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Northeastern Illinois Regional Water Supply Planning Group

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McHenry County Government Building
Conference Room A, 667 Ware Road, Woodstock, IL

Delegates Present: Robert Abboud-President, The Village of Barrington Hills, Conor Brown-Government Affairs Director, Illinois Assoc. of Realtors, Karen Darch - President, Village of Barrington, Jeffrey Edstrom-Project Planner, GeoSyntec Consultants, Scott Goldstein - VP for Policy, Metropolitan Planning Council, Tom Hyde - Mayor, Village of Island Lake, Alan Jirik-Director of Corporate Regulatory Affairs, Corn Products International, Inc., Mike Kenyon - Kane County Board, Ken Koehler-County Board Chairman, Robert Martin-General Manager, DuPage Water Commission, William Olthoff, Farmer, S. Louis Rathje-Chairman, DuPage Water Commission, Lynn Rotunno- Sierra Club, Illinois Chapter McHenry County Defenders, Jeffrey Schuh-Senior VP, Patrick Engineering, Inc., Sergio Serafino - Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, Patrick Smith - General Counsel, Deer Point Homes, Ruth Anne Tobias-County Board Chairman, Catherine Ward, County Board Chairman, Peter Wallers-President, Engineering Enterprises, Inc.

Delegates Absent: William Borgo-Mayor of Manhattan, Joe Deal-City of Chicago, Jerry Dudgeon-Director, PB&Z Kendall County, Jeff Greenspan-Project Manager, The Trust for Public Land, Martin Jaffe-Director and Associate Professor, University of Illinois Chicago, Karl Kruse- County Board Chairman, Joyce O'Keefe-Deputy Director, Openlands Project, Jack Sheaffer-Principal, Sheaffer International, L.L.C.,Bonnie Thomson Carter-County Board member,

RWSPG Vacancies: Cook County Government, Grundy County Government, Boone-Grundy-Kankakee County Mayors

Others Present: Tim Loftus, Larry Thomas, Allen Wehrmann

I. Welcome and Overview of Agenda:

Chairman McConnaughay called the meeting to order shortly after10:00 a.m. The meeting was held in Conference Room A of the McHenry County Government Building at 667

Ware Road in Woodstock, IL. McHenry County Board Chairman Ken Koehler thanked RWSPG delegates and the audience for attending.

II. Objective #1: RWSPG Operational Guidelines

Chairman McConnaughay called on Patrick Smith to give the Drafting Subcommittee report. The subcommittee chairman indicated that the current draft of the Operational Guidelines had been sent out on the previous Friday (April 20) for review and was also included in the meeting packet. He reported that the subcommittee felt it had revised the draft as much as it could without returning it for review and decision by the larger RWSPG. In particular, three areas were in need of attention: (a) authority, purpose, and regional responsibility, for which the subcommittee decided to refer back to Executive Order 2006-1; (b) proxy voting; and (c) conflict of interest. On the last two areas, the subcommittee developed options or alternative statements for the RWSPG to decide between.

Following discussion, a motion was made for the proxy voting rule to require delegates to have attended the last two out of three meetings to be eligible for a proxy vote. Motion passed. A motion was made to change the requirement to call a vote to a simple majority. Motion passed.

A member asked whether the RWSPG would be subject to Illinois statutes regarding conflict of interest. Chairman McConnaughay indicated that the answer is unclear, but that more information would be provided to delegates before the next meeting, when the group would address the conflict of interest portion of the Operational Guidelines.

III. Objective #2: Water Resources 101

Allen Wehrmann, head of the Center for Groundwater Science at the Illinois State Water Survey, gave a presentation on groundwater hydrology, referring to a PowerPoint presentation.

IV. Objective #3: RWSPG Strategies, Objectives, and Tactics

Robert Abboud, Goals Subcommittee Chairman, reported on the subcommittee's progress in three areas: (a) the mission statement, (b) the definition of sustainability, and (c) goal statements. Mr. Abboud presented the subcommittee's draft mission statement and motioned for the RWSPG to adopt it. The motion was seconded. During discussion, Mr. Abboud suggested these criteria for the mission and goals: that they should be short and memorable, in a form such that strategies could be compared to see how they fit the mission and goals, and understandable to laypeople.

During discussion of the draft mission statement, two amendments were made and a motion was made to pass as amended. The motion was seconded and passed with one vote in opposition. The approved mission statement is as follows:

> *To consider the future water supply needs of northeastern Illinois and develop plans and programs to guide future use that provide adequate and affordable water for all users, including support for economic development, agriculture and the protection of our natural ecosystems.*

Mr. Abboud gave the RWSPG delegates a "homework assignment" to email him and Dr. Loftus with their definitions of *sustainability* and *affordability* in a water supply context prior to the May meeting.

V. Objective #4 Stakeholder-interest Group Presentations:

Scott Goldstein of the Academic and Public Interest in Regional Planning stakeholder group gave a brief presentation of his group's perspective on regional water supply planning. William Olthoff made a presentation for the Agriculture caucus group, referring to a PowerPoint. Jeff Schuh and Alan Jirik shared the presentation for Business, Industry, and Power, and Jeff Edstrom gave the presentation for Conservation and Resource Management. All referred to PowerPoint presentations.

VI. Objective #5 McHenry County Presentation:

Larry Thomas of Baxter and Woodman presented the results of a multi-year study of groundwater availability, water demand, and water resource management in McHenry County, referring to a PowerPoint presentation.

VII. Other Business, Closing Comments, Adjournment

Dr. Loftus announced that the next meeting would be held at Ryerson Woods Welcome Center of the Lake County Forest Preserves, 21950 N. Riverwoods Road in Deerfield, IL from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. The meeting was adjourned shortly after 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jesse Elam, AICP
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