

Minutes from the Mahomet Aquifer Task Force Meeting

September 17, 2018

Place: Illinois State Capitol Committee Room 212 401 South 2nd Street Springfield, Illinois 62701

Time Started: 11:15AM

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 (by phone)
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
Mayor Charles Smith, Village of Rantoul
Director Alec Messina, Illinois EPA
Barb Lieberoff, Illinois EPA
Rick Cobb, Illinois EPA

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

Approval of the Minutes from August 20, 2018

Chairwomen Mayor Deb Feinen calls the meeting to order. Chairwomen Deb Feinen states that first item on the Agenda is approval of minutes from August 20, 2018 and asks if there any discussion or comments. Motion from Mayor Larry Stoner to approve. Second by Teresa Barnett. Chairwomen Deb Feinen asks for any other corrections or comments? All those in favor signify by saying "I" The motion to approve the minutes passes.

Sub-Committee A Update “Identifying potential and current contamination threat to the water quality of the Mahomet Aquifer”-Charles Hostetler

Chairwomen Deb Feinen comments that most of us were here for Sub-Committee A and B but think it would help to proceed with an update from Subcommittees. Charles Hostetler comments on Sub-Committee A and gives his report. Sub-committee A has completed their draft report. We didn't vote per se but a consensus opinion. It has a brief introduction and 9 areas with 9 worksheets for that focus area. Alec Davis asked about the process of the 9 areas. How the bottom of the recommendation side of the worksheets would work. Charles Hostetler commented that it was his understanding that Sub-Committee A was tasked with the threat and not the recommendation. It would be discussed on how Sub-Committee B would handle that with the Full Task Force in the Draft Report. Andrew Rehn comments on firm definition of threat and did we come up with that. Charles Hostetler that there were some rewording and future potential threats. Any additional info will go to the draft report writers. Andrew Rehn comments that there isn't glossary of terms? Rick Cobb comments that under Environmental Protection act that the word is prospective. Legal meaning. Cause and allow. Alec Messina comments that to the greater purpose it has a legal meaning. Charles Hostetler comments that for Sub-Committee A using as an operational or practical definition. Alec Messina comments that could be distinguished pretty easily. Andrew Rehn comments monitoring and if the 9 issues and if they are settled? Charles Hostetler comments I think you are confusing A and B's business. Also, I don't think this is the end all be all either. It's a draft and can be discussed. George Roadcap comments that the 9 issues that came out are where the gaps are and IEPA and USEPA are covering the other areas. Eric Ballenger comments that there are programs in place doing that federally as well as by the state covering those facilities. Claudia Lenhoff comments that I think that there is a difference of opinion that that will go in a minority report. Alec Davis comments on some of the information that was brought up earlier today and more last minute we need to get on that b/c we are running out of time. Mayor Deb Feinen comments that she agrees b/c we need to get that information to the report writers and we are kind morphing into the next agenda item.

Sub-Committee B Update “Identifying B Update “Identifying actions that might be taken to ensure the long-term protection of the Mahomet Aquifer”-Larry Stoner

Mayor Larry Stoner comments on Sub-Committee B's recommendations and they will be drafting those to bring forward to the Full Task Force for discussion.

Discussion of Final Work Product

Chairwomen Deb Feinen asks if there is anything additional to add. I believe we have combined items 2,3 and 4.

Committee Comments

Jim Risley comments how are we going to move forward to discuss this Task Force together in an advisory role. Donovan Griffith comments that we aren't going to be voting on the draft report, but each individual recommendation correct? Deb Feinen comments I think we will have to. Donovan Griffith comments so on the process will there be 8 difference opinions listed then? Mayor Deb Feinen comments I think we may have to or decide as a committee how to do that. Teresa Barnett comments on what can we expect from our October meeting? Rick Cobb comments that he has a sort of format on the report. He and PRI a long with Sub-Committee Chairs and few others can work to come up with a draft to bring to the table for discussion.

Future Sub-Committee Meetings (October 15)

Mayor Deb Feinen I will work with Barb on a location. Then November 19 and December 17 Jim Risley comments are those all Mondays? Deb comments yes.

Public Comments

There were none

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn in audible, seconded in audible. All those in favor signify by saying "I" Meeting adjourned.