

# STATE WATER PLAN TASK FORCE MEETING

10:00am March 22, 2019

Illinois Department of Natural Resources

Lake Level A

## Meeting Minutes

Present: IDNR – OWR: Loren Wobig, Wes Cattoor, Rick Pohlman  
ISWS: Sally McConkey, Laura Keefer, Walt Kelly  
IEPA: Rick Cobb  
IDOA: Brian Rennecker  
USGS: Jon Lageman, Kelly Warner, Gary Johnson  
IDOT: Clayton Stambaugh, BJ Murray  
IDNR – OMM: Nick SanDiego  
IWRC: Yu-Feng Lin

The Meeting was called to order at 10:05 A.M.

**Welcome and Introductions:** Loren (OWR) welcomed everyone to the meeting. Those present at the meeting introduced themselves.

**USGS Stream Gaging Presentation:** Gary Johnson (USGS) gave a presentation on an overview of the USGS stream gaging program. The current streamflow conditions are current above normal for this year. The history of stream gaging was shown including work the equipment work up to present day. The cost to install a stream gage is currently around \$20,000 with an annual cost near \$4,400. An overview of the next generation Groundwater and Streamflow Information Program (GWSIP) was shown as a monitored watershed system which is currently in a pilot study. Consideration is given to the Illinois River as for GWSIP. Discussion included Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) funding to support additional stage gages to improve inundation mapping and the use of models or inexpensive stage gages to fill in gaps needed for inundation modeling.

**Discussion of Critical Issues to Include in Next SWP:** Wes (OWR) discussed the results of the agency voting of critical issues to consider for the next State Water Plan. There were comments that some of these items could be combined. It was recommended, though it scored low, to include recreation. Thirteen issues were selected to include in the plan as shown on slide 5 of the presentation.

**Selection of Lead & Supporting Agencies per Issue:** Loren (OWR) lead the discussion to determine lead and supporting agencies for each of the thirteen issues selected. The results of the discuss are included on slide 5 of the presentation. While not in attendance, there was discussion that IEMA could be the lead on flood damage mitigation.

**Discussion on Next Steps, Report Schedule & Task Force Meetings:** Wes (OWR) discussed the next steps of selecting a committee to identify problems within each issue and coordinate the recommendations to address those problems. The lead agency would be responsible for ensuring their section of the report was completed, though they did not have to be the entity that writes the section. A rough schedule was presented that included forming a committee in April, finalizing all programs by October, develop the recommendations by June 2020, submitting a report narrative by October 2020, and publishing the report in December 2020.

**Next Meeting:** The next meet was set for June 12, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. The agenda would include each lead agency would provide a progress update for the issues and to discuss the format of the final report.

The meeting was concluded.