



northeastern illinois planning commission

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MINUTES

Committee: Water Resources

Date: June 20, 2007

Commissioners Present: Wallace VanBuren, Chair; Keith Hunt; Joseph Ligas; Mark Ruby; Patricia Young

Staff Present: Dawn Thompson; Don Kopec

Others Present: Dennis Duffield, Rogina & Associates, Ltd.; Steve Larson, Baxter & Woodman; Derek Wold, Baxter & Woodman; Kurt Carroll, Village of Shorewood; Rick Callahan, Quantum Foods; Stacey Meyers-Glen, Openlands; Tim Gerb, Openlands

1.0 Call to Order

11:00 a.m.

Commissioner Van Buren informed Committee members and the public that this meeting would be the last official meeting of the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission's Water Resources Committee. Commissioner Van Buren thanked Committee members for their participation as members of the Committee.

The charge of the Water Resources Committee will continue under the guidance of Senate Bill 1201. Members of the Wastewater Committee will include: three members of the CMAP Board; one member appointed by the President of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRDGC); and one member appointed by the President of the Illinois Association of Wastewater Agencies (IAWA). The Committee will be chaired for the first two years by a member from the IAWA followed by a two year term from the MWRDGC. The position of chairman will alternate following these terms. To date, Mr. Frank Beal from the City of Chicago and Mayor Zenovia Evans, from the Village of Riverdale will represent Cook County. The remaining positions have not been official filled. Requests to amend the Area-wide Water Quality Management Plan will be considered by the Wastewater Committee and forwarded directly to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) and may be approved by a majority vote.

Mr. Don Kopec announced that the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission (NIPC) would formally adopt a resolution that officially designates the CMAP Wastewater

Committee to fill the former role of the NIPC Water Resources Committee, until the official Senate Bill 1201 has been signed. Ms. Thompson informed Committee members that a tentative Wastewater Committee Meeting would be scheduled in the month of July following the CMAP Board meeting.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

None

3.0 Approval of Minutes of May 16, 2006

MOTION: By Commissioner Ruby to accept the minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Young. Motion passed.

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4.0 Water Quality Plan Amendment Request

Level I Requests

4.1 Village of Shorewood (07-WQ-028): requests a transfer of 235 acres of non-FPA land into the Joliet FPA. The amendment is requested to provide waste water treatment service for the Waterstone Subdivision which includes 124 single family homes and 69 townhomes. The amendment area also includes approximately 25 acres of high density residential development, 40 acres of commercial development, and 10.8 acres for the future Shorewood Deep Well and Water Treatment Plant. The amendment area is located in Will County, Troy Township, Section 19.

Staff's recommendation is of support, but there are many concerns with the Village of Shorewood's amendment request. Currently, the Village has a waste water service agreement with the City of Joliet. The city has allotted 2.08 mgd treatment capacity for the Village of Shorewood at the west Joliet waste water treatment plant (WWTP). The Village of Shorewood's ordinances are not consistent with the Commission's model ordinances and the Village does not have a stream and wetland protection ordinance in place. The Village's amendment request includes the presence of floodplains; therefore staff urged the Village to enforce its existing floodplain management ordinance and to avoid impacts to the floodplain.

MOTION: Commissioner Young moved to support Staff's recommendation of support for the applicant's request. Seconded by Commissioner Ruby. Motion passed unanimously.

Level II Requests

4.2 Village of Bolingbrook (07-WQ-027): requests a transfer of 27 acres of land from the Romeoville FPA to the Bolingbrook West FPA. The amendment is requested to allow Quantum Foods, currently located in the Romeoville FPA to discharge its treated waste water into the Bolingbrook waste water treatment plant. The request is located in Will County, DuPage Township, Sections 21 and 22.

Staff's recommendation is of support. The applicant will discharge pre-treated food production waste water into the new waste water treatment plant site which will discharge into the Du Page River.

MOTION: Commissioner Hunt moved to support Staff's recommendation of support for the applicant's request. Seconded by Commissioner Young. Motion passed unanimously.

4.3 Village of Elwood (07-WQ-038): requests a transfer of 79 acres of land from a non-FPA area into the Elwood FPA. The proposed amendment area is expected to be annexed to the Village as part of the Garden Glen Subdivision. The request is located in Will County, Jackson Township, Section 22.

Staff's recommendation is of support. The proposed amendment includes a subdivision consisting of 976 single family units, 139 town homes, 276 court homes, schools, parks and detention ponds. The Village of Elwood's waste water treatment plant discharges into the Des Plaines River, which is on the Illinois 303d list of impaired waters. Elwood's future plant expansion however will include phosphorous removal which will help alleviate pollutants within the Des Plaines River.

MOTION: Commissioner Ruby moved to support Staff's recommendation of support for the applicant's request. Seconded by Commissioner Hunt. Motion passed unanimously.

4.4 Aqua Illinois (07-WQ-044): requests a transfer 80 acres of land from a non-FPA area the Deer Creek FPA. The proposed amendment area request is needed to provide waste water service for the Westbury Unit 1 Development. The request is located in Will County, Green Garden Township, Section 9.

Staff's recommendation is of support. The amendment request project was a part of the original Aqua Illinois (06-WQ-216) amendment request that was recently considered by the Commission. The subject parcel was inadvertently removed from consideration and has been submitted for consideration as part of a new application. Staff's recommendation of support is accompanied by many concerns. The applicant did not address the proposed

increased discharges to the already impaired Deer Creek. The applicant's ordinances do not require adequate mitigation measures for approved wetlands. The applicant will need to provide a comprehensive assessment for a land treatment system for this proposed application for consideration by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). Lastly, staff requests that the applicant provide a discussion of the on-going negotiations with the Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District to purchase the Aqua Illinois WWTP.

Commissioner Van Buren informed the Committee that a handshake agreement to purchase the Aqua Illinois WWTP had been made between Aqua and the Thorn Creek S.D. It is likely that an interceptor sewer line will run from the exiting plant in Thorn Creek to Aqua Illinois. The Thorn Creek S.D. will then treat all the waste water that is currently being treated by Aqua Illinois.

Mr. Dennis Duffield of Rogina and Associates believed that Thorn Creek would treat all of the waste water from Aqua Illinois. The collection system however may have multiple ownerships. The Aqua Illinois service area east of I-57 would be owned by the Thorn Creek S.D. and the service area west of I-57 would remain in Aqua Illinois possession.

MOTION: Commissioner Young moved to support Staff's recommendation of support for the applicant's request. Seconded by Commissioner Hunt. Motion passed unanimously.

5.0 Status Reports

Level I Requests

There were no Level I status reports.

Level II Requests

Commissioner Keith Hunt stated that the Village of Hawthorn Woods had received a proposed agreement from Lake County for its FPA amendment request (06-WQ-206). To date, the two entities are negotiating portions of this agreement.

6.0 Other Business

Ms. Dawn Thompson thanked Water Resources Committee members for their dedicated involvement in the FPA process.

Commissioner Young requested that staff provide larger maps outlining amendment requests for the Committee's review. Staff informed the Committee that larger exhibits would be displayed at future Committee meetings. The Committee suggested that electronic submission of FPA amendment applications be a requirement of future

applicants.

7.0 Public Comment

None.

8.0 Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner Young; second by Commissioner Hunt. The motion passed unanimously.

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