

MINUTES
Technical Committee Meeting
ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF WASTEWATER AGENCIES
Lincolnshire Marriott, Lincolnshire Illinois
Wednesday, May 20, 2009

- I. Jennifer Hindel, Vice-President – Technical called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
- II. The minutes of the March 13, 2009 meeting were approved as written.
- III. Subcommittee Reports

A) Administration – Kim Lytle

This Committee consists of a non-scientific, non-engineering group that focuses on a variety of Administrative issues, monitoring regulatory changes in the human resources and financial arenas. Some of the issues this committee has worked on are:

- utility billing
- finance
- insurance
- Human Relations topics
- Federal Identity Theft Program
- IL E-pay
- Benefits for retirees
- Investment opportunities
- Continuation of Dependent insurance
- Family Medical Leave changes
- ADA changes

The committee creates and disseminates a yearly Wage and Benefit Survey and Revenue Survey to its members for members.

B) Legislative – Stan Browning & Steve Davis

This committee works closely with retained Lobbyist, Kip Kolkmeier, monitoring industry-related legislation and offering Association's position on bills. This past session, IAWA was victorious in the passage of H.B. 159 relating to bid thresholds. This legislation has passed both Houses and is awaiting signature from the Governor. IAWA was also successful in the termination of S.B. 1892 which amends the Sanitary District Act Of 1917 and would have reduced Sanitary District Trustee compensations.

The committee is monitoring Freedom of Information Amendments, but the IL Attorney General is seeking to remove all exemptions with exception to protect individual privacy, but legislation also removes all definition of individual

privacy. There will be civil penalties as well as criminal penalties for non-compliance. The committee submitted comments, and will monitor closely.

Senator John Cullerton contacted Steve Davis concerning H.B. 170 seeking the Association's position on legislation concerning disposal of pharmaceutical drugs. This might be a "pollutant" to stay on top of.

C) Pretreatment – Joe Robinson

This committee keeps members informed with changes and impacts of regulations. It meets every year in October or November with Region 5 to discuss any new issues that aid industry with future audit findings. Meetings are very well attended. Some of the issues to be discussed this year include: mercury reduction program and low level monitoring.

Joe will be sending out a survey in the next couple of weeks to members to determine who is currently monitoring mercury.

D) Water Quality – Rick Manner

See Attached Report ¹

E) Collection Systems – Tom Meyer

This committee tracks resource management aspect of collections, including. CMOM requirements and how it is defined in permits. The committee has been successful for the most part in fighting off enforcement action on SSO's. It met with IEPA Compliance Group to extend compliance agreement deadlines. IEPA approached the committee to come up with a draft of reporting requirements for review. The committee gave comments and are waiting to hear back.

The committee asked IEPA to define overflow and how they think it should be reported. The Association requested they incorporate SSO's into the NPDES permit, and make reporting consistent.

A letter responding to IEPA's draft SSO/CSO reporting document was sent to IEPA and the committee incorporated Fed. H.R. 2452 into their response because many of the NACWA/EPA-negotiated items are closely related to what the committee agrees should be placed into the State language. The committee is waiting to hear a response.

Springfield Metro S.D. informed members it recently received an administrative order (308 letter) from USEPA for non-compliance. Nick suggested Springfield contact IEPA and work closely with them and prepare a compliance agreement and convince them you have a plan to take action.

F) TMDL/Nutrients – Tim Bachman

See Attached Report ²

G.) FPA – Dennis Duffield

This committee was originally started as an Ad-Hoc committee to define future service areas, but evolved because environmental groups started getting involved in the FPA process. The committee works closely with CMAP (formerly known as NIPC). Wally Van Buren with the Downers Grove S.D. serves as the Association's representative and keeps the committee informed.

H.) Stream Use Classification Systems – Nick Menninga

This committee was originally formed to identify the level to which Illinois' water quality standards should reflect the diversity of resources present with the state in terms of aquatic life and recreation. The committee formed a Working Group to put together a petition to bring before the Illinois Pollution Control Board. Chris Yoder, Biologist, was hired by the Association and was instrumental in achieving the same standards as the State of Ohio to modify water quality standards in IL. A Stakeholders Group is expected to meet over the summer and have a completed draft framework in June. Chris will provide a complete presentation at the September Annual Conference on what the Association will take to the IPCB.

I.) Energy – Nick Menninga

This committee was formed in 2006 as an Ad Hoc Committee when ComEd was going through deregulation. The committee created a consortium of eighteen members who participated and agreed to hire Brubaker & Associates to provide services and testimony to create rates for wastewater agencies. Consortium members then hired Conrad Redding and Eric Robinson to represent IAWA and review contract language. The committee continues to monitor energy issues and track market.

J.) NACWA Network – Lou Kollias

This committee continues to provide NACWA updates to IAWA membership.

IV. New Business

Roy Harsch reported that the IL Pollution Control Board reached a decision in Joliet's appeal of the IEPA refusal to modify its sludge application permit to increase the allowable increase in soil radium concentration from 0.4 to 1.0 picocuries per gram. While the IPCB agreed with Joliet that the Memorandum of Agreement between IEMA and IEPA was not a proper basis of the IEPA decision, the IPCB found that Joliet had not proved that their request would not cause a violation of the Act or Regulations. The IEPA added this "boiler plate" claim to support their denial in addition to relying on the MOA. They provided no description of what the problem was other than the MOA. The

IPCB majority found several potential issues on their own. Joliet will meet with IEPA to try and figure out their next step.

V. Old Business

The 2009 Annual Meeting will be held September 15 – 16, 2009 at Four Points Sheraton in Fairview Heights, Illinois.

VI. Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 p.m.