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## **CMAP Wastewater Committee**

### **DRAFT Minutes**

Wednesday, October 8, 2014

10:30 a.m.

DuPage County Conference Room  
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800  
Chicago, Illinois 60606

**Committee Members** Debra Shore (Cook County), Wallace Van Buren (IAWA), Frank Beal (CMAP Board), Hon. Roger Claar (CMAP Board), Hon. Richard Reinbold (CMAP Board)

**Staff Present:** Dawn Thompson, Jason Navota

**Others Present:** Ben Benson (City of Lockport), Hugh O'Hara (WCGC), Cindy Skrukud (Sierra Club)

#### **1.0 Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:45 a.m.

#### **2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

#### **3.0 Approval of the Minutes-March 12 , 2014**

The minutes of the March 12, 2014 meeting were approved, as presented.

**4.0 City of Lockport (14-WQ-022):** requested a transfer of 97.9 acres of land from a non FPA area to the Lockport FPA. The request would allow a proposed development to be served by the Lockport FPA in Will County, Homer Township.

Ms. Thompson stated that the Lockport Bonnie Brae Sewage Treatment Plant's (STP) Nonpoint Source Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permit (NPDES) expires January 2014. In advance of permit expiration, the City has invested in equipment to meet IEPA's impending 1 mg/L effluent phosphorus limit.

A motion to support Staff's recommendation of support for the request was made by Hon. Claar and seconded by Mr. Beal. All in favor, the motion carried.

## **5.0 Facility Planning Area Review Procedure Changes Update**

In response to concerns expressed by the Committee, CMAP Staff updated the draft FPA Process and Procedures Manual to clearly distinguish items required and recommended for CMAP approval; to include an Appendix with helpful resources (e.g. grant funding, case studies) to assist applicants conducting an energy audit; to include a discussion on water quality impacts; and to include local examples of land application systems.

Commissioner Shore expressed appreciation for Staff's efforts to address the Committee's concerns. She suggested that CMAP provide technical assistance to applicants interested in conducting an energy audit and suggested that a guidance document be prepared for applicants. She also proposed that the manual highlight staff's availability to guide applicants in identifying whether their request impacts the green infrastructure vision and describe how the topic of livability may be addressed.

Both Mr. Van Buren and Hon. Claar believed that checklist items not described in CMAP's agreement with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's (IEPA) be clearly identified. These include: nonpoint source control ordinances; water reuse; regional green infrastructure; and livable communities. Ms. Thompson noted that consideration of nonpoint source ordinances is described in CMAP's contractual agreement with the IEPA. In addition, water conservation is described in both the Illinois and Areawide Water Quality Management Plans.

Commissioner Shore urged the Committee to consider its charge to provide sound regional planning and guide regional growth accordingly. She believed the draft manual attempts to do this. She stressed that it is essential for the Committee to be at the forefront of impending regional issues, namely water reuse.

Though the manual now clearly states that some of these items are not required for CMAP approval, Hon. Claar still believed that a financially strapped municipality may be obligated to provide these items. Hon. Reinbold suggested that the FPA Process and Procedures Manual Checklist be separated into a required and recommended list. Staff agreed to update the checklist to reflect the Committee's concerns.

## **6.0 Other Business**

There was no other business.

## **7.0 Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

## **8.0 Next Meeting**

The Wastewater Committee Meeting meets on an as needed basis.

## **9.0 Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mr. Van Buren and seconded by Hon. Claar to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dawn Thompson". The letter "D" is large and loops around the start of the word "Dawn".

Dawn Thompson, Committee Liaison

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