

OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS LT. GOVERNOR, JULIANA STRATTON
Rivers of Illinois Coordinating Council
DRAFT Quarterly Meeting Minutes
March 3rd, 2021

A present majority of filled voting-member positions shall constitute a quorum: i.e. 11 members present				
Position	Sub-Council	Name	Phone	Absent
Ex-Officio (voting members)				
Chair (LG's Office)	All	Lt. Governor Juliana Stratton	x	
Dept. of Agriculture	All	Brian Rennecker	x	
	All	Kristi Jones		x
Dept. of Commerce & Economic Opportunity	All	Wendy Bell	x	
Environmental Protection Agency	All	Christine Davis	x	
Dept. of Natural Resources	All	Steve Altman	x	
	All	Kevin Irons		x
	All	Mindy Barnett	x	
Dept. of Transportation	All	Thomas Brooks	x	
	All	BJ Murray	x	
National Great River Research and Education Center	MRCC	Ted Kratschmer	x	
Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts	All	Stephen Fulling		x
Community & Nonprofit Rep. (voting members)				
Community & Nonprofit Mem.	IRCC	Doug Blodgett	x	
Community & Nonprofit Mem.	IRCC	Danielle Anderson	x	
Community & Nonprofit Mem.	IRCC	Matthew Stafford	x	
Community & Nonprofit Mem.	IRCC	Darren Melvin		x
Community & Nonprofit Mem.	IRCC	Allen LaPointe	x	
Community & Nonprofit Mem.	IRCC	Nani Bhowmik	x	
Community & Nonprofit Mem.		Pending		
Community & Nonprofit Mem.		Pending		
Community & Nonprofit Mem.	WORCC	Jason McNeill	x	
Community & Nonprofit Mem.	WORCC	Tyrone Coleman		x
Community & Nonprofit Mem.	WORCC	Gordon Tucker		x

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Community & Nonprofit Mem.	MRCC	Lindsay Keeney	x	
Community & Nonprofit Mem.	MRCC	Brett Stawar		x
Community & Nonprofit Mem.		Pending		
Community & Nonprofit Mem.	MRCC	Wendell Shauman		x
Community & Nonprofit Mem.		Pending		
Community & Nonprofit Mem.		Pending		
Community & Nonprofit Mem.		Pending		
Community & Nonprofit Mem.		Pending		
Community & Nonprofit Mem.		Pending		
Ex-Officio (non-voting member)				
Ex-Officio (non-member)		Pending		
Recurring Guests				
Guest		Konstantine "Dean" Alonistiotis		x
Guest		Nicole Saulsberry	x	
Guest		Paul Rhode		x
Guest		Emily Jenkins		x
Guest		Anna-Lisa Castle	x	
Guest		Robert Sinkler		x
Guest		Patrick McGinnis		x
Guest		Fawn Pochel		x
Guest		Bradford Kasberg		x
Guest		Laura Keefer	x	
Guest		Lauren Lurkins	x	

**Note: grey cells indicate that multiple representatives were designated by ex-officios to the Committee. Only one staffer out of each group of grey cells counted for quorum, motion, and voting purposes*

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- I. Call to Order and Roll Call**
 - a. Lt. Governor Stratton called the meeting to order at 10:03AM
 - b. Roll call was taken and a quorum was established

- II. Approval of the Agenda for 3/3/21 and the Minutes from 11/18/20**
 - a. Motion to approve the agenda for 3/3/21
 - i. Moved by Steve Altman
 - ii. Seconded by Christine Davis
 - iii. All in favor
 - iv. No opposition
 - v. No abstentions
 - b. Motion to approve the minutes for 11/18/20
 - i. Moved by Nani Bhomik
 - ii. Seconded by Matt Stafford
 - iii. All in favor
 - iv. No opposition
 - v. No abstentions

- III. Chairperson's Remarks**
 - a. Lt. Governor Stratton provided a brief overview of today's meeting and noted the importance of preserving and acknowledging Indigenous histories through the work of the Council

- IV. New Business**
 - a. Diane Hunter, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for, and citizen of, the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma presented "Myaamiaki: A Living People with a Past in Illinois," discussing the history of the Miami Tribe and its connection to the different Illinois waterways
 - i. Questions
 1. Lt. Governor Stratton asked about the best way to engage with Indigenous people in the work of the Council and how the Council can be more inclusive of Indigenous communities and voices
 - a. Diane noted that the most straightforward way is to use historical records to determine which tribes have been present throughout Illinois' history (especially before the land was colonized), then using this information to connect with registered tribes
 2. Nicole Saulsberry inquired about the Bureau of Indian Affairs
 - a. Diane explained that the Bureau provides answers on treaties and histories rather than information on existing tribes
 3. Laura Keefer asked about the work the Field Museum is doing to repatriate artifacts and glean more information on Indigenous communities
 - a. Diane noted that she has been working with them on this project, along with other tribes and tribal leaders
 - b. Lt. Governor Stratton noted the exhibit she visited on Native women at the museum and what a great opportunity to learn it was
 4. Diane noted that the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency is another good place to gain information for connecting with tribes
 - b. Committee updates

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- i. Kevin Irons and Mindy Barnett provided a brief update on the Asian Carp and Other Invasive Species Committee, noting their continued work on “Be A Hero Transport Zero,” and providing information on the development of an invasive species council
- ii. Steve Altman provided an update on the Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee, relaying that the Flood Resource Guide is being submitted and that the State Water Plan is also being actively developed
 1. Christine Davis added that the committee is looking to adjust one of its recommendations for the Illinois Rivers Management Program
- iii. Nicole Saulsberry, Anna-Lisa Castle, and Lauren Lurkins provided an update on the work of the Conservation and Environmental Committee. They noted that they are working on a campaign to highlight organizations that are doing work around nutrient loss reduction, drinking water quality, and other key issues through listening sessions

V. Member Updates

- a. No member updates

VI. Public Comments

- a. No public comments

VII. Adjournment

- a. Moved by Lt. Governor Stratton at 11:02AM
- b. Seconded by Anna-Lisa Castle
- c. All in favor
- d. No opposition
- e. No abstentions