

Lead Service Line Replacement Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Financing Work Group
February 9, 2023
Webex Webinar or In-person at Illinois EPA Headquarters

The Lead Service Line Replacement Advisory Board (Board) Financing Work Group was called to order at approximately 1:00 PM with the following Board members:

Todd LaFountain, Water Division Manager, City of Springfield CWLP (present)
Brad Cole, Executive Director, Illinois Municipal League (present)
Kyle Saunders, Public Works Director, City of Rockford (absent)
Jason Bauer, Assistant City Engineer, City of Aurora (present)
Justin Williams, Metropolitan Planning Council (present)
Paul Hinterlong, Councilman, City of Naperville (present)
Africa, Associate Director, Illinois Department of Revenue (present)
Briana Parker, Elevate Energy (present)
Anna-Lisa Castle, Policy Director, Clean Water & Equity, Alliance for the Great Lakes (absent)
Iyana Simba, Illinois Environmental Council (present)
Darrell King, Policy Director, Clean Water & Equity, Alliance for the Great Lakes (present)
Brenda Santoyo, LVEJO (present)

Others attending (In-person):

Brad Frost, Office of Community Relations, IEPA
Gary Bingenheimer, Bureau of Water, IEPA
Jeff Guy, Office of Community Relations, IEPA

Jeff Guy took a roll call of Board members present.

Jeff Guy made a motion to approve the draft meeting minutes from the previous meeting on January 17, 2023. This motion was seconded by Paul Hinterlong.

Summary of Discussion:

Briana Parker suggested that the Financing Work Group meet every second Thursday of the month at 1:00 PM. There were no objections.

The first item on the agenda was to finalize areas of financing. Briana Parker began the discussion about the three areas of funding: local, state, and federal. Brad Cole added that only grants and loans can be received from federal and state levels. Taxes and fees are the only forms of funding that are available locally. He suggested that the report could call on Congress to allocate more funding through grants or

loans. If possible, calling upon the General Assembly to provide grants would be the best course of action. Todd LaFountain asked how funding should be requested locally if grants are not provided.

Paul Hinterlong asked where the funds from the state are coming from. Gary Bingenheimer said that the money comes from the federal government due to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Brad Cole discussed where revenue could be collected locally as the state is limited in where it can gather funds. He suggested a few places where the state could gather funds through taxes, such as income or cannabis purchases. Justin Williams said that it is important to provide the General Assembly with all three forms of revenue generation to ensure they are aware of the potential options. Africa asked if there was any additional information to provide to the General Assembly about funding. Todd LaFountain suggested gathering individuals who are qualified to discuss local funding measures.

Paul Hinterlong asked about lobbyists and their role in the state. He suggested that the best way to figure out how to receive funding is to work from the top down: one should start at the federal level and work their way down to the local level.

Briana Parker identified the three important areas for funding: state, federal, and local. Jeff Guy requested additional information by March 1, 2023.

Gary Bingenheimer shared the specifics of the federal funding coming to IEPA as a result of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. \$534 million has been allotted to lead service line replacements. \$496 million has been allocated to wastewater loan programs. \$418 million goes to drinking water loan programs. Lastly, \$184 million goes toward emerging contaminants.

The next Financing Work Group meeting is on March 9, 2023, at 1:00 PM. The next Board meeting is on March 8, 2023.

There were no comments from the public.

Jeff Guy made a motion to adjourn. This motion was seconded by Briana Parker. The work group meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:00 PM.

The meeting recording and other pertinent documents are available on the Agency's [Lead Service Line Replacement Advisory Board webpage](#).