

Lake County Illinois

*Lake County Courthouse and Administrative Complex
18 N. County Street
Waukegan, IL 60085-4351*



Meeting Minutes - Final

Thursday, April 11, 2019

2:00 PM

2nd Floor, Main Conference Room

Ad Hoc Drainage District Consolidation Committee

1. Call to Order

Chair Didech called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Present 3 - Chair Didech, Member Vealitzek and Member Wasik

Absent 2 - Vice Chair Carlson and Member Martini

Others present:

Tom Doolittle, Grubb School Drainage District

John Emerson, IADD State Drainage District

Ed Lochmayer, Slocum Lake Drainage District

Bryan Winter, East Skokie Drainage District

Andy Blaul, Lake County Farm Bureau

Ted Anderson, James Anderson Company

Scott Anderson, James Anderson Company

J Larry Bridges, ESDO

Jim Anderson, James Anderson Company

Richard Lyons, Illinois Association of Drainage Districts

Michael Warner, Stormwater Management Commission

Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Didech led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Addenda to the Agenda

There was no additions or amendments to the agenda.

4. Public Comment

Richard Lyons, Illinois Association of Drainage Districts, provided background on the history and purpose of drainage districts in Illinois. He also discussed concerns related to the preservation of water and offered himself as a resource to the committee in achieving its objectives.

5. Chair's Remarks

Chair Didech provided a synopsis of the committee's purpose as it relates to drainage districts in Lake County. This committee was formed following the dissolution of the Seevey Drainage District. Because of the significant amount of local governments in Illinois and property tax burden specifically in Lake County, there is tremendous pressure for consolidation. Chair Didech is sympathetic to the need, but he believes this process must be done slowly and in the correct way. He said the committee is not coming with a predetermined agenda but researching more about the drainage districts to assist in making decisions that will result in positive effects for Lake County.

6. Old Business

There was no old business.

7. New Business

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes to approve.

REGULAR AGENDA

7.1 [19-0656](#)

Presentation on drainage district consolidation and dissolution processes.

Attachments: [AD HOC Drainage Districts Presentation](#)

Matt Meyers, Interim Assistant County Administrator, provided a presentation regarding the statutes governing the consolidation and dissolution of drainage districts.

Discussion ensued.

This matter was presented

7.2 [19-0657](#)

Discussion on committee workplan and committee goals for fiscal year 2019 to 2020.

Attachments: [AD HOC Drainage District Work Plan](#)

Matt Meyers, Interim Assistant County Administrator, explained the proposed goal and intentions of the committee as he mapped out an initial plan of action based on the draft workplan. There was consensus from the committee regarding the proposed work plan. Staff will begin researching per the plan and work with Chair Didech on scheduling future meetings based on progress.

Discussion ensued.

This matter was discussed

8. Executive Session

9. County Administrator's Report

Matt Meyers, interim Assistant County Administrator, had nothing to report.

10. Members' Remarks

There were no remarks from the members.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

A motion was made by Member Vealitzek, seconded by Member Wasik, that this be adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote.

Aye: 3 - Chair Didech, Member Vealitzek and Member Wasik

Next Meeting: To Be Determined.

Meeting minutes prepared by Terry Kuss

Respectfully submitted,

Chair

Vice Chair

Ad Hoc Drainage District Consolidation Committee