

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Thursday, August 1, 2019

11:00 AM

**Or 15 minutes after the adjournment of the Financial and
Administrative Committee (whichever is later)**

10th Floor, Assembly Room

Ad Hoc Drainage District Consolidation Committee

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m.

Present 5 - Chair Didech, Vice Chair Carlson, Member Martini, Member Vealitzek and Member Wasik

Others Present

Others present:

Mike Warner, Stormwater Management Commission

Mary Ross Cunningham, County Board Member

Matt Meyer, County Administrator's Office

Amy McEwan, County Administrator's Office

Terry Kuss, Planning, Building and Development

Patrice Sutton, Finance and Administrative Services

Gerald Nellesen, Village of Beach Park

Adrian Marquez, Village of Beach Park

Greg Koeppen, Lake County Farm Bureau

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Didech requested the Committee forgo reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The Committee agreed.

3. Addenda to the Agenda

There were no additions or amendments to the agenda.

4. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

5. Chair's Remarks

Chair Didech remarked that Senate Bill 90 was passed regarding the consolidation of drainage districts.

6. Old Business

There was no old business to conduct.

7. New Business

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes to approve.

REGULAR AGENDA

7.1 19-1260

Discussion and update on drainage district research.

Attachments: [Drainage District Research - 071919](#)

[Example - Squaw Creek 2012 - 2017](#)

[Example - West Skokie 2012 - 2017](#)

Matt Meyers, interim Assistant County Administrator, presented an overview of the research for the work plan of possible consolidation of drainage districts. The objective was to see what financial documents were filed with the County Clerk's Office to determine what funds were spent and how the funds were spent within the drainage districts.

Mr. Meyers reviewed the examples of Squaw Creek and West Skokie. Stormwater Management Commission staff also provided maps that identified the areas. Research will need to be done regarding the Slocum Drainage district and West Skokie Drainage district.

Member Wasik requested a breakdown of legal fee expenditures to better understand what those fees include. He would also like maintenance defined and photos of what and where work is being done.

Mr. Meyers' intention is to set up meetings with the drainage districts to obtain a detailed snapshot of what the reports represent.

Member Martini noted that a consolidation would require higher staff support and inquired if the County could assist in streamlining the process.

Member Carlson requested some comparisons between the districts on services.

Committee members inquired about the process and criteria of appointments to the Drainage Districts and the structural rules for these boards. Chair Didech responded that there is a standard of conduct established, and Lake County is the appointing body for these boards.

Member Martini asked if any of the drainage districts pursued grants to help with these projects. Mike Warner, Stormwater Management Commission, said all of the districts have received funds.

Discussion ensued.

This matter was discussed

7.2 [19-1261](#)

Discussion regarding Beach Park Drainage District.

Gerald Nellesen and Adrian Marquez, Village of Beach Park, presented to the Committee their willingness to work with the County.

They reviewed the work of the Beach Park Drainage District, which falls within the Village of Beach Park, which includes clean up, stabilization and restoration work. They spend up to \$50,000 per year but there is only \$8,000 for the drainage district. They also are the recipients of grants from the Stormwater Management Commission. Households pay approximately \$3 per household each year.

Senate Bill 90 allows for the dissolution of the district. The Village does not level a property tax on the property owners right now. The drainage district does not have any hard assets.

There was a consensus by the committee to request staff to move forward and prepare information needed for the dissolution and consolidation of the district into Beach Park and Waukegan.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

A motion was made by Member Carlson, seconded by Member Vealitzek, that this meeting be adjourned at 11:27 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 5 - Chair Didech, Vice Chair Carlson, Member Martini, Member Vealitzek and Member Wasik

Next Meeting: To Be Determined

Meeting minutes prepared by Terry Kuss.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair

Vice-Chair

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