Lead Service Line Replacement Advisory Board Meeting Minutes Financing Work Group April 6, 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 p.m. with the following Board members:

Todd LaFountain, Water Division Manager, City of Springfield CWLP (absent)

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 (present)

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

Michael Brown, Bureau of Water, IEPA

Brad Frost took a roll call of Board members present.

Brad Frost made a motion to approve the draft meeting minutes from the previous meeting. This motion was seconded by Justin Williams, and the draft meeting minutes were adopted by a unanimous vote.

Summary of Discussion:

Justin Williams discussed a draft document that had been circulated via email prior to the meeting. This draft includes potential language and formatting for the upcoming report; and it discusses revenue, financial resources, and federal or state funding opportunities.

Brad Cole pointed out aspects of the document that he and the Illinois Municipal League would edit and finalize, such as the formatting and any inconsistent terms or wording.

Brad Cole, Justin Williams, and Iyana Simba discussed the specifics of the financial burden on the individual customer.

Africa asked how the other Financing Work Group members would edit or add comments to the document. Justin Williams suggested incorporating individual comments or working from a shared document. Anna-Lisa Castle agreed with the idea of utilizing a shared document. She also suggested that a glossary is added to the end of the document to define specific terms and acronyms.

Africa inquired as to when the Illinois EPA's inventory list will be made available and if it will be available prior to the April 15, 2023, due date. Michael Brown stated that it is a matter of when the documents they need are received and processed. He is unsure whether it will be ready prior to April 15, 2023.

Gary Bingenheimer, Justin Williams, and Africa discussed the total funding required for the Lead Service Line Replacement Act. Gary Bingenheimer suggested that an estimated total of \$6 billion was too small. Africa noted that Board will need to know the total cost at some point, but it will require extensive resources.

Justin Williams suggested that the edits to the document he circulated be made in separate files to avoid a shared document becoming too complex.

The next Board meeting is on May 31, 2023.

There were no comments from the public.

Brad Frost made a motion to adjourn. This motion was seconded by Brad Cole. The work group meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:30 p.m.

The meeting recording and other pertinent documents are available on the Illinois EPA <u>Lead Service Line</u> <u>Replacement Act Advisory Board webpage.</u>