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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES
(June 19, 2014)

The DeKalb County Stormwater Management Planning Committee (SMPC) met on June 19, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. in the DeKalb County Legislative Building, Gathertorium, in Sycamore, Illinois. In attendance were Committee members Norm Beeh, Derek Hiland, John Laskowski, Bill Lorence, Joel Maurer, Paul Miller, Joe Misurelli, Roger Steimel, Tom Thomas, and Donna Prain. Also in attendance were Dean Johnson, Robert Mullins, Steve Simpson, Shannon McCarragher, Candie Jacobs, Elizabeth Hagen-Moeller, Mike Richolson, Anita Zurbrugg, County Engineer Nathan Schwartz, and Planning and Zoning Department staff Marcellus Anderson.

1. **Roll Call** -- *Mr. Miller noted that Committee members Paul Stoddard and Pat Vary were absent.*
2. **Approval of Agenda** -- *Mr. Lorence moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Thomas, and the motion carried unanimously.*
3. **Approval of Minutes** -- *Mr. Misurelli moved to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2014 meeting, seconded by Mr. Hiland, and the motion carried unanimously.*
4. **Draft Watershed Plan** – Mr. Miller explained that DeKalb County was awarded, on November 16, 2012, a Section 319 grant from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) to undertake a watershed study. The watershed under consideration is the headwaters of the East Branch of the South Branch of the Kishwaukee River. DeKalb County partnered with the DeKalb County Community Foundation to create the watershed plan. Hey & Associates, along with Baxter Woodman, were selected as the engineers for the project December, 2012. The watershed plan is intended to provide a more area-specific approach to stormwater management and water quality within the study area.

Mr. Miller announced that the draft Union/Virgil Ditches and East Branch Kishwaukee River Watershed Plan was substantially complete and that a presentation of the plan was held at 2:00 p.m. on June 19, 2014 in the Gathertorium of the DeKalb County Legislative Center, 200 N Main Street, Sycamore, IL. Deanna Doohaluk of Hey & Associates then made a brief presentation of the draft plan to the Committee.

Ms. Prain informed the Committee that the program developed at Sycamore High School, in which students participated in the collection of field data related to water quality within the watershed, is to become an ongoing project. The Committee then discussed contacting the DeKalb County Information Management Office about incorporating the gathered data into the County's GIS maps.

Mr. Miller explained asked that the Committee members to review the draft watershed plan (available on the County web site) and forward any comments they may have to himself or Ms. Doohaluk. He noted that the goal is to produce a final version of the Plan by the end of June, and for the Plan to be in front of the Stormwater Management Committee for a recommendation of adoption by the County, municipalities, and drainage districts in August or September of 2014. Thereafter, attention would turn to implementation of the recommended policies, regulations, and projects.

5. Wetlands Map Refinement – Mr. Miller explained that the Stormwater Management Planning Committee, in June of 2013, decided to undertake a project to refine and improve the boundaries of wetlands depicted on the County’s GIS maps. The project would adjust those boundaries to better match the soils and contour information. In December of 2013 the DeKalb County Community Foundation awarded a grant to DeKalb County for \$4,000 to pay for NIU students who would actually conduct the wetlands refinement.

Mike Richolson of the Natural Resource Conservation Service gave a brief description of the Wetland Inventory, its history, how it was put together, and how that information was used. He then introduced Shannon McCarragher, a PhD candidate at NIU, who explained the methods being used to recreate the new more accurate layers and where they were at in the process. Ms. McCarragher stated that she expected to be able to deliver the corrected wetland layer by mid-August.

6. Committee By-Laws – Mr. Miller stated that the Stormwater Management Committee discussed at its last meeting of March 20, 2014 possible changes to its by-laws, first adopted in June of 2006, and last updated by the Committee in October of 2007. He then referred the committee members to their committee packets which contain a draft copy of the amended bylaws, which they had been asked to review, and elaborated on the proposed changes.

Mr. Lorence motioned to forward the amended bylaws to the DeKalb County Board for approval, seconded by Mr. Maurer, and the motion carried unanimously.

7. Next Meeting – The Committee will next meet at 3:00 p.m. on August 28, 2014 in the Conference Room East.

8. Adjournment -- *Mr. Lorence motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Thomas, and the motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

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