

DEKALB COUNTY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

**February 9, 2023
2:00 p.m.**

**Gathertorium
DeKalb County Legislative Center
200 N Main St., Sycamore, IL**

AGENDA

- 1. Roll Call**
- 2. Approval of Agenda**
- 3. Approval of Minutes**
- 4. Review of County Stormwater Ordinance**
- 5. NPDES MS4 Requirements for County Communities**
- 6. Watershed planning and implementation update**
 - a. Current Sec 319 application update**
 - b. Steering Committee Consideration and / or Approval**
- 7. Adjournment**

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DeKalb County Government
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STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES
(November 10, 2022)

The DeKalb County Stormwater Management Planning Committee (SMPC) had meeting on November 10, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. in the DeKalb County Legislative Center, Gathertorium, in Sycamore, Illinois. In attendance were Committee Members: Kelsey Musich, Jan Melton, Zac Gill, Derek Hiland, Dean Johnson, Paul Stoddard, and Anita Zurbrugg.

1. **Roll Call** –Committee members Mark Bushnell, Todd Latham, Nathan Schwartz, and Pat Vary were absent. Committee Member Paul Stoddard arrived after roll call.
2. **Approval of Agenda** - *Mr. Gill moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Zurbrugg, and the motion carried unanimously.*
3. **Approval of Minutes** - *Ms. Zurbrugg moved to approved the minutes of the August 8, 2022 meeting, seconded by Mr. Stoddard, and the motion carried unanimously.*
4. **Watershed Planning and Implementation Update**
 - a. **Current Sec 319 application update**

Mr. Johnson reported that he had heard from the manager of the IEPA that the application submitted the northern watershed region has been approved. He then passed out a map of the proposed watershed planning area, and reminded the Committee of the details of the proposal. He noted that the grant would be for approximately \$145,000, and noted that RES (formerly AES) would be the consultant that will work on the plan. He reported that the grant will start on March 1, 2023, and run for two years. Mr. Johnson talked about changed that had been occurring in the IEPA and how it will affect the grant process. Mr. Johnson noted that \$50,000 would be coming from the DeKalb County Community Foundation as a match to the grant. He noted that he had received verbal support from those communities within the watershed that some financial support would be coming from them. He noted that they would still need about \$8,000 to \$9,000 to meet the minimum matching funds. Mr. Hiland confirmed that “in-kind” resources will still count towards that amount.

Mr. Johnson and Ms. Melton noted some actions the City of Genoa is taking towards water protection.

Ms. Zurbrugg elaborated on the history of how the County's watershed planning efforts came about, and the role the Community Foundation play in it. This led into a larger discussion of the impact of such plans for the State, and the various roles the Committee members have played over time.

Mr. Johnson talked about what will be needed for the composition of the Steering Committee that will be formed, and went over some issues previous such committees experienced.

Mr. Hiland then asked Mr. Johnson as to what work would be needed in anticipation of the March 1st start date. Mr. Johnson noted that he and another Committee member would start on developing the Steering Committee, and that the Stormwater Committee would approve of that group. He suggested starting after the beginning of the year to begin that process. Ms. Zurbrugg noted that if the drainage districts are to be involved, then they needed to be approached before April. Mr. Johnson noted that the consultant will start their watershed inventory in the spring, and after a time, the the Steering Committee will start having meetings every other month or so.

Mr. Hiland noted that the Committee should meet on February 9, 2023 to discuss the potential Steering Committee members they have come up with and another other items that would need to be addressed. Conversation was then had about the possible composition of the Steering Committee.

The Committee then talked about Water Bus Tours that have been held in the past, and the positive feedback and information that has come from them.

Discussion was then had regarding getting people to understand the benefits and need for watershed planning.

5. Updates

Mr. Gill reported that the City of DeKalb would be interested in pursuing an implementation grant, and talked about a drainage issue in an industrial area along Pleasant Street, near Peace Road, that needed to be addressed, and talked about some of the steps they wanted to take. Mr. Johnson noted that the EPA's 319 grants needed to

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be in by December 7th, and that there are green infrastructure grants out there that could be a good option to check out. The Committee had further discussion about what the City was considering doing and what they hoped to achieve.

Ms. Musich asked about a resolution passed by the County regarding the Pearl Street bridge. Mr. Hiland noted that he believed that Mr. Schwartz was providing the professional services to help them with the project, but he wasn't sure of the extent of Mr. Schwartz's involvement and recommended she contact Mr. Schwartz for more information.

Mr. Johnson noted the need to keep the discussion going regarding the interface, and to keep it as a discussion item on the agenda for the next time.

Ms. Melton inquired about the proper protocol for addressing drainage issues between townships, cities, and the County, and how jurisdictions could work together to resolve them. It was thought this could be a future agenda item. Mr. Hiland talked about steps taken by Mr. Schwartz to work with townships and communities.

Mr. Stoddard suggested that Maureen Little would be good for the Steering Committee.

6. **Adjournment** - *Ms. Musich moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Melton, and the motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

Derek Hiland
Chairman, DeKalb County Stormwater Management Planning Committee

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