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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES
(September 24, 2015)

The DeKalb County Stormwater Management Planning Committee (SMPC) met on September 24, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. in the DeKalb County Administration Building, Conference Room East, in Sycamore, Illinois. In attendance were Committee members Derek Hiland, Kevin Bunge, Mark Bushnell, Paul Miller, Joe Misurelli, Nathan Schwartz, Roger Steimel, Paul Stoddard, Pat Vary, Tom Thomas, and Donna Prain. Also in attendance was Planning and Zoning Department staff Marcellus Anderson.

1. **Roll Call** -- *Mr. Miller noted that Committee members Les Bellah and John Laskowski were absent.*

Mr. Stoddard arrived 3:02 pm.

2. **Approval of Agenda** – *Mr. Misurelli moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Thomas, and the motion carried unanimously.*

3. **Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Prain noted a spelling error on page two of the minutes.

Mr. Steimel moved to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2015 meeting as amended, seconded by Ms. Prain, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schwartz arrived 3:05 pm.

4. **MS4 Enforcement**

Mr. Schwartz made a brief presentation regarding the Phase II Storm Water Rule requirements from the Environmental Protection Agency. Mr. Schwartz explained that 2010 Census determined that the population density in DeKalb County, specifically the DeKalb-Sycamore-Cortland area, is considered an “urbanized area”. As an urbanized area the Phase II rules take effect and treat the area as a small “municipal separate storm sewer” or an MS4. This designation requires the County and municipalities to comply with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit requirements. Mr. Schwartz explained that some of the requirements are unique in that the County could be required to confirm municipal compliance with NPDES permit. Mr. Schwartz suggested

that the County might be able to enter into agreements with an entity to perform the inspections within the urbanized areas. He provided an example of a recent oil spill which required NIU officials and City officials to inform the County of the spill.

Mr. Bunge agreed with the importance of reviewing the issue, noting that the City of Rockford had received a sizeable fine from the EPA for failing to comply.

Mr. Miller inquired if Intergovernmental agreements would allow a community sole oversight of their jurisdiction. He suggested that the inspection officers for each jurisdiction, County or municipal, could be designated as the inspection officer for both jurisdictions. When an incident is investigated, the officer could report to both the County and the city. He suggested that the idea of one officer providing oversight for overlapping jurisdictions could be brought up with IEPA.

The Committee briefly discussed the EPA's intentions and emphasized that the County and municipalities would comply with the permits. The discussion also included that the shared liability was not in keeping with the division of government services in the State of Illinois.

Mr. Miller suggested that the entities that have the MS4 requirements should attempt to meet to further discuss this issue, following a discussion with the IEPA as to if an intergovernmental agreement can be signed to exempt areas from County oversight.

5. **Next Meeting** – The Committee will next meet at 3:00 p.m. on December 17, 2015 in the Conference Room East.
6. **Adjournment** -- *Mr. Schwartz motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Thomas, and the motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

Paul R. Miller, AICP
Chairman, DeKalb County Stormwater Management Planning Committee

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