

LAKE COUNTY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
AGENDA
THURSDAY, May 7, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.
333 Peterson Road - Libertyville, Illinois

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER
- 2.0 ROLL CALL
- 3.0 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
- 4.0 MINUTES – April 9, 2009 – ACTION REQUESTED: Approval
- 5.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC
- 6.0 CORRESPONDENCE
- 7.0 REPORTS
 - 7.1 Director's Report
 - 7.2 Chairman's Report
 - 7.3 Treasurer's Report
 - 7.3.1 March, 2009 - ACTION REQUESTED: Approval
 - 7.4 Regulatory Program Report
 - 7.4.1 Permit Activity Report-March, 2009 - FYI
 - 7.4.2 Inspection Summary Report-March, 2009 - FYI
 - 7.4.3 Permit Turn-Around Time Performance-March, 2009 - FYI
 - 7.4.4 Wetland Restoration Fund Report-March,2009 - FYI
 - 7.5 Community Relations
 - 7.5.1 TAC/MAC Reports
 - 7.6 Public Information Report
 - 7.6.1 Articles
- 8.0 OLD BUSINESS
 - 8.1 Floodplain Property Surveying-FYI
 - 8.2 Round Lake Drain Ecosystem Restoration Project-FYI
 - 8.3 Installation of Stream Gauges-Contract Amendment-ACTION REQUESTED: Approval
- 9.0 NEW BUSINESS
 - 9.1 FEMA-IEMA Severe Reproductive Loss Grant 2008 Contract Agreement-ACTION REQUESTED: Approval
 - 9.2 FEMA-IEMA Pre Disaster Mitigation Grant 2008 Contract Agreement-ACTION REQUESTED: Approval
- 11.0 ADJOURNMENT

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1.0 **CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mountsier at 7:04 p.m.

2.0 **ROLL CALL**

The following were in attendance:

County Members

Steve Mountsier
Ann Maine
Anne Flanigan Bassi
Steve Carlson
Bonnie Thomson Carter

Municipal Members

Krysti Kovarik
Hornsby Kneeland
Maria Rodriguez

Staff

Michael Warner Wendy Morey
Tony Wolff Chris Gaynes
Patty Werner Brian Cook

Absent

Bill Gentes
Brent Paxton
Milt Jensen
Keith Hunt

Others

Jim Bakk Dolores Jarchow Melinda Bush Jim Dietz

3.0 **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA** – Bonnie Carter introduced Jim Dietz, the newly elected Round Lake Mayor. Steve Mountsier and Mike Warner welcomed him. Some questions arose regarding the appointing of new SMC Commissioners. Chairman Mountsier and Mike Warner, stated the ballots had been sent out and the current Commissioners are still active and according to the by-laws are to attend meetings, until the Municipal League has given back the results.

4.0 **MINUTES** – Additional handout of updated minutes from March, 9th were handed out, with changes to item 8.1. Motion made by Commissioner Kovarik, seconded by Commissioner Maine, with Commissioner Bassi abstaining. Motion was passed unanimously by roll call vote.

5.0 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** – Dolores Jarchow, addressed the Commission with a question regarding the upcoming HOA Workshop that is being held at the Garlands of Barrington. She wanted to get an exact address. Mike Warner stated he would get that for her and e-mail it to her.

6.0 **CORRESPONDENCE** – None

7.0 **REPORTS**

7.1 **Director's Report** –Mike Warner made a quick comment to the municipal members and stated that he hope to retain the current Commissioners and that we appreciate the hard work and service they have given, and continue to give, and we hope to see them back. The election ballots for new Commissioners, has been sent to the Municipal League.

7.2 **Chairman's Report** – None

7.3 **Treasurer's Report**–The March 2009 Reports were included. Motion made by Commissioner Kovarik, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez to approve March 2009 report, as presented, and approved unanimously by roll call vote.

7.4 **Regulatory Program Report**–The regular monthly Permit Activity Reports for March, 2009, as well as the Permit Turn-around Time Reports and Wetland Restoration Fund Reports, were included in the agenda packet. Chairman Mountsier commented that March income looked much better, and referred to Tony Wolff as far as preliminary April results. Tony Wolff stated that April is shaping up to look pretty good so far.

- 7.5 Community Relations – TAC/MAC Reports-Reports presented as in previous months. Mike Warner said it was an excellent MAC meeting and thanked Chris Gaynes for arranging that. We are going through a fairly significant period in time with NPDES when we are change over from the first 5 years of NPDES Phase II to second five years, and thinks our staff efforts have been appreciated by the Lake County communities.

