

Minutes from the Mahomet Aquifer Task Force Meeting

December 17, 2018

Place: Illinois State Capitol Committee Room 114 401 South 2nd Street Springfield, Illinois 62701

Time Started: 10:00am

Time Adjourned: 12:00 PM

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

Mayor Diane Marlin, City of Urbana

Mayor Deb Feinen, City of Champaign

Steve Turner, Illinois Farm Bureau

Claudia Lenhoff, Champaign County Health Care Consumers

Teresa Barnett, Dewitt County Emergency Management Agency

George Roadcap, Prairie Research Institute, Illinois State Water Survey

Mayor Larry Stoner, City of Monticello

Mayor Todd Zalucha, City of Heyworth

Eric Ballinger, Republic Services

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe, City of Decatur

Mayor Charles Smith, Village of Rantoul

Keith Gleason, President Teamsters Local 627

Representative Carol Ammons 103rd District

Barb Lieberoff, Illinois EPA

Rick Cobb, Illinois EPA

TOPICS DISCUSSED: **The Audio file was corrupted from the December 17th meeting. Minutes from the meeting are recorded solely from Barb Lieberoff's hand written notes.

Approval of the Minutes from December 10, 2018

Chairwomen Deb Feinen calls the Meeting to order. The first item on the Agenda are the meeting minutes from the December 10 meeting. Barb Lieberoff explains that the meeting minutes were not completed due to the short turnaround from the December 10th meeting and has not received audio/video recording from Champaign County. Once Barb receives that recording the minutes will be completed and posted to the Mahomet Aquifer Taskforce webpage.

Final Additions/Revision to Report to be Voted on (previously provided)

a. Introduction

Chairwomen Deb Feinen moves the committee on to the next item on the agenda. A motion was brought to the floor to include the new Introduction that was written by Mayor Diane Marlin. There was a second on the floor. Chairwomen Deb Feinen asks the committee for all those in favor to signify by saying I, the motion carries on the Introduction.

b. Executive Summary

Chairwomen Deb Feinen moves the committee to the next item the Executive Summary. Jim Risley comments has a question/issue on line 29/30 motion to strike the language. Donovan Griffith comments on paragraph 2 line 27-31 motion to strike. Multiple motion to strike on the floor. (Teresa Barnett, Steve Turner, Donovan Griffith, Alec Davis and David Zimmerman-in favor of DG's motion) however that motion fails. There is a motion to strike line's 31-32 that motion carries and this also appears in the natural gas worksheet. There is a motion to strike in other areas of the report and that motion carries as well. Discussion continues on the Executive Summary-line 32 wording of consent order. There is a motion to approve the Executive Summary as it now amended after discussion today. There is a second and the motion carries.

c. Legacy Landfill Worksheet

Chairwomen Deb Feinen moves to the Legacy Landfill Worksheet that was reworked by Charles Hostetler, Dr. Chris Stohr and Claudia Lennhoff. Alec Davis comments and has issues with the reworked version and will be voting no on this. He has issues with the revised legislation recommendations. Donovan Griffith comments and has similar issues with legal landfill worksheet and new legislative recommendations. Teresa Barnett comments that to vote for original work subcommittee A did. There is a motion to approve the new reworked legacy landfill worksheet and it does pass.

There is additional discussion on Section V regarding the Future Group of the Task Force. Alec Davis comments regarding language in Section V and makes a motion to move Section V to first paragraph. There is not further discussion and that motion carries.

Steve Turner comments on page 27 of the report lines 630-636 on the word Nitrate. He makes a motion to remove. Discussion by the committee ensues. There is no second and that motion fails. Diane Marlin comments to change the lines to “there is a higher logic susceptibility to contamination..” There is a motion on the floor to accept that wording change instead of nitrate. There is a second and the motion carries.

The task force moves to discuss the Natural Gas Worksheet. Sen Rose would like the entire mitigations section removed. There is a lot of discussion between task force members regarding the worksheet. There is a motion to remove mitigation from the worksheet. There is a second. Due to the level of discussion a roll call takes place. The motion fails 10 no’s and 8 yes. The motion fails. There is a discussion to possibly reword mitigation instead. Discussion by the Task Force continues. Chairwomen Deb Feinen brings the discussion back to order and then asks to have the Natural Gas worksheet as whole if there is a motion to approve it. There is motion on the floor to approve it. There is a second. There will be a roll call. There was 6 no’s to deny the worksheet 12 yes to approve. The worksheet carries.

Presentation and vote on minority opinions (if any)- note other members may join author

a. Concurrences (if any) – note other members may join author in concurrence

b. Dissents (if any) – note other members may join author in dissent

Alec Davis comments he has a minority opinion on the future task group. Charles Hostetler comments that PDC agrees that consortium may not be the right entity and need more representation but agrees in part. David Zimmerman agrees with Charles comments. Teresa Barnett would like to sign her name onto Alec’s letter.

PDC has a letter objecting to HTEM being used as sight specific analysis. David Zimmerman agrees and wants local counties to have control and not take that away. Keith Gleason also agrees and that needs to stay at the local level. Jim Risley agrees and those decisions need to reside at the local level. Keith Gleason, Todd Zalucha, Teresa Barnett, David Zimmerman, Eric Ballenger, Steve Turner, Donovan Griffith, Alec Davis, Jim Risley, Larry Stoner, Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe, Charles Hostetler, Representative Ammons would like to add their name to PDC letter.

There is a motion to take a vote on the Mahomet Aquifer Protection Task Force Report: Findings and Recommendations, there is a second. Signify by saying I, the motion carries!

Task Force Comments

Chairwomen Deb Feinen reminds Task Force members that if you would like to add your name to any of the minority opinions/dissenting opinions to get them to Barb by close of business Dec. 19th as well as any new minority/dissenting opinion letters. There is a motion on the floor to add Rick Cobb as an author to the report, there is a second and that motion carries.

Public Comments

No comments

Adjourn

12:00

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