusses how to move forward. Mayor Deb Feinen has a member from City of Champaign at the meeting helping with the excel spreadsheet to record the rankings from the members. Some of the members refrained from giving their rankings or not all of the recommendations as they were not comfortable ranking until they discussed with their affiliated organizations. It was discussed that the sub-committee would get their final rankings to Barb Lieberoff by September 12. Barb would email the rankings recorded from today's meeting to the group, so they could view that prior to making their final rankings. Charles Hostetler comments and thanks Jim Risley and PRI for this task. My question is specifically we voted as it was prepared and its not final, these are PRI recommendations and

there is one threat we do not see here and that is Manlove #4. My feeling is there could be two additional actions on this list. One could be aquifer remediation, and the other is how do we keep this from happening again? Jim Risley comments there has been legislation passed on new monitoring and we don't know where the litigations are going on this situation but important what Charles just said. If litigations don't cover the impact then how do we retract and make that recommendation?

Future Sub-Committee Meetings

The September 17 meetings will be in Springfield at Committee Room 212 at the Capitol. Subcommittee A will meet at 9am, Subcommittee B will meet a 9:30 and full Task Force will meet at 11:00am.

Subcommittee Comments

The committee discussed the public comments received. There have been 3 substantial comments. Barb Lieberoff asks the group if they would like to have a section on the webpage for Public Comments and call it just that. The consensus was yes. Barb will work with IT at the Illinois EPA to do just that.

Public Comments

There were none.

Adjourn

Meeting Adjourn 11:40am