

Lead Service Line Replacement Advisory Board Meeting Minutes  
Financing Work Group  
March 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 (absent)  
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 (absent)  
Darrell King, Policy Director, Clean Water & Equity, Alliance for the Great Lakes (absent)  
Brenda Santoyo, LVEJO (present)

Others attending (In-person):

Brad Frost, Office of Community Relations, IEPA  
Michael Brown, Bureau of Water, IEPA  
Gary Bingenheimer, Bureau of Water, IEPA

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Brad Frost took a roll call of Board members present.

Brad Frost made a motion to approve the draft meeting minutes from the previous Financing Work Group meeting on February 9, 2023. This motion was seconded by Brad Cole, and the draft meeting minutes were adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

Summary of Discussion:

Funding options/ideas have been emailed by members of the group to Jeff Guy (Illinois EPA) and chairperson Briana Parker. A PowerPoint presentation from Justin Williams was also previously circulated. Briana Parker asked if more time should be granted for the group to review the information. Brad Cole asked how the group should handle the funding opportunities, including what will be developed for the report: one option is to explain the three categories (local, state, and federal) into a narrative form.

Mr. Cole asked if the funding opportunities will be explained, organized, and written out for the report or if there will be recommendations to the entire LSLR Board from the Financing Work Group. Mr. Cole asked how to structure the information from the PowerPoint presentation into the report (e.g., use part of the presentation or include the presentation as a stand-alone document). Todd LaFountain also discussed the PowerPoint presentation and has reservations about how to incorporate information from this document into the report.

Africa agreed that an explanation regarding each funding item is needed as opposed to just listing the general options. Africa stated that the report for the General Assembly and the Governor's office should include sufficient information and should include some information from the PowerPoint presentation.

Regarding the PowerPoint presentation, Brenda Santoyo stated that potential revenue sources should be considered for inclusion in the report, although some items from the PowerPoint should not be included.

Brad Cole stated that Illinois Municipal League (IML) is willing to format, design, and produce the draft report. Mr. Cole clarified that IML could do the design, layout, and production of the document including all relevant pieces (e.g., agendas and minutes from all meetings) in addition to making copies. Mr. Cole shared a link for a similar document that IML produced for a different organization. Africa asked if the Illinois EPA could offer to help produce the report, and Gary Bingenheimer (Illinois EPA) stated that the Agency does not have the resources. Africa asked Mr. Cole to submit the offer in writing and asked about the source of graphics for the report.

Gary Bingenheimer discussed the next (main) Board meeting, tentatively scheduled for April 19, 2023 and stated that the goal of this meeting is to have a rough draft of the report, which gives the entire Board nearly a month to review the draft report and provide feedback to those who have volunteered to produce the draft report (Justin Williams, Brad Cole, and Africa). After the April 19, 2023 meeting, edits to the draft report would be made prior to having a final draft by May 31, 2023. Mr. Bingenheimer stated that each Work Group should compile all their information to be submitted to Justin Williams, Brad Cole, and Africa in preparation of the April 19, 2023 meeting.

Jason Bauer stated that he appreciated IML willing to help with the report and asked if the group is intending to go through the options one by one, discuss the options, and then decide what to propose.

Brad Cole clarified IML's role in helping with the report and stated that the draft report produced by IML would be presented to the Board.

Gary Bingenheimer stated that another Financial Work Group meeting may be needed. Paul Hinterlong felt the need for the Financial Work Group to discuss all the information before sending it to the (main) Board.

There were no comments from the public. Brad Frost made a motion to adjourn. This motion was seconded by Briana Parker. The Financing Work Group meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:45 pm.

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