

MINUTES
Technical Committee Meeting
ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF WASTEWATER AGENCIES
Starved Rock State Park, Utica, Illinois
Friday, November 9, 2007

- I. Nick Menninga, Vice-President – Technical called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
- II. The minutes of the September 19, 2007 meeting were approved as written.
- III. Subcommittee Reports

A) Administration – Kim Lytle

Wage and Benefit survey's are out and due back to the Committee by Friday, November 16th. A reminder notice will be sent out next week to all Agency Members. Hope to have the surveys distributed to those Agencies who participated by the end of the year.

If you are in the process of hiring, there is a new I-9 that goes into effect December 7th. Call Kim at the Urbana/Champaign Sanitary District if you have any questions.

B) Legislative – Stan Browning & Steve Davis

There is still time to submit ideas for legislation, but they need to be submitted by the end of December to be introduced during the Spring session.

Rock River WRD has 6 new class action suits pending that involve approximately 500 residents in Rockford due to a rain event on August 7th. These suits fall under the past discussions/reports regarding Pineschi vs. Rock River WRD. The suit mentions 19-2605 of the MWRDGC Reclamation Act. The Committee will continue to work on changing the law to protect other members from such suits in the future.

Peoria is in the planning process with neighboring communities in annexing and to broaden their role in the community. They are taking advantage of an opportunity in assisting with recycled water.

C) Pretreatment – Debra Ness

No report

D) Water Quality – Rick Manner

At around the time we were meeting in Galena for our Annual Conference, the Illinois Pollution Control Board adopted the proposed change to the water quality standard. The proposal contains higher limits for sulfate and no TDS limit. These are both desirable for most dischargers. The changes proposed by IEPA that would have also improved our situation with regards to limits during storms was modified by the IPCB to something that is not as advantageous as it could have been, but it still does not harm dischargers. The public comment period has been extended until December. Anybody wishing to comment is encouraged to do so.

E) Collection Systems – Tom Meyer

Discussion with IEPA regarding SSO enforcement are currently in IEPA's court, as Marcia's last correspondence indicated that they would contact us to set up the next meeting on this issue.. The committee will meet again in December to discuss where they are at.

There are some cases where IEPA is using CMOM as a means to try to improve water quality in CSO communities. It is unclear whether IEPA is attempting to add CMOM requirements as a way to deal with CSOs, as opposed to using it to address SSOs as previously discussed with IEPA.

F) TMDL/Nutrients – Tim Bachman

IEPA's Nutrient Standards Workgroup met on November 6th in Springfield, but it seems that IEPA is not much closer to setting any standards. The planned timeline reflects preparing the petition for nutrients standards for the IPCB for the Spring of 2008, filing the petition in the Fall of 2008, preparing the implementation rules for the Spring of 2009 and by the Fall of 2009 IPCB adopting the standards. This is one year behind the original schedule. All states are currently struggling. Nevada and the District of Columbia are the only two that are complete. There is no clear cut direction, but IEPA seems to be moving ahead. If a resolution doesn't meet the deadline, Illinois could be faced with USEPA's requirements.

CFAR's research shows a complexity of relationships among nutrients, algae, oxygen, biological communities and physical habitat that confounds analyses. Periphyton and macroalgae was found to be important in small streams, whereas phytoplankton more important in larger rivers. Nutrients generally do not limit algal biomass in Illinois streams. The relationships are difficult to establish

because Illinois lacks a wide range of conditions. Some options for the Nutrient standards could be specific to water body, water-body type or designated use, seasonal or temporal standard for warm weather only and a trigger feature for P standard.

After much discussion, members agreed that the committee and the association need to stay pro-active and engaged in the process. Many members like Mark David's approach with a decision tree on adopting standards for various segments, but that would not be an easy standard to enforce. IEPA is passive and seems to welcome either the Association or environmental groups to come forth with a proposal. Committee will discuss with the Executive Committee on how engaged they want them to become and proceed.

G.) FPA – Dennis Duffield

No report

H.) Stream Use Classification Systems – Nick Menninga

Committee reviewed and accepted the proposal submitted from Chris Yoder of Midwest Biodiversity Institute to continue with development of a tiered-use system for Illinois. Nick will verify that nutrients are included in Mr. Yoder's proposed work on aquatic life and the tiered system. The work presents an opportunity to incorporate nutrients to satisfy standards for USEPA. The two committees will meet to discuss this further.

Members discussed the possibility of asking Mike Callahan if he would be interested in becoming involved and assist committees. Plan to have study completed by August 2008. Members unanimously approved the fee for Midwest Biodiversity Institute to not exceed \$35,700, within the budget.

I.) Dissolved Oxygen Standard – Dennis Streicher

First notice before the IPCB received a number of comments. The IPCB will be discussing next week and it will go up for a second notice before the Board and a 45 day comment period before going to JCAR to be adopted and then to USEPA for approval.

J.) Energy – Nick Menninga

Committee has no plans to make comments in ComEd or Ameren's current rate cases in front of the ICC. The Committee has no plans to initiate a new group procurement as was done in 2006.

K.) NACWA Network – Lou Kollias

IAWA has been forwarding the monthly publications to members through IAWA e-mail. Everyone is encouraged to read the reports and send comments back.

IV. New Business

No new business was discussed.

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Certification for operator's licensure will be recertifying soon. Look for something this Spring.

The 2008 Annual Meeting will be held September 16 – 19, 2008 at Hotel Orrington in Evanston, Illinois.

The next Technical Committee Meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 11, 2008 at Starved Rock State Park in Utica, Illinois.

VI. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:28 p.m.