

Lead Service Line Replacement Advisory Board Meeting Minutes Financing Work Group

June 15, 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 members:

Todd LaFountain, Water Division Manager, City of Springfield CWLP (present)
Brad Cole, Executive Director, Illinois Municipal League (absent)
Kyle Saunders, Public Works Director, City of Rockford (absent)
Jason Bauer, Assistant City Engineer, City of Aurora (absent)
Justin Williams, Metropolitan Planning Council (present)
Paul Hinterlong, Councilman, City of Naperville (present)
Africa, Associate Director, Illinois Department of Revenue (absent)
Briana Parker, Elevate Energy (absent)
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 (absent)
Brenda Santoyo, LVEJO (present)

Others attending (on-line):

Jeff Guy, Illinois EPA
Brad Frost, Illinois EPA
Gary Bingenheimer, Illinois EPA
Nidhan Singh, Illinois EPA

The meeting began at approximately 1:00 p.m. However, there were not enough members of the Financing Group to proceed with an official meeting, so the meeting reconvened at approximately 2:30 p.m. when enough members joined the meeting. Jeff Guy took a roll call of Board members present.

Justin Williams made a motion to approve the draft meeting minutes from the previous Financing Work Group meeting on April 6, 2023. Paul Hinterlong made a second motion, and the draft meeting minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Summary of Discussion:

Jeff Guy stated that the purpose of the meeting is to polish the Financing Work Group portions of the draft report. Justin Williams suggested that the group walk through the document, entitled *LSLRAB Final Draft - All Revisions 6.08.2023* that he had circulated - and address any concerns. The group agreed to proceed in this manner, and Justin Williams shared the document on the screen and discussed the changes. Justin Williams stated that all items for discussion have been previously discussed during Board meetings.

Justin Williams discussed Illinois EPA revisions on Page 22 of the shared document associated with the difference between the U.S. EPA estimate and the number of lead service lines and addition of language associated rising costs in the future. There were no objections.

Justin Williams discussed revisions on Page 26 of the shared document associated with the financial burden on households. The discussion item is based on a proposed revision by the Illinois EPA to clarify that nothing in the bipartisan infrastructure law prohibits utilities from passing along costs for repayment. There were no objections.

Justin Williams discussed revisions on Page 29 of the shared document associated with Todd LaFountain's proposed revision, which consisted of a typographical error. There were no objections.

Justin Williams discussed revisions on Page 35 of the shared document associated with private utilities. The proposed revisions are from Brent O'Neil. Ann-Lisa Castle asked that the report clarify language regarding "regulated" with respect to community water systems. Justin Williams suggested to change wording to "regulated under the Illinois Commerce Commission". Anna-Lisa Castle proposed to strike the word "prudent". There were no objections.

Gary Bingenheimer stated that Brenda Santoyo's name should be added to the Financing Work Group members; Justin Williams said he would add her name.

Justin Williams made a motion to adopt all changes discussed. Paul Hinterlong made a second motion, and the changes discussed were adopted by a unanimous vote.

Justin Williams suggested all comments be double checked by the Illinois EPA before sending the changes to the report compilers. Jeff Guy said he would go through all comments received on the draft report to ensure all comments were captured. Justin Williams stated that he would then send the changes to the report compilers to be incorporated into the draft report.

There were no comments from the public, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

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