- 7.6 Public Information – None

8.0 OLD BUSINESS

- 8.1 **Floodplain Property Surveying**-Chris Gaynes spoke to the Commission, informing them that SMC has initiated a countywide effort to survey flood prone properties located within the Regulatory Floodplain, in an effort to accumulate data to create a database that will aid in forecasting, flood damage assessments and Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant applications. Chris stated that she and Brian Cook are in the process of surveying all the properties in the 100 year floodplain. Brian Cook added they have surveyed over 400 properties of the 10,000 properties located in Lake County, focusing on the Fox River Watershed, in Fox Lake and Antioch. The information collected will assist SMC & Lake County Emergency Management Agency with flood damage forecasting by enabling accurate and fast GIS mapping to identify flooded or at-risk properties, amount other capabilities. SMC has budgeted \$30,000 for consultant assistance in FY09 for this effort, but as part of our expense reduction process, we are doing the work with in-house staff. Commissioner Kovarik wanted to know when they are surveying, what are you looking for? Chris Gaynes responded by saying that they are taking the finished floor elevation and lowest adjacent grade, and they already have the flood elevation, to determine which homes will be effected. Chairman Mountsier, mentioned an e-mail from Building & Planning that said they are doing a review and sending everyone a letter who has been effected with flood damage, regarding flooding insurance. Mike Warner said that we did not receive this e-mail, and it is probably for their Community Rating System, in an effort to make sure they get their flood insurance premiums reduce. Commissioner Carter, said she would forward the e-mail to Mike Warner. Patty Werner mentioned that they have data for Gurnee that has already been collected, and will be used when it is time to do that area. Mike Warner mentioned North Branch house are surveyed already and all of the previously surveyed structures will be assembled into the database.
- 8.2 **Round Lake Drain Ecosystem Restoration Project**-Mike Warner stated this is a real victory for us on this project, we were able to finish the grant project and we were \$130,000 under budget, construction budget. So we talked to USEPA, and they have allowed us to create a Phase II to create more storage, and next month we will have a contract amendment, for the same dollar amount, with the same construction company and do more work. Commissioner Carter, wanted to know what the intentions were for this area. Mike stated we can add additional storage capacity, in the Round Lake Beach Drain, east side of Fairfield, just north of 134. The additional capacity will be added to the south side of the drain, adjacent from trailer park, in open scrub field owned by the Park District, and it will add 4 more acre feet of storage. Commissioner Carter stated she thought this was wonderful.
- 8.3 **Installation of Stream Gauges-Contract Amendment**-Joanna Colletti spoke to the Commission seeking approval for a contract amendment for consulting services with Baxter Woodman. The stream gauges have been purchased and Baxter Woodman will be required to install the gauges. This project will enhance the existing countywide stream gauge network. Total compensation in contract amendment #3 is \$7,500. The proposed funds will be paid by SMC's Watershed Management Board grant, lake Michigan Watershed (\$5,500) and Fox River Watershed (\$2,000). Chairman Mounstier asked if these are retrofitted or new, and if they are going in the same place they are now. Joanna stated, they are indeed retrofitted, and will be placed where the current ones are. They are currently just fitted with a PVC cover, and they once replaced will also aid in preventing vandalism. Commissioner Bassi, wanted to clarify that this was indeed a retrofit, because it stated additional. Tony Wolff explained that it is simply an addition to the contract amendment, not an additional stream gauge. Motion made by Commissioner Carter, seconded by Commissioner Bassi. Motion was passed, leave to previous roll call.

9.0 NEW BUSINESS

9.1 FEMA-IEMA Severe Repetitive Loss Grant 2008-Contract Agreement- Chris Gaynes addressed the Commission seeking approval for an intergovernmental agreement to administer a \$58,500 Severe Repetitive Loss grant to elevate a structure at 25871 W. Cook Ave, in Antioch. The homeowner will pay the remaining \$6,500 of the total \$65,000. This was the only property in the county, identified under the new SRL program. Commissioner Carlson, questioned the statement of "only property indentified". Mike Warner, stated that this is in a new category, the word severe, has been added, and FEMA has created a new category of structure, and have to take the grant at 90% to raise the house, or they will raise your insurance by 50%. The homeowner can say no to the buyout, but not to flood insurance. Motion made by Commissioner Maine, seconded by Commissioner Bassi to approve. Motion passed, leave to previous roll call.

9.2 FEMA-IEMA Pre Disaster Mitigation Grant 2008-Contract Agreement- Chris Gaynes asked the Commission to approve an intergovernmental agreement with IEMA for \$1,577,922 to acquire eleven flood prone properties throughout Lake County. The property locations are within the Village of Gurnee, the Village of Round Lake Heights, unincorporated Wauconda Township, unincorporated Shields Township and unincorporated Ela Township. The grant provides 75% of the project funds, the remaining 25% will come from local government cost share, including the Village of Gurnee and CCIP funds. Commissioner Kovarik asked what CCIP funds means, and Mike Warner replied stating it means Corporate Capital Improvement Program funds. Mike also mentioned that some communities are putting in services in stead of cash as well as a large amount of SMC staff time is also counted as match. Commissioner Bassi inquired if they are all indentified properties, and Mike Warner responded by saying yes they are and we could provide a list, to Commissioners, but it should be kept confidential. The Commissioners discussed that they did not need to see a copy of the list. Motion made by Commissioner Carlson, seconded by Commissioner Kovarik. Motion passed, leave to previous roll call.

Chairman Mountsier asked if anyone had any further comment or business. Commissioner Carter, wanted Mike to give everyone a quick synopsis of an area called the Four Corners Basin, where four Townships come together, and we have had a huge flooding event going on for 3 years. It is located at Fairfield and 60, & Wilson & 60, south of RT 120. It is north of 60, some people have no access to their homes, and flooding is impacting homeowners. It goes out to Squaw Creek, and into Long Lake. We took a field walk with the Village of Round Lake, Terry Wilke, Baxter and homeowner. Mike mentioned CCIP is an option, and that is in the budget process, and submittal in June, using some capital money. The Four Corners Basin is the largest closed depression in the county, it was brought to Commission about a year ago. It is a mile long drain tile that, if the tile completely fails, Fairfield Rd, and Wilson Rd will go under water. It would be about 8" to 10" feet deep before it can flow out of there. In the walk we found the most damaged part of the drain tile, is along Wilson road, and think we can bite off that piece next year and submit a project. Rasto Vrazda is doing preliminary design so we can work up some cost for it. Much of it is on private property, and Baxter owns quite a bit on Wilson and 120. During the field visit, several sink holes were found as well, and Baxter is currently discussing what the best course of action is to take.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT-There being no further business, motion was made by Commissioner Kneeland, seconded by Commissioner Carlson to adjourn. Motion was passed at 7:35 p.m, unanimously by voice vote to adjourn the meeting